

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

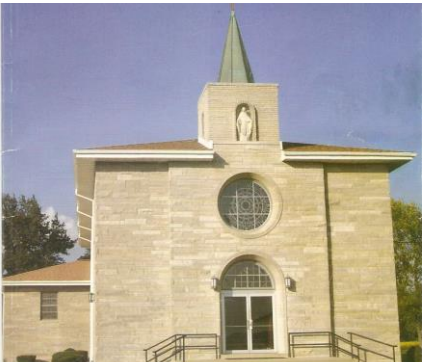
Or by appointment  
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

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!

Beth Hewing  
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	March 23	March 30 NO MASS	April 6	April 13	April 20
Servers	Tryston Brown Trey Brown Madalyne	<u>Holy Thursday</u> , March 28 Shumway 6:30pm Volunteers  <u>Good Friday</u> March 29- Green Creek 3pm <u>Easter Vigil</u> , March 30 Green Creek 7:30pm	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells Aubrey Brown
Lector	Abby Brown		Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland		Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown
Ech Min	Donna Davis Don Brown Katrina Davis		Mike Holland Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Kathy Brown Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Don Brown Rosemary Holland
Gift Bearers	Jesse Davis Family		Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family
Greeters	Wells Family		Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	March 24- Parish Families in Faith	March 31 -Easter	April 7	April 14-Parish Families in Faith	April 21
Servers	Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charly Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman
Ech Min	Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide	Leslie Kemme Lisa Thompson Timber Miller	Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide
Gift Bearers	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder	Jason Vonderheide Fam	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme
Greeters	George Diana Conder	Don Marcella Antrim	Joe Kay Conder	Ed Leslie Kemme	Tom Helen Doedtman
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	March 20	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17
	Linda Doedtman	Wylie Miller	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman	Wylie Miller

Weekly Offering.....	3-10-24
Adult.....	\$1430.00
Loose.....	\$597.00
Catholic Char.....	\$25.00
Catholic Times.....	\$15.00
Central&East Europe.....	\$20.00
1 <sup>st</sup> offering.....	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$130.00
Total.....	\$2232.00
Masses	\$80.00

**Parish Hall Update:**  
Our current funds -- \$94802.00  
**Upcoming events:**  
April 20-Poker Run (full details next week)  
Sept. 22- Pork Chop Dinner (in conjunction with the Shumway Sesquicentennial Celebration)

Last week’s \$500 Building Fund donation was in memory of Sam Sheehan. This week another \$500 donation was made in Sam’s memory. There was also a \$400 donation made by a non-parishioner. This \$900 was not part of the Sunday collection.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Shumway Fire Department Volunteers  
for their generous donation of an AED.



There are thank you cards at both entrances for parishioners to sign for the fire department.

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek is Sunday,  
March 17 from 7:00am-Noon. The menu includes whole hog  
sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade  
breads and rolls. They will also have a Country Store with raffles,  
baked goods and mystery boxes.



Saturday, Mar. 16 –†Sam Sheehan by Joe Kay Conder  
Sunday, Mar. 17 –†Debbie Worman by George Diana Conder  
Wednesday, Mar. 20-Jack Sandschafer by his grandmother  
Saturday, Mar. 23 –†Sam Sheehan by Dwight Bev Storm  
Sunday, Mar. 24 –†Leroy Thoele by Joe Kay Conder  
Wednesday, Mar. 27-†Sam Sheehan by Duane Joyce Shadwell

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



Helen Doedtman 3-17  
Jesse Davis 3-18  
Hans Kollinger 3-18  
Karen Kemme 3-18  
Charlotte Kessler 3-22

### 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

### Feast of the Annunciation

We will celebrate our Parish feast day  
on Thursday, March 21  
with Mass at 6:30pm  
followed by a catered meal.  
Please sign up. There are sign up  
sheets in the cry room and on the door  
at the west entrance.

Webinar about Assisted Suicide: Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for  
Illinois. Join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday, 12:30 pm starting March 14th.  
Email [dmoore@dio.org](mailto:dmoore@dio.org) to get a link to join the webinar.

## Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:  
March 17, and 24, 2024

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

### Happy Anniversary

Jason & Joyce Wells  
3-23-2002  
21 years

### Family Life Center Vision Tour

[March 14](#) (Thur), from 5-6 pm. Family Life Center  
in Effingham. Please RSVP at 217-342-5433.

### Illinois Right to Life Event

[March 21](#) (Thurs). Effingham Event Center, 6:30  
pm. Please register for this free event by  
contacting Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056  
or [EffinghamRTL@yahoo.com](mailto:EffinghamRTL@yahoo.com).

### 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 13](#) (Sat). Held in Shelbyville. Save the  
date! More details to come.  
[April 20](#) (Sat). Held in Effingham. Save the  
date! More details to come.

# Eat & Bail

No Foolin' ~ Joe's will be open

Monday **April 1**  
**4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**



**Eat at Joe's and support Catholic Charities!**

Joe's is donating all tips and 20%  
of the revenue made

Local celebrities and friends will be in jail during the  
event. There is only one way out...

Will you help bail them out?



## TEAMS WANTED!

A Trivia Night hosted by Crisis Nursery of Effingham County and Kiwanis Club of Effingham County will take place on March 23rd at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Exercise your brain and have fun supporting two great organizations! \$300 to the First Place Team and \$200 to the 2nd Place Team, along with opportunities to win other prizes. Doors open at 6pm and Trivia starts at 7pm. Reserve your table today by contacting Meghan Rewers (217-342-3000x3; [director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com](mailto:director@crisisnurseryofeffingham.com)) or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/Y7CA6jefpj>.

## REFLECTIONS—cont. from page 2

- Jesus' analogy of the grain of wheat highlights the necessity of sacrifice for fruitfulness. Reflect on the sacrifices you are called to make in following Jesus. How do these sacrifices contribute to producing fruit in your life and in the lives of others?
- Jesus surrendered His will to the Father, even to the point of death. Reflect on the areas of your life where God is asking you to surrender your will to His. What challenges do you face in doing so, and how can you overcome them?
- In what ways are you called to serve others and make sacrifices for the sake of the Kingdom of God? How can your sacrifices, even if they seem small, bring glory to God and build His kingdom on earth?
- The new covenant promises a close relationship with God. How do you cultivate this intimacy in your own spiritual life? Are there practices or disciplines that help you to remain close to God and aware of His presence?

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to [dio.org/procession](http://dio.org/procession) to learn more and register!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org).

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

### *Written on Our Hearts*

The first reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B is a beautiful promise of God's love and mercy. In this passage, God is making a new covenant with his people. This new covenant is not like the old one that was made with their ancestors, which they broke. This new covenant is a covenant that will be written on their hearts.

This new covenant is a promise of forgiveness and love. God is saying that he will remember their sins no more. This is a powerful promise because it means that God will not hold our sins against us. He will not keep a record of our wrongdoings. Instead, he will forgive us and love us. This is a promise that should bring great comfort to all who hear it.

The idea of a covenant written on the heart is also significant. It means that this covenant is not just an external agreement or contract, but it is something that is internalized and personalized. It becomes a part of who we are. When we accept this covenant, it changes us from the inside out. It transforms our hearts and our lives.

This new covenant is not just a promise of forgiveness and love, but it is also a promise of a new relationship with God. It is a promise of intimacy and closeness with him. When we accept this covenant, we become his people, and he becomes our God. We are no longer estranged from him, but we are brought near to him.

### *Producing Fruit*

In the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B, Jesus speaks of his upcoming death and the necessity of it. He tells his followers that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jesus is using this analogy to explain that his death will bear much fruit. His death will bring salvation to all who believe in him. But he is also telling his followers that following him requires sacrifice. We must be willing to let go of our own desires and wills and follow the will of God.

This can be a difficult and painful process, just as it was for Jesus on the cross. Jesus himself had to surrender his own will and desires to the will of the Father. He had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation. But through this sacrifice, Jesus brought great glory to God. His death and resurrection brought salvation to all who believe in him. And his life and teachings continue to inspire and transform countless lives.

Through our own sacrifices, we too can bear much fruit and bring glory to God. Our sacrifice may not be as dramatic as that of Jesus, but it is still important. It may involve giving up our time, talents, or resources to serve others. It may involve forgiving someone who has hurt us. It may involve putting the needs of others before our own.

Whatever form our sacrifice takes, we can be assured that it will bear fruit. It will bring glory to God and help to build his kingdom on earth. So let us be willing to follow Jesus, even when it requires sacrifice. Let us be willing to let go of our own desires and wills, and follow the will of God.

### *Reflection Questions*

- How does the concept of a covenant written on your heart change your understanding of your relationship with God? In what ways do you experience this covenant in your daily life?
- Reflect on the promise that God will remember your sins no more. How does this assurance of God's forgiveness and love impact your approach to confession and repentance? Are there areas in your life where you need to more fully accept God's mercy?
- The new covenant promises to change us from the inside out. Can you identify moments or experiences in your life that have led to significant internal transformation? How have these moments brought you closer to God?

Reflection questions found later in the bulletin.