

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

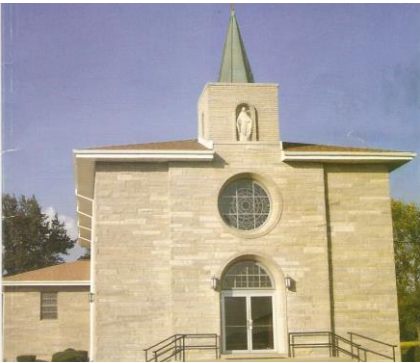
Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL
+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Father Albert (Al) Allen, Pastor
Reconciliation Time: Saturdays 3-3:30 pm

Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Phone: 1-844-536-6514 (leave a message)
During a life emergency please contact
217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

Website: www.stmarysshumway.org
Email: www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

To reserve the church basement please call
1-844-536-6514.



Green Creek Mass Times:
Friday – 8 am
Saturday – 6 pm
Sunday – 10:30 am

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

Diocese Website: www.dio.org

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add or remove someone. Thank You.

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| Don Kemme | Sally Wakefield |
| Danny Zacha | Pat Kuhns |
| Don Clark | Bill Hamilton |
| Wayne Mingus | Christie Dust |
| Heather Harbour | Helen Kollinger |
| Kendall Fulk | Bill Nuxoll |
| Dan Zacha Sr. | Marilyn Zerrusen |
| Oscar Bloemer | Mrs. Scott (Stacey) Vonderheide |
| Dean Gengler | Jane Emmerich |
| Martha Fearday | Timber Miller |
| Steve Moore | Marita Elson |
| Kevin Habing | |



January Committee: Kathy Ferguson, Tammy Manhart, Beth Spannagel, Mardell Sheehan, Michelle Spannagel

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
SAT. 4PM	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Jan. 7
Servers	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Thomas Davis	PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM FOR EACH OF THESE MINISTIES. THANK YOU!!	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel Abby Brown	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Trey Brown
Lector	Christy Brown		Thomas Davis	Jesse Davis
Ushers	Jason Wells Jesse Davis		Mike Holland Josh Spannagel	Thomas Davis Don Brown
Euch. Minister	Mike Holland		Jesse Davis	Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Jesse Davis Family		Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge
Greeters	Wells Family		Davis Family	Wells Family
SUN. 8AM	Dec. 18 Families in Faith	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Servers	Garrett Hoene Noah Pruemmer Isaac Pruemmer	PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM FOR EACH OF THESE MINISTIES. THANK YOU!!	Olivia Vonderheide Shae Conder Zoey Conder	Braxton Hoene Wiley Miller Roy Miller
Lector	Jason Pruemmer		Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide		Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff
Euch. Minister	Roy Waldhoff		Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Wally Thompson Family		Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide		Barb Vonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Money Counters	Bales, Richards, Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Spannagel
WED. 8:00AM	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Jan. 4
Lector	Teresa Tegeler	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Teresa Tegeler

Weekly Offering.....12-18-2022
Adults..... \$1382.00
Loose..... \$382.00
Children.....\$2.00
Retired Religious.....\$80.00
ImmaculateConception.....\$10.00
Cemetery.....\$50.00
All Saints.....\$10.00
Campaign Justice/Hope.....\$10.00
Children’s Home.....\$70.00
Flowers..... \$50.00
Total..... \$2046.00
Masses \$20.00

St. Anthony Bible Study will resume on January 12th. We will be studying “Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.” This will be a 8 week study. A morning and evening session will be offered, a morning session starting at 9:15following the 8:30 mass. The evening session at 6:30 pm. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register. Any questions you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com

First reflection from young-catholics.com

Christmas is an important celebration in the Church. Only Easter carries a greater significance. On this feast we celebrate the incarnation of our Lord – God choosing to become one of us.

Christmas is celebrated as an octave – eight days of observance.

The Christmas season starts on December 25 with the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord . It includes the Feast of the Epiphany.

God chooses to walk with us. It seems too good to be true. Why would God want to be with us, to walk in our world and feel our pain? Because we are his and he loves us. Jesus Christ is the complete solidarity of God with his creation.

So live with hope. No matter what, God is here. Christ is now. We are not orphaned children. We are the beloved children of God. Do I really believe that God is with me? What difference does the birth of Jesus make in my life? What can I do this week to bring the hope of Christmas to my world?

Second reflection adapted from Richard Rohr, “Really Only One Message,” homily,12-25-16

There’s really only one message, and we just have to keep saying it until finally we’re undefended enough to hear it and to believe it: there is no separation between God and creation. That’s the message. But we can’t believe it.

And so this Word, this Eternal Word of God that we read about in the prologue to John’s Gospel, leapt down, as the Book of Wisdom [18:14–15] [1] says, and took its abiding place on Earth, in order to heal every bit of separation and splitness that we experience. That splitness and separation is the sadness of the human race. When we feel separate, when we feel disconnected, when we feel split from our self, from our family, from reality, from the Earth, from God, we will be angry and depressed people. Because we know we weren’t created for that separateness; we were created for union.

So God sent into the world one who would personify that union—who would put human and divine together; who would put spirit and matter together. That’s what we spend our whole life trying to believe: that this ordinary earthly sojourn means something.

Sometimes we wake up in the morning wondering, what does it all mean? What’s it all for? What was I put here for? Where is it all heading?

I believe it’s all a school. And it’s all a school of love. And everything is a lesson—everything. Every day, every moment, every visit to the grocery store, every moment of our so-ordinary life is meant to reveal, “My God, I’m a daughter of God! I’m a son of the Lord! I’m a sibling of Christ! It’s all okay. I’m already home free! There’s no place I have to go. I’m already here!” But if we don’t enjoy that, if we don’t allow that, basically we fall into meaninglessness.

Friends, we need to surrender to some kind of ultimate meaning. We need to desire it, seek it, want it, and need it. I know no one likes to hear this, but we even need to suffer for it. And what is suffering? Suffering is the emptying out of the soul so there’s room for love, so there’s room for the Christ, so there’s room for God.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Saturday, Dec. 24 – Edward & Myrtle Savickas by Josh & Timber Miller Family
Sunday, Dec. 25 – Mel & Marge Willenborg Family by Mel & Marge Willenborg
Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Anna Noheimer by Hans Helene Kollinger
Saturday, Dec. 31 – Suzana Kollinger by Helene Hans Kollinger
Sunday, Jan. 1 – Sylvester & Laura Zerrusen by Joe & Kay Conder
Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Paul & Marian Runde by family

Please call or email (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. There is a calendar of available dates located on the bulletin board and in the cry room.

Happy Birthday



Don Brown 12-25
Dave Bales 12-25
Timber Miller 12-30

Families in Faith

Next classes—
Jan. 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Happy Anniversary

Tom & Sandy Laue
12-27-1975
47 years

Welcome to our parish family, Coy Levitt.
Baptized on Dec. 17, 2022
Congratulations, Dirk and Marissa Levitt
on the birth and baptism of your son.
Many blessings to you and your family.

Family Connection (Mass during the day)

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means “to take on flesh”), and it changes everything. Today’s Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God’s perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God’s own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus’ birth that we hear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus’ birth from a different perspective. Read together today’s Gospel, John 1:1-14.

John’s Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John’s Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God’s glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us. Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “Silent Night.”

Upcoming Meetings—Save the dates

Parish Council Meeting – Wed. Jan. 4, 2023 6:30pm

CCW Soup Supper and Quarter Auction –Sat. Jan. 7, 2023 5pm

Do you have items that you would like to donate to the “auction” for CCW? If so you can bring your items and place them in the basement (a table will be marked for items). Please no clothes/shoes etc. Make sure items are in good condition.

CCW Meeting and Casserole Supper – Tues. Jan. 10, 2023 6:30pm

St. Anthony and Sacred Heart ladies will be our guests on this evening. St. Mary’s ladies are asked to please bring a casserole to share.

**WE MET OUR
GOAL!!**



Fundraising Goal Met for New Ultrasound Machine

Through the generous support of many local donors, the Knight of Columbus has collected \$15,209 for a new ultrasound machine to be placed at the Family Life Center in Effingham. Having been accepted into the K of C Ultrasound Initiative Program at the beginning of this fundraising campaign, we can now apply for a grant through our Supreme Council to cover the balance of the cost. Council 665 is very grateful for the outpouring of support we received. THANK YOU to all who donated, we couldn't have done it without you!!

PROLIFE NEWS:

Effingham Area Right to Life has announced its Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 15, from 7:00am-12 Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall in Teutopolis, IL. Free will donations for breakfast will be accepted, and there will be a 50/50 drawing and many raffle baskets for all ages. The breakfast menu includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home-baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. Volunteers are needed. Please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084 if you can donate your time and talent.

This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. The group asks that if you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401.

SonRise Men's Breakfast Next Friday, Jan. 6

Have you been thinking of a Men's prayer group for the New Year? The perfect opportunity is NOW. All men are invited on Friday mornings for SonRise Men's Prayer Group featuring a new semester program from That Man Is You. The theme is "Thy Kingdom Come" with presentations by TEN impressive Catholic speakers.

Get a great start to 2023! Beginning Friday, January 6. SonRise Men's Breakfast meets every Friday at 6:30 AM in the Parish Center at St. Anthony's. Breakfast starts serving at 6:10 AM followed by program, discussion and prayer from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM. Feed your soul, mind and body.

For more information, contact Dan Woods, 217-821-1495; danwoodsface@gmail.com or Jesse Davis, 217-821-2309 Learn more at tmiy.org.

~CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION~



Ross & Violet Pautler and Trobe & Gladys Shadwell by Duane & Joyce Shadwell

Clarence & Antonette Feldhake and Trudi Koebel by Kathy Ferguson

Deceased members of the Miller and Kirchhofer Families by Jim & Mary Miller

Henry & Helen Vonderheide and Ervin & Mildred Bietz and Ronnie Bietz

Mike & Virginia Conder by Joe & George Conder families

Shannon Vonderheide by Jim & Mary Lou Vonderheide

Clarence & Teresa Worman and Sr. M. Florentia Koelsch SSND
by Dan & Rita McKay family and George & Diana Conder family



Frank & Florence Doedtman and Ronnie Doedtman by Doedtman Family

George & Bernice Manuel and Larry Manuel and Sheila Klein by Tom & Helen Doedtman

Viola & Clifford McLaughlin and Lloyd Spannagel by Greg & Michelle Spannagel

In Memory of Kevin Hackman and Joe Hackman by Carolyn Hackman

Eugene Westendorf and Samuel & Charlotte Bales by Dave & Christy Bales family

Elza & Faye Storm and Clifford & Viola McLaughlin and Marlene Rozene and Joyce Crockett
by Dwight and Bev Storm



Karen Waldhoff by Lisa & Roy Waldhoff

Willian & Kate Thomas and Andrew & Clara Meyer by Terry & Dot Thomas

Albert & Lavina Herrmann and Deceased members of the Leroy & Leona Zacha Family by Roger & Judy Zacha



Have you ever thought about being a youth group leader? Do you like having fun and helping youth (grades 6-12) get closer to God? St. Mary's is looking for YOU to become our youth group coordinator. Jesse and Donna Davis are stepping away from the ministry and are looking for a replacement. If you are interested or have questions, contact either of them.