

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Father Albert (Al) Allen, Pastor

Father Michael Berndt, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich

Reconciliation Time: Saturdays 4:15-5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Mass Times: Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:00 am



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Monday through Friday at 6:30am

Saturday at 4:30pm

You can find our livestream Masses on YouTube. The easiest way to find them is to go to stanthony.com and click the link that says “Click here to view the Daily Live Streamed Mass.”

St. Anthony’s Mass Times:

Mon. thru Friday 6:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 am

Ph #- St. Mary’s 690-2640 (general inquiries)
St. Anthony 347-7129 (make appt w/priest)
Emergency 703-1042

www.stmarysshumway.org

Contact info for Bulletin Announcements

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RESERVING CHURCH BASEMENT-

Please contact Donna Davis to get on the calendar.

Diocese Website: www.dio.org

Victim Assistance Contact Information-To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Bev Storm
Jane Emmerich
Cheryl Gross
Christie Dust
Timber Miller
Helen Kollinger

Bill Nuxoll
Eugene Westendorf
Debbie Meyer
Keith Willenborg
Marilyn Zerrusen
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide



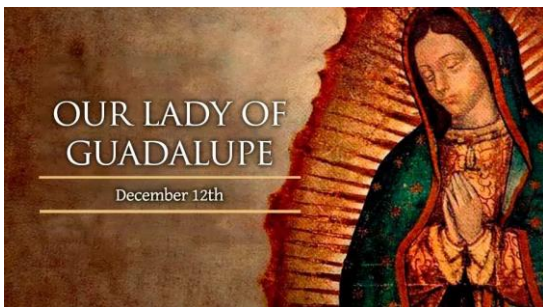
December Committee: Beth Spannagel, Mardel Sheehan, Kathy Ferguson, Tammy Manhart, Judy Zacha, Alice Richards

Copies of addresses for area religious can be found on the bulletin boards at church or on the last page of the online bulletin.

	LITURGICAL MINISTERS			
SATURDAY 5:30pm	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Servers	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Trey Brown	Isaac Wells Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel	Abby Brown Anna Brown Madalyne Brown	Trey Brown Grady Spannagel Isaac Wells
Ushers	Thomas Davis Mike Holland	Jason Wells Josh Spannagel	Jesse Davis Doug Brown	Don Brown Jason Wells
Lector	Jesse Davis	Thomas Davis	Donna Davis	Christy Brown
Euch. Ministers	Don Brown	Beth Spannagel	Kathy Brown	Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
**Volunteers for Thanksgiving Day Mass				
SUNDAY 8:30am	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12 (Families in Faith)	Dec. 19 (Families in Faith)
Servers	Jack Holland Claire Holland Joe Holland	Rory Miller Isaac Pruemmer Wiley Miller	Noah Pruemmer Jacob Vonderheide Shae Conder	Olivia Vonderheide Garrett Hoene Zoey Conder
Ushers	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Jason Pruemmer Josh Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Reagan McCormick	Jason Pruemmer	Terry Hoene
Euch. Ministers	Leslie Kemme	Roy Waldhoff	Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman
Gift Bearers	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Justin Conder Family
Greeters	Wally Thompson Family	Brock Vonderheide Family	Charles Rhonda Vonderheide	Josh Miller Family
Money Counters	Stemming Conder	Waldhoff Spannagel	Doedtman Shadwell	Kemme, Hoene, Adams
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am ***12/8 -- 6:30pm Immaculate Conception - Volunteers				
Lector	Dec. 1 Kay Conder	Dec. 8 Linda Doedtman	Dec. 15 Teresa Tegeler	Dec. 22 Irene Koester

Weekly Offering.....12-5-2021

Adults	1615.00
Loose	672.16
Children	2.00
ImmacConception	20.00
Christmas flowers	50.00
Total	2359.16



Family Connection Luke 3:10-18

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

\$1 DONATIONS- A St. Michael statue (24"-like the one in the hospital chapel) is being purchased to help focus our attention as we pray the St. Michael prayer at the end of each mass. It will be placed near the St. Joseph statue. \$1 donations are being accepted to defer the cost of the statue and its mounting. If you would like to donate, your donation can be placed in the container found at the front of church.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE



Saturday, Dec. 11 – Karen Waldhoff
Sunday, Dec. 12 – Ross Pautler by Duane & Joyce Shadwell
Wednesday, Dec. 15- Florence Doedtman by Elaine Sieben
Saturday, Dec. 18 – Karen Waldhoff
Sunday, Dec. 19 – Louis Tegeler by family
Wednesday, Dec. 22 – Florence Doedtman by Greg & Michelle Spannagel

Please call, text, or email Donna Davis (info on front page) to schedule an intention or put an envelope in the collection basket with the information. Envelopes can be found in the mailbox in the cry room. Calendar of available dates is on the bulletin board at church.



Christmas Eve Pew & Parking Space

"Silent Auction" This year the building committee is holding a silent auction for a reserved pew & parking space (your choice) for Christmas Eve Mass. Bidding will be at the Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 5 and will end on Sunday, Dec. 19 after the Cookie Walk. To place a bid put your name and amount on the bid sheet. The bid sheet can be found at the breakfast on Dec. 5 and in the cry room the following 2 weekends (Dec.10/11 and Dec. 18/19). Questions- contact Ed or Leslie Kemme.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dwight & Bev Storm 12-14-1963
58 years
David & Christy Bales 12-17-1983
38 years

Happy Birthday



Terry Thomas 12-14
Shelby McCormick 12-15

Families in Faith



Next classes Dec. 12 & 19th.

Next Youth group meeting will be
Sunday, Dec. 19
from 5:30-6:30pm in the church basement.
Questions? contact Jesse Davis 217-821-2309

Open Your Hearts – Women's Bible Study
Sundays @ 7 pm Church basement
For info contact Kathy Adams 217-994-3144
or Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Go to walkingwithpurpose.com to order a book IT 'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!!.

Christmas Flower Donations- We will be accepting donations for the Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the collection basket. Please include how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin.

Family Christmas Tree – You may bring your family ornament starting the first weekend of December. You can place them in the basket in the sacristy or cry room.

NEXT WEEKEND!!!!



**ST MARY'S CHURCH COOKIE WALK/BAKE SALE
DEC. 18 & 19 AFTER MASSES**

FREE WILL DONATION

Plus some priced items.

We will also have a several raffle items





Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40 for 40 Seminarians!

Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway will be hosting a **Christmas Open House** on December 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church on Route 33 west of Shumway. A collection of over 50 nativity sets from around the world will be on display. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the Christmas fellowship at Faith and then plan to attend the Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson.

Diocesan wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21 in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forego a trip to Washington, D.C. and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. Please visit <https://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfi> for more information and to register. Diann Ruholl is taking a group. They are leaving Effingham Events Center(KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. Deadline Jan 10. Questions? call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056

Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining.

Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. there will be a quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to volunteer to help please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

K of C Kids Christmas Party – Please Note Time Change - we goofed on the time in the November Newsletter, the K of C Kids Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 5, doors open at 1:00pm with Santa arriving at 1:30pm. This year, we will have Christmas cards for kids and parents to draw a picture and/or write a note to our Local First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS).

The K of C Adult Christmas Party (no children under 18 please) is on Sunday, December 19, doors open at noon, eat at 1:00 p.m. To spread a little Christmas Spirit, we are asking guests to bring a wrapped gift for our friends and loved ones in nursing homes; socks, small blankets, coloring books, wordsearch books, puzzles and other clothing and activity items. Please wrap the gift with a note on the outside what it is. Also, please invite or bring a prospective Knight or him and his lady to the Adult Christmas party or him and his family to the Kids Christmas party. It gives them the opportunity to meet our members and their families and discover some of things we do as a Fraternal Brotherhood for charity, support of the Church and our local parishes and the community.

Fr. Al's Ramblings...

Since I was a little child I have always been fascinated with the Advent Wreath. As little children my siblings and I always looked forward to the lighting of our family's Advent Wreath. As we grew older and became more inquisitive our thoughts turned to this question; Where did the tradition of the Advent Wreath come from and exactly what does it represent?

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the four thousand years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.



*Blessings,
Fr. Al*

Christmas Mass Schedules:

St. Mary's

Christmas Eve-5:30 pm

Christmas Day-8:30 am

St. Anthony's

Christmas Eve 4:30, 7pm, Midnight

Christmas Day 9 am incense free

Sacred Heart

Christmas Eve 4 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day 9:30 am 5:00 (Spanish)

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING MASSES.

Regular Sunday Mass Schedules.

8:30 am

7:30, 9:15, 11 am

8:30, 10:30 am PLUS 4 pm

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