

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
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.

March Committee: Lisa Thompson, Jenni McKay, Sami Childerson, Karen Kemme, Christy Bales

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	Barb Vonderheide	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.....2-18-24
Adult.....\$1538.00
Loose.....\$344.00
Catholic Times.....\$20.00
Catholic Relief.....\$105.00
Total.....\$2007.00
Masses \$120.00

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—There is still time to sign up!!!
Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.
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 Henn
Call or text 217-821-0799
OR you can also contact Jesse, Donna or Katrina Davis with qu



The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting is Tuesday, March 5, at St. Anthony Church in Effingham, with Mass at 8:30am and registration at 9:15am. Guest speakers are Megan Rewers, Effingham County Crisis Nursery, and Lisa Kramer, El Shaddai. Join us for a fun and faith-filled day. We warmly welcome all ladies and their friends to come together for a day of fellowship, inspiration and community. Lunch and white elephant auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day. Proceeds go to the Seminary Fund (check or cash accepted). Questions: Contact Margaret Thompson (217)232-4350 or drmathompson@gmail.com

RED ALERT ACTION MEETING on MARCH 7 Illinois is proposing a new law, SB 3499, also known as the "End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act." However, many refer to it more accurately as the "Legalization of Assisted Suicide Act." We invite you to learn more about its potential impacts by attending a Red Alert Action Meeting on March 7th at 7:00pm at the Effingham Event Center. Passage of this legislation will open the door to many hidden dangers that would greatly impact you and your families. Please attend the meeting to further discuss these concerns and to learn how your voice can make a difference as together we fight this proposed legislation.



Saturday, Feb. 24 –†Joseph Willenborg by family
Sunday, Feb. 25 –†Frank Kabbes by George Diana Conder
Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Ben Sandschafer by his grandmother
Saturday, Mar. 2 –†Vicki Waldhoff by Donna Kyle Solice
Sunday, Mar. 3 –†Shannon Vonderheide by Jim Marylou Vonderheide
Wednesday, Mar. 6 -†Della 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.

Adoration and Confessions 6-7 pm every Friday before Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the cry room for anyone who would like to help with the stations.

Happy Birthday



Karen Neu 2-26
Joyce Wells 2-27
Connor Manhart 2-28

Holy Week -Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28
@Shumway 6:30pm

Good Friday, March 29
@Green Creek @ 3pm

Easter Vigil, March 30
@ Green Creek 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
@ Shumway 8am
@ Green Creek 10:30am

St. Michael School, Sigel, IL
Swine & Dine Breakfast

Sunday – February 25, 2024
7:00am – Noon
All you can eat breakfast.
Sausage, eggs, pancakes,
Breads and drinks.

Adults \$10
Children 5-13 & Seniors \$7

Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:
Feb. 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

Feb. 28 at 6:30pm. We have only had the intro session.
It is not too late to join in the study. You can go to
ascension press to purchase a book.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper
St. Isidore Youth Ministry is hosting their annual
soup supper on Sunday, February 25, 2024 from
4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Parish Center in
Bishop Creek. The menu includes chili, chicken
noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches and
dessert. There will also be a basket raffle.

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. For questions, email quincyholymfamilyfest@gmail.com or call (217) 440-8187.

Reflection Questions

- Reflect on a moment in your life when your faith was tested. How did you respond? Can you see any parallels between your experience and Abraham's willingness to trust God, even when asked to make a significant sacrifice?
- "Here I am" signifies a readiness to listen and respond to God. How can you cultivate a posture of openness and readiness to God's call in your daily life? Are there practices or changes you can make to better hear and respond to God's voice?
- The concept of sacrifice in these readings is profound and multifaceted, from Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. How does the notion of sacrifice manifest in your spiritual life? In what ways are you called to make sacrifices, and how do these sacrifices contribute to your growth in faith?
- The Transfiguration of Jesus is a moment of divine revelation and affirmation. How does this event challenge you to transform your understanding of suffering, glory, and the purpose of your life in Christ? How can you more fully embrace the journey from suffering to glory in your own life?
- Moses, Elijah, and Fulfillment in Christ: Moses and Elijah's presence during the Transfiguration underscores Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. How does this fulfillment impact your reading of the Old Testament? How can you more deeply integrate the teachings of Jesus into your understanding of God's plan as revealed throughout Scripture?
- Both Isaac and Jesus demonstrate obedience to their father's will. How does this model of obedience challenge or inspire your relationship with God? In what ways are you called to demonstrate your sonship or daughtership in God through obedience?
- As Lent is a season of reflection, penance, and preparation, how do these themes and questions guide you in your Lenten journey? What specific steps can you take to align your life more closely with the lessons of faith, sacrifice, and divine revelation highlighted in these readings?

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 off evil. Go to dio.org/podcast or [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.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.

Special Lenten SonRise Men’s Breakfast --Rediscover the power of just one Hail Mary. 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. 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.

The Binding of Isaac

The narrative of Abraham's trial, where he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, stands as a poignant moment in biblical history, marking a significant departure from contemporary practices of child sacrifice. This moment is not just a test of faith but a divine intervention to redefine the nature of sacrifices in the worship of God.

Abraham's journey with Isaac to Moriah encapsulates a profound lesson in obedience and trust, mirroring the journey humanity is called to make in trusting God's providence and mercy. The ram provided by God as a substitute for Isaac symbolizes a shift towards a worship that values life and the acknowledgment of God's sovereignty in providing.

The binding of Isaac, as the first reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B is often called, prefigures the binding of Jesus to the cross. This event not only reinforces the sanctity of human life but also foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice—God offering His Son, not as a test, but as a fulfillment of His promise for redemption.

Isaac is thought to be a willing victim. He carries the wood, just as Jesus carries the wood of the cross. Isaac's submission and his role as a willing participant in this divine narrative further deepen the typology with Christ, who carries His cross with the willingness to fulfill His Father's will, setting a foundational precedent for understanding the nature of divine sacrifice.

Pay Attention

The echo of "Here I am" (hineni) throughout the Scriptures, from Abraham to Samuel, and echoed by Isaiah, serves as a powerful testament to the attitude of readiness and submission expected of God's servants. This phrase in the first reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B is not merely a statement of presence but a declaration of total availability to God's call, signaling a readiness to act according to His will.

This posture of obedience is crucial in the Lenten journey, as it invites believers to attune their ears and hearts to God's voice, ready to respond with the same immediacy and trust as those who walked the path of faith before us. It underscores the importance of discernment and willingness to embrace God's will, even when it leads us into the unknown or demands sacrifices that test the depth of our faith.

A Glimpse of Glory

Similar to how the binding of Isaac prefigures the crucifixion of Jesus, the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B anticipates His resurrection. It is a pivotal moment that bridges His earthly ministry with the glory of His resurrection. It serves as a divine affirmation of Jesus' sonship and His messianic fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by the figures of Moses and Elijah. This event is not only a foretaste of the resurrected life but also a call to recognize Jesus as the culmination of God's salvific plan.

The Transfiguration invites the faithful to contemplate the Paschal Mystery, where the suffering and death of Jesus find their ultimate meaning in the glory of the resurrection. It challenges believers to look beyond the trials and tribulations of the present, anchoring their hope in the promise of eternal life that Jesus' glorification points towards.

Moses and Elijah

The appearance of Moses and Elijah alongside Jesus during the Transfiguration is a profound testimony to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, standing with Jesus, signify the continuity and fulfillment of God's covenantal promises.

Their presence in the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B underscores the unity of God's salvific work from the covenant with Abraham, through the giving of the Law, to the prophetic promises of restoration and redemption. This moment encapsulates the entirety of salvation history, pointing to Jesus as the linchpin of God's plan for humanity.

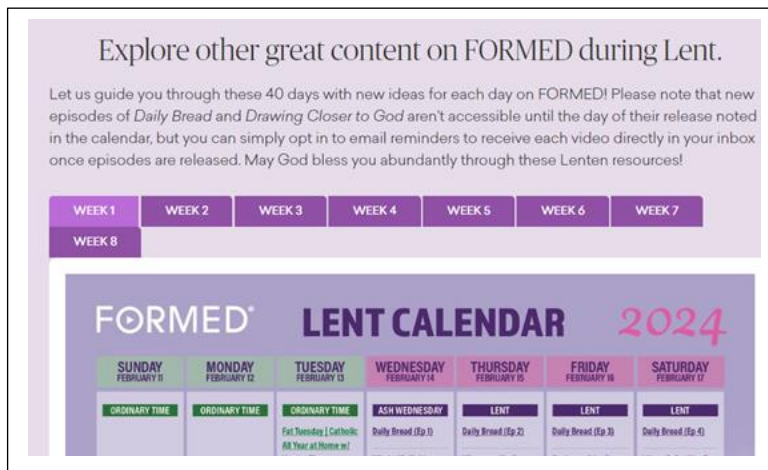
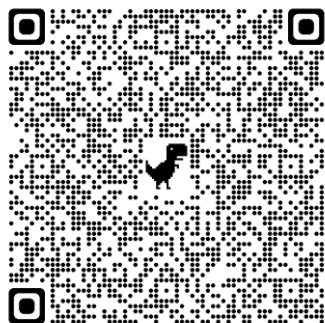
The Transfiguration, therefore, not only affirms Jesus' divine mission but also calls the faithful to view the Law and the Prophets through the lens of Jesus' teachings and life, which illuminate the path to the Kingdom of God established through His death and resurrection. **Reflection questions found later in the bulletin.**

LENTEN RESOURCES



The following website and QR code from FORMED has many resources including an interactive Lenten calendar.

https://daily.formed.org/lent?utm_campaign=aic-lent&utm_medium=email&hsmi=293536933&hsenc=p2ANqtz--jFd-xOrA5EU1fxOQNX9PQpcwlb9rM_c6VLZ-OINkgW571y7h4QBhN9QR5eUavhGWoRN55SdiVPeESyPjBT8ph4qo5A&utm_content=293536933&utm_source=hs_email#calendar



Lenten Mission at St. Francis, Teutopolis with Fr. Luke Spannagel

Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm: Explanatory Mass

Thursday, March 7th at 7pm: The Eucharist

Wednesday night Fr. Luke will explain what is happening during the different parts of the Mass.

Thursday night Fr. Luke will explain how powerful the Eucharist is and share stories about saints who were dedicated to the Eucharist. He is one of 50 priests throughout the US who were chosen by the USCCB to devote their full time to preaching about the Eucharist during the last year of the Eucharistic Revival. He is a joyful and dynamic speaker, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Eucharist.



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Lenten webpage – Check out the diocese's Lenten webpage dio.org/lent where you can find inspiration, resources, and support for your Lenten journey, especially in seeking out the sacrament of confession.

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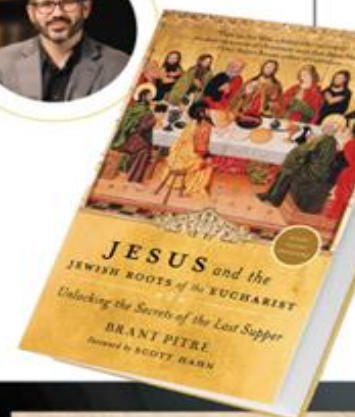
Don't miss our video series **Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture**, coming to FORMED this Lent! Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's acclaimed book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, this video series will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture demonstrates that our understanding of the Eucharist dates back to the earliest Jewish Christians. Far from being a later invention of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises.



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Keeping up to date with church happenings...

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

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.

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.

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.



Community of Religious Educators (CORE) - **The next CORE meeting is Saturday, March 23 at 10 AM at St. Mary in Shumway.** The main topic for the meeting is to develop standards for an orientation program for new catechists. CORE stands for Community of Religious Educators and is a regular gathering of religious educators for ongoing professional development, insights into diocesan initiatives and for networking with one another. Lunch is provided. Please register by March 13 by contacting Kyle Holtgrave at kholtgrave@dio.org or call (217) 698-8500, ext. 154.

You don't have to be a religious educator to attend. If you have questions, contact Leslie Kemme.