

# 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.stmaryshumway.org](http://www.stmaryshumway.org)

Email: [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com)

Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

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

Diocese Website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)



### 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

### PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Dennis Koester  
Nelda McCoy  
Marita Kemme  
Sam Sheehan  
Larry Nation  
Jim Gordon  
Don Kemme  
Danny Zacha  
Don Clark  
Kendall Fulk  
Dan Zacha Sr.

Dean Gengler  
Steve Moore  
Sally Wakefield  
Pat Kuhns  
Bill Hamilton  
Christie Dust  
Helen Kollinger  
Bill Nuxoll  
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)  
Vonderheide  
Jane Emmerich  
Marita Elson



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

**January Committee:** Vanessa Kessler, Wanda Ohnesorge, Irene Koester, Alice Richards

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Trey Brown Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown Trey Brown	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells
Lector	Katrina Davis	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Jesse Davis	Abby Brown
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Jesse Davis Don Brown	Doug Brown Mike Holland	Jason Wells Don Brown	Jesse Davis Doug Brown
Ech Min	Don Brown Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Don Brown Kathy Brown	Donna Davis Rosemary Holland Katrina Brown	Mike Holland Jesse Davis Don Brown
Gift Bearers	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family
<b>SUN 8am</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b> Parish Families in Faith	<b>Dec. 17</b> Parish Families in Faith	<b>Dec. 24</b>  <b>NO 8 AM MASS</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30 pm. This mass doesn't fulfill your Sunday obligation.</b>  <b>Christmas Day Mass at 8 am. Sign up for ministries in the cry room.</b>	<b>Dec. 31 8am</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b> Parish Families in Faith
Servers	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Rory Miller Wylie Miller		Daisy Miller Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Wade Conder Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene		Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide		Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff
Ech Min	Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	Lisa Thompson Leslie Kemme Timber Miller		Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Leslie Miller Lisa Thompson Roy Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Greg Michelle Spannagel	Deb Stremming		Wanda Ohnesorge	Wally Thompson Family
Greeters	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
<b>WED. 8am</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder

### Weekly Offering.....12-26-23

Adults..... \$980.00  
Loose..... \$538.00  
Child Home..... \$388.00  
Immaculate Concp.....\$10.00  
Christmas Offering.....\$1665.00  
Retired Religious.....\$15.00  
Total..... \$3596.00  
Mass Money \$180.00.

### Poland > Effingham > U.S. Citizen – Fr. Michal Rosa's unique story

– Fr. Michal Rosa, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Effingham, became a U.S. citizen July 7. It's a journey he would have never imagined, growing up in Poland. So how did this all happen, how did Bishop Paprocki play a role, what does Fr. Rosa think of America, what does he miss the most about Poland (besides family), and what aspects of our faith does he wish America prioritized more? We Dive Deep with Fr. Michal Rosa. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or [youtube.com/diospringfield](http://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

**SAVE THE DATE**

# ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

**JANUARY 21**

**2024**

**7AM - 12:00PM**

Hosted by  
Effingham Area  
Right to Life

**Please Join Us!**

**Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast**

**Sunday, January 21  
from 7am-12:00pm**

**Teutopolis Banquet Hall  
210 S. Pearl Street**

- Free-Will Donation
- Dine In or Carry Out
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Baskets for All Ages

To volunteer (or if you have questions),  
please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084



Effingham Area Right to Life

Donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads,  
and muffins are also needed.



Saturday, Dec. 30 –Living deceased members Ed Louise Kemme family  
 Sunday, Dec. 31 -Members of the Bolton, Stump, Montello and Witken fam.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 3 –  
 Saturday, Jan. 6-  
 Sunday, Jan. 7- Joyce Habing by Steve & Sharon Moore

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.

2024 Masses are now being scheduled.

Happy Birthday



Bev Storm 1-5  
Doug Kreuger 1-5  
Mardell Sheehan 1-6

Parish Council Meeting-  
Wed. Jan. 3 @ 6:30pm  
All welcome.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS-

**New Year's Eve**

Shumway @ 6pm  
Green Creek –No Mass

**New Year's Day**

Shumway –No Mass  
Green Creek @ 9 am

El Shaddai is a residential maternity home for pregnant women and their babies. They need your help to continue to help moms and their babies to stay in the home. They are looking for the following donations: Monetary Donations/Non-perishable Foods/Toiletries El Shaddai Homes can be reached at 217-690-4380. [www.eshaddaihomes.com](http://www.eshaddaihomes.com)

**St. Mary's, Shumway CCW-  
We will be hosting a casserole dinner  
on Jan. 9 @ 6:30pm.  
The ladies of St. Anthony's, Sacred Heart and  
St. Mary's, Green Creek will be our guests.  
Come for a night of fellowship and good food.**

Catholic Times Collection 2024.  
You can use your collection envelope  
or go online at [dio.org/give](http://dio.org/give)  
throughout the month of January.

**SonRise Men's Breakfast – This Friday**

All men of the parish are invited to attend. It's a new semester beginning in January. The Light of Men, produced by Paradisus Dei's That Man Is You, a series of insightful speakers. [www.paradisusdei.org](http://www.paradisusdei.org). This semester will include a unique focus on The Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent with virtual travel through the Holy Land. SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge, Contact Dan Woods, 217-821-1495, [danwoodsface@gmail.com](mailto:danwoodsface@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:  
Jan. 7, 14, 28, 2024

Adult classes AND Parish Family Time  
are for ALL PARISHIONERS not just those  
who have children in PSR!!!

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Reflection Questions

- How can we transform our homes into sanctuaries that reflect God's love and faithfulness, as shown by the Holy Family?
- In what ways does my family practice obedience to God's will, similar to the dedication shown by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the Gospel of Luke?
- How do the virtues of faith, hope, and love manifest in my daily family interactions? Are there specific areas where we could improve?
- Considering the respect and honor Sirach emphasizes towards parents, how does this teaching influence my understanding and practice of family relationships?
- In what practical ways can we make our family relationships reflect the sacred covenant, rather than just social constructs, as inspired by the Holy Family?
- How does my family's current dynamic align with the blueprint of love, faith, and obedience as modeled by the Holy Family? What changes might be necessary to align more closely with this ideal?
- How do I view the Church in relation to my family life? Do I see it as an extension of my biological family, as a spiritual family where we grow in faith together?
- Reflecting on Jesus' presentation in the Temple, how do I integrate my family into the broader religious community and the life of the Church?
- In what ways am I actively nurturing my spiritual bonds within the Church, and how does this mirror the commitment of the Holy Family to God's plan?
- Finally, how does my participation in the Church contribute to the manifestation of God's love and mercy in the world, following the example set by the Holy Family?

Pray to Protect Human Life: Join others from across the country in praying the 9 Days for Life annual novena, January 16-24, 2024. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: [www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup).

Save the date for the Illinois March for Life and Mass – Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass, 10 a.m., Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. More details coming.

Please join us as we study the Eucharist, *Discovering the Mass in the Bible*, by Brant Pitre. This will be a 10 week course beginning on Thursday January, the 11th. You may attend either the 9:15 am or 6:30 pm session. Classes are held in the St. Anthony Parish Center. To sign up, please call the Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

**Pre-Cana Dates**---Upcoming dates for programs in the diocese are listed below.  
Sunday, February 4, 2024 - St. Francis, Teutopolis  
Call 217-961-6404 to register. The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses.

REFLECTIONS—

A Blueprint for Christian Living

In the readings of the Feast of the Holy Family Year B, we encounter a profound invitation to transform our homes into sanctuaries of God's love and faithfulness. The Gospel of Luke, detailing the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, not only showcases the devotion of the Holy Family to religious observance but also underscores their deep-seated obedience to God's will.

This narrative is a vivid portrayal of a family wholly committed to God, where each action and decision is rooted in faith and love. This example sets a high standard for us: to make our families not just units of societal function but embodiments of divine love, where every interaction is steeped in the virtues of faith and obedience exemplified by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Similarly, the first reading for the Feast of the Holy Family Year B from Sirach reinforces this by emphasizing the respect and honor owed to parents, linking family life to spiritual obedience and reverence. It shows us that the familial bond is not just a social construct but a sacred covenant. The Holy Family, in their simple yet profound acts of faith, becomes a model for us, guiding us to see our family relationships as opportunities to practice God's commandments, to foster virtues, and to grow in holiness.

As we meditate on these scriptures, we are called to assess and realign our family dynamics. Are we cultivating an environment where God's word is not only revered but lived? Are we, like the Holy Family, putting obedience to God's will at the forefront of our family life? These readings thus serve as a blueprint, urging us to build our domestic churches on the firm foundation of love, faith, and obedience to God, much like the Holy Family did.

Beyond Biology: Embracing the Church as Family

The Feast of the Holy Family Year B invites us to a deeper contemplation of family, urging us to look beyond our biological connections. The Gospel of Luke (2:22-40) presents the Holy Family not merely as a model of domestic virtue, but as an icon of the larger spiritual family God calls us to be part of. This narrative, where Jesus is presented in the Temple, symbolizes the integration of the individual family into the broader religious community.

The Temple, as a place of gathering, teaching, and worship, prefigures the Church. In this light, the Church emerges not just as a place of worship, but as a familial space where we, like Jesus, are presented and nurtured in faith. The interaction with Simeon and Anna demonstrates this connectedness. This redefinition of family challenges us to see our relationship with the Church in a new, familial light.

As we celebrate this feast, it becomes imperative to nurture both our biological families and our spiritual family – the Church. Just as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived their lives centered around the Temple, signifying their commitment to the wider community of believers, we too are called to invest in our church community.

The Church is a place where spiritual bonds are not just formed but deeply nurtured, where we learn to live out the virtues of faith, hope, and love in community with others. By strengthening these bonds, we mirror the Holy Family's commitment to God's plan and become active participants in the manifestation of His love and mercy in the world. In this way, our celebration of the Holy Family extends beyond admiration of a holy household to active participation in the expansive, spiritual family of the Church.

Reflection questions continued later in the bulletin.