

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

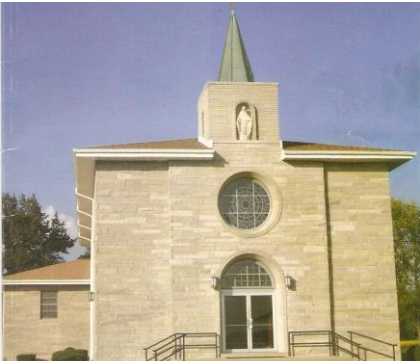
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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
Email: 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



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
SUN 8am	Dec. 10 Parish Families in Faith	Dec. 17 Parish Families in Faith	Dec. 24 NO 8 AM MASS	Dec. 31 8am	Jan. 7 Parish Families in Faith
Servers	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Rory Miller Wylie Miller	Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30 pm. This mass doesn’t fulfill your Sunday obligation. Christmas Day Mass at 8 am. Sign up for ministries in the cry room.	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
WED. 8am Lectors	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
	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 Concpt.....\$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 or 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

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!!!

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.elshaddaihomes.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
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. 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 with any questions.

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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.

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, followed by a march around 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.