

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  
Larry Nation  
Jim Gordon  
Don Kemme  
Danny Zacha  
Don Clark  
Dan Zacha Sr.

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



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

**February Committee:** Tammy Manhart, Judy Zacha, Beth Spannagel, Michelle Spannagel, Kathy Ferguson, Mardel Sheehan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	March 2	March 9	March 16
Servers	Tryston Brown Trey Brown Aubrey Brown	Abby Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells	Trey Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Isaac Wells	Anna Brown Abby Brown Aubrey Brown
Lector	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Abby Brown	Alaina Miller
Usher	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown
Ech Min	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Kathy Brown Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland
Gift Bearers	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family
Greeters	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	Feb. 18	Feb. 25-Parish Families in Faith	March 3	March 10-Parish Families in Faith	March 17
Servers	Oliva Vonderheide Wade Conder Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Rory Miller Wylie Miller	Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder Daisy Miller	Garrett Hoene Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Roy Miller
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff George Conder	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu
Ech Min	Lisa Thompson Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Leslie Kemme Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff	Lisa Thompson Timber Miller Linda Doedtman	Roy Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Linda Doedtman Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Josh Miller Family	Rosemary Vonderheide	Sally Wakefield	Jason Pruemer Family	Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Greeters	BarbVonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff	Jason Pruemer Family	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene Family
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	March 6	March 13
	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Wiley Miller	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester

**Weekly Offering.....2-4-24**  
Adult.....\$1620.00  
Loose.....\$419.00  
Catholic Times.....\$15.00  
**Cost of Envelopes.....\$10.00**  
**Total.....\$2064.00**  
Masses-\$30.00

**Parish Hall Update:**  
Our current funds -- \$94802.00  
Project Board coming soon

**Upcoming events:**  
**March 2 @9:00am- Next Meeting**  
April 20-Poker Run (full details next week)  
June 1 -Flea Market (details to come)  
Sept. 22- Pork Chop Dinner (in conjunction with the Shumway Sesquicentennial Celebration)

De Colores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.  
If you're:

- So busy, don't know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

So many in our area have found a treasure in DeColores.  
It's your turn!

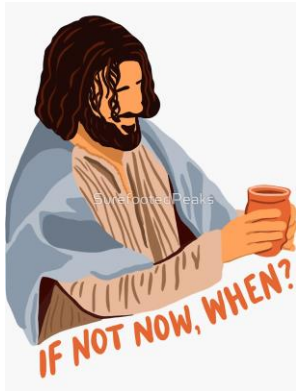
\* The Men's Weekend, March 7-10; Leader: Brian Henning.

Call or text 217-821-3338

\* The Women's Weekend, March 14-17; Leader, Mandy Henning.

Call or text 217-821-0799

OR you can also contact Jesse, Donna or Katrina Davis with questions!!!



Effingham Catholic Charities Raffle – Tickets on sale now! Tickets can be purchased at cc.dio.org, any advisory board member, and Effingham Catholic Charities office. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Drawing will be held at Teutopolis Banquet Hall on February 24, 2024 at 9 PM. Need not be present to win.

Bingo sponsored by Country Rhodes – Event will be held on February 24, 2024 at Teutopolis Banquet Hall from 7 PM to 10 PM with doors opening at 6 PM. Entry is \$30, which includes 10 games of bingo and 1 card. Additional cards are available to purchase. There will be a cash bar and snacks available.



Saturday, Feb. 10 –†Louis Tegeler by family

Sunday, Feb. 11- †Violet Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell

Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Will Sandschafer by his grandmother

Saturday, Feb. 17 - †Sam Sheehan by Sally Wakefield

Sunday, Feb. 18 -†Alfred Wernsing by Alice Richards



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 in the cry room.

Happy Birthday



Anna Conder 2-14

Zoey Brown 2-14

Alaina Miller 2-14

Samuel Vonderheide 2-16

Jake Hoffman 2-17

Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:  
Feb. 11 & 25, 2024

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

We will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on Feb. 21 at 6:30pm. Participants will meet every week (8 weeks) to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Donna Davis or grab a flier off the bulletin board or there is a flier at the end of the online version of the bulletin.

Please register by Feb. 14. Thank you.



Mark your calendars for  
Ash Wednesday Mass—Feb. 14.

Shumway -8 am

Green Creek – 6pm

Also there will be Stations of the Cross  
every Friday at 7 pm. There is a sign up  
sheet in the cry room for anyone who  
would like to help with the stations.

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life-- St Michael, Sigel on  
Monday February 19. Rosary at 6:00 pm. Fr. Dean  
Probst will celebrate mass at 6:30 pm The business  
meeting will follow in the Council Room at the  
Grade School. Refreshments will be served.

Families! Connect with God, have fun, and create

**memories all in one day** – Families are invited to attend a grace-filled and fun-filled one-day experience all intended for them to reconnect with God. Mini Holy Family Fest takes place Saturday, March 2 at Quincy Notre Dame High School (1400 S 11th St) in Quincy. The day runs from 8 a.m.–7 p.m. and includes Mass, confession, eucharistic adoration, talks for adults, teens, and children, praying the rosary, games, activities, and more. Price is \$25 for one person, \$45 for two, \$65 for three, and \$75 for four or more. The price includes lunch and dinner. The keynote speakers are Carlos and Elena Tejada of Springfield. Register at [afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend](http://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend). For questions, email [quincyhollyfamilyfest@gmail.com](mailto:quincyhollyfamilyfest@gmail.com) or call (217) 440-8187.

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- The leper's faith was a crucial element in his healing. Reflect on a time when your faith played a key role in overcoming a personal challenge. How did it transform the situation?
- How can you make your faith more dynamic and active, following the example of the leper who approached Jesus with a bold request?
- Jesus sent the healed man to the priests, emphasizing the importance of community in the healing process. How can you contribute to or seek healing within your community or church?
- Sharing our stories of healing and transformation can inspire and encourage others. What is a testimony you can share that might bring hope to someone in need?
- The leper trusted Jesus' will and timing for his healing. How can you cultivate a deeper trust in God's timing and plan for your life, especially in areas where you seek change or healing?

**Remember...Lent begins Wednesday, Feb. 14.**

What are the Lent fasting rules? On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent. Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.  
Hallow.com

**Special Lenten SonRise Men’s Breakfast**

Rediscover the power of just one Hail Mary, and the power of the Rosary. This series includes a unique focus on The Mysteries of the Rosary with virtual travel through the Holy Land. All men of the parish are invited to attend this series each Friday during Lent. SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast meets at St. Anthony’s Parish Center Friday mornings for men from area parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. There is no charge. Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

Confession Is More Powerful Than An Exorcism – You’ve seen in the movies the extremeness of an exorcism. But, did you know, Confession is more powerful? Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem., who has performed exorcisms, dives deep into the Rite of Exorcism, what he has experienced as an exorcist, why Confession is more powerful, and tips for how we can fend of evil. Go to dio.org/podcast or youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

St. Anthony High School students going to Catholic Heart WorkCamp are hosting a Soup Fundraiser at the parish center on Sunday, February 25th. Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, and Roasted Red Pepper Gouda Tomato Soup, along with sides, will be served from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$12, and can be purchased at the St. Anthony parish office. Thank you for supporting these students who are willing to give up a week of their summer to serve the needy.

**St Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, IL** will be having a **Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 18th** from 7:30 until 12:00 pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice, and coffee. St Clare is located at 216 N 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donation will be accepted.

REFLECTIONS— <https://young-catholics.com/>

**Embodying Compassion**

In the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Mark 1:40-45, we witness a profound moment where Jesus, moved by compassion, heals a man afflicted with leprosy. This encounter isn't just a miraculous healing; it's a testament to Jesus' radical approach to love and inclusion. By reaching out to touch the leper, Jesus breaks societal norms and religious laws that dictate purity.

This act is revolutionary, signifying that no person is beyond the reach of God's love. Jesus' willingness to become "unclean" to restore another's health and dignity challenges us to reconsider our own attitudes towards the marginalized and the outcast in our society. It invites us to ask ourselves: Are we willing to extend our hands and hearts, even if it means crossing the boundaries of our comfort zones?

**The Power of Faith and Healing**

In the narrative of the leper's healing in the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we observe the power of faith in action. The leper's humble request, "If you wish, you can make me clean," is a poignant expression of unwavering belief in Jesus' capacity to heal not just the body, but the very essence of a person's life.

This plea embodies a deep-seated trust, acknowledging Jesus' authority over illness and societal exclusion. Jesus' affirmative response, "I do will it. Be made clean," serves as a powerful declaration of his willingness to restore and purify. This act of healing transcends the physical realm, reinstating the leper's place within the social and religious fabric of the community, thus highlighting the holistic nature of divine healing. (the article continues later in the bulletin)

This encounter between Jesus and the leper underscores the dynamic nature of faith as an active, living force that challenges us to place our trust in God's will, even amidst life's uncertainties and trials. It serves as a poignant reminder that our faith, when genuinely embraced, becomes a wellspring of strength and transformation, capable of guiding us toward a path of healing, restoration, and ultimately, wholeness. As we navigate the complexities of our own lives, this story invites us to lean into our faith, trusting in God's timing and providence, and to embrace the potential for healing and renewal in our own journey.

**Community and Testimony**

After the healing, Jesus instructs the man to show himself to the priests and offer the sacrifices required by Mosaic Law, highlighting the importance of community and testimony in the process of healing. This directive serves a dual purpose: it adheres to the law, thus legitimizing the healing in the eyes of the community, and it provides a powerful testimony of God's mercy and power.

This aspect of the narrative in the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B encourages us to not only seek personal healing and transformation but also to share our stories of faith and redemption with others. Our testimonies can be powerful catalysts for change and sources of hope for those who are struggling, reinforcing the communal aspect of our faith journey.

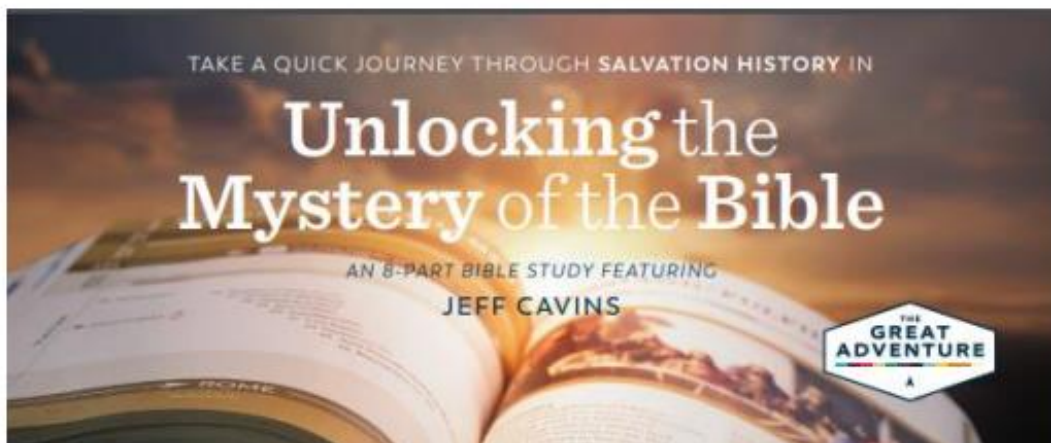
In reflecting on this passage from Mark's Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we are called to embody the compassion, faith, and communal spirit demonstrated by Jesus. By extending love and mercy to those on the fringes, nurturing our faith amidst life's trials, and courageously sharing our stories of God's grace, we participate in the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation in our world. Let us strive to follow Jesus' example, becoming beacons of hope and channels of God's transformative love in our communities.

**Reflection Questions**

- In what ways do you encounter "lepers" in your daily life, those marginalized or excluded by society? How can you extend Christ-like compassion to them?
- Jesus broke societal and religious norms to heal the leper. What boundaries might you be called to cross to show God's love to others?

More questions found on next page





### WHEN & WHERE:

Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30pm

St. Mary's, Shumway

For 8 weeks

The weekly schedule will be handed out at the first meeting.

### REGISTRATION/COST:

Workbook -\$24.95

Contact Donna Davis--217-690-2640

OR go online

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery/products/copy-of-unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-study-set>

### QUESTIONS:

Contact Donna Davis

### Keeping up to date with church happenings...

EMAIL, ALL CALL/TEXT SYSTEM- If you would like to receive, please email

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

FACEBOOK- We are currently looking for a co-administrator for our Facebook page. If interested, contact Leslie Kemme.

WEBSITE- We are currently looking for a website editor. This person would help with updating info on the page by gathering info and emailing it to the website manager. If you are interested email Donna at [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysshumway@gmail.com)

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Soak in the Presence of Jesus alongside people of all walks of life – a vivid image of the universal Church. You will participate in beautiful liturgies, lifting your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org).

### Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Breakfast

March 9 (Sat), from 7:30 - 10:30 am. St. Thomas Parish Center at 306 W Jourdan St. in Newton. This annual pancake breakfast will have:

- Characters to interact with kids
- A picture to remember your day
- Fun for the whole family and great food
- An online auction hosted by Schmid Auction that launches at the breakfast

### Illinois Right to Life Event

March 12 (Tues). Effingham Event Center, 6:30 pm. Learn why abortion tourism is growing in Illinois, what the current IL laws are and how we can make real change for life in Illinois. Please register for this free event by contacting Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 or [EffinghamRTL@yahoo.com](mailto:EffinghamRTL@yahoo.com).

### Family Life Center Vision Tour

March 14 (Thur), from 5-6 pm. Family Life Center in Effingham. Walk through the center as they share their vision and future with you. Light refreshments and tours will be given. Please RSVP at 217-342-5433.

### Illinois March for Life

April 17 (Wed). Springfield State Capitol, noon rally followed by the march around the capitol complex. Two chartered buses are available. Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 for more info.

### Effingham Family Life Center 5k Run and Prayer Walk

April 20 (Sat). Save the date! More details to come.