

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.stmarysshumway.org
Email: www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

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

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

Diocese Website: www.dio.org

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Danny Zacha
Don Clark
Heather Harbour
Kendall Fulk
Dan Zacha Sr.
Dean Gengler
Steve Moore
Kevin Habing

Sally Wakefield
Pat Kuhns
Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
Marilyn Zerrusen
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide
Jane Emmerich
Timber Miller
Marita Elson



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

March Committee: Joyce Hoene, Joyce Wells,
Shirley Zacha, Dot Thomas, Kay Dust

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SAT 4pm	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1 Return of the Precious Blood
Servers	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown	Madalyne Brown Anna Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Thomas Davis	Anna Brown Madalyne Brown Abby Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown
Lector	Christy Brown	Thomas Davis	Jesse Davis	Alaina Miller	Donna Davis & Abby Brown
Usher	Thomas Davis Jesse Davis	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Thomas Davis Don Brown
Ech Min	Mike Holland	Don Brown	Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland	Jesse Davis, Mike Holland, Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Jesse Davis Family
Greeters	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	March 5	March 12	March 19 Families in Faith	March 26 Families in Faith	April 2 Palm Sunday
Servers	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel Isaac Pruemer	Noah Pruemer Shae Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Olivia Vonderheide Garrett Hoene Zoey Conder	Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel Braxton Hoene
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemer	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemer& Terry Hoene
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff George Conder	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Jason Pruemer Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu
Ech Min	Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller	Jason Pruemer	Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Jason Pruemer Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Conder Family	Jason Vonderheide Fam	Tom Helen Doedtman
Greeters	Ed Leslie Kemme	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Rosemary Vonderheide	Todd Wanda Ohnesorge
Money Counters	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Spannagel	Kemme, Hoene, Adams	Bales, Richards Sheehan, Hackman
WED. 8am Lectors	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5
	Irene Koester	Teresa Tegeler	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester

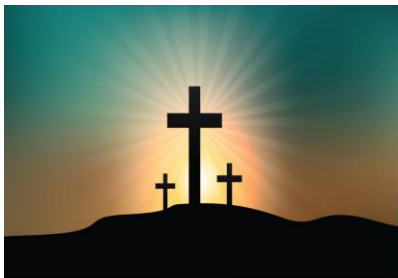
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING—

Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30 pm.

This training is for current ministers and for those who would like to become one. If you can not make this training, but would like to remain a minister or become a minister, please call or email the church so Father knows who will still need a training.

Weekly Offering.....3-12-23

Adults..... \$1605.00
Loose..... \$399.00
Catholic Charities..... \$700.00
Total..... \$2704.00



Seek the Eucharist, Go to Joseph

Lenten Retreat presented by Fr. John Titus



Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19

Saturday, March 18 - Mass at 4:00pm
Sunday, March 19 - Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am

Monday, March 20: Solemnity of St. Joseph

8:30am Mass;
9:00am-8:00pm Adoration;
5:30pm Social & Soup in the church narthex;
6:30pm Presentation - Joseph Feeds the Hungry;
8:00pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 21

8:30am Mass;
6:30pm Presentation - Joseph, Terror of Demons;
7:00pm Private Reconciliation (with multiple priests available)

Wednesday, March 22

8:30am School Mass;
6:30pm Closing Mass;
7:30pm Social in the church narthex



SACRED HEART
Catholic Parish



Saturday, March 18 –Marian Runde by family
Sunday, March 19 –
Wednesday, March 22 - Danyel Wernsing by Alice Richards
Saturday, March 25 –
Sunday, March 26 –
Wednesday, March 29 -

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.

Happy Birthday



Charlotte Kessler 3-22
Carla Wakefield 3-24
Hannah Wells 3-25

Families in Faith

Next classes—
March 19th and 26th

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 to pray for the protection of all Life at Sacred Heart in Lillyville on Monday March 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm.

Happy Anniversary

Jason & Joyce Wells
3-23-2002
21 years



Congratulations to the
2022 HALL OF FAME
Inductees



FACULTY, STAFF, OR COACH | Irene Koester

Irene Koester ('69), a lifelong member of St. Anthony Parish, has dedicated over 29 years of service to St. Anthony Schools and Parish. Throughout those years she inspired hundreds of students and parents through her music ministry. She was instrumental in expanding the high school band and chorus programs as well as leading the Adult Choir for many years. She has unselfishly given of her time and talents in order to enrich our lives.

Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Visit the Cathedral in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton, receive an indulgence! – The diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist going on now has a heavenly treasure of our Catholic faith attached to it. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the “Old Cathedral”) now through Dec. 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts “may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope’s intentions take place on the day the work is performed” (Handbook of Indulgences, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3). An indulgence a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to attend our annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday March 28th and ending at noon on Wed. March 29th. Kim Paden, retreat master, will take us on “our journey of faith”. She is the Chair of the Spirituality Commission for the National Council of Catholic Women and writes periodically for The Catholic Post, the newspaper for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more. Bring your sister, your mom, your friend. All are welcome! Registration forms with cost and further information is available on the bulletin board.



DID YOU KNOW? Every person 18 years or older should fill out registration forms (which can be found on the website or on the bulletin boards) in order to be considered a registered member of the parish. Just because you were raised in the parish doesn’t “grandfather” you into official membership with the parish. This is necessary when wanting to have children baptized, getting married or being sponsors for baptism and confirmation. If you have belonged to the parish and never filled out any kind of form, now would be the time. Please take the time to fill out a form and return it to church by putting it in the collection basket. Write registration form on the outside of the envelope. You can also mail it to the church- PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461.

PIG OUT BREAKFAST—
Sausage, eggs, biscuits/gravy
Sacred Heart, Effingham
Sunday, April 2 7am-noon
Large Plate \$9 Small Plate \$6

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. You are invited! Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m. Stay tuned for how to get free tickets and mark your calendar! There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield!

REFLECTIONS— The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year A are about sight and blindness. The first reading is the story of the choosing of David as God’s anointed one. Samuel is told that God does not see us as we do. The second reading is a reminder that we must live in the light, not in darkness. And in the gospel is the story of the man born blind, whom Jesus cured.

The Significance of the Miracle

Jesus uses saliva and dirt to heal the man, very ordinary things. By healing the blind man with a simple gesture, Jesus shows his divine power and authority over creation. The use of spit and dirt, which were considered unclean in Jewish culture, further emphasizes Jesus’ ability to transform and sanctify all things.

Some scholars suggest that the use of water and mud in this healing story may symbolize baptism. In early Christianity, baptism was seen as a symbolic washing away of sin and a new birth into a life of faith. Just as the blind man’s eyes were opened, so too is baptism seen as a spiritual awakening and renewal.

The story of the man born blind is also significant in terms of theological debates around sin and suffering. In Jewish culture, it was believed that physical disabilities were the result of sin, either of the individual or their parents. However, Jesus challenges this view by stating that the man’s blindness was not caused by sin, but rather was an opportunity for God’s power to be displayed.

Similarities and Differences Between This Encounter and the Encounter with the Woman at the Well

Last Sunday we heard about the woman at the well. Hearing these gospels one after another brings to light parallels, but also significant differences.

Both were outcasts in their society and both encounters involve a transformation. Jesus brings about a significant change in the person’s life. For the woman at the well, she becomes a believer and a witness to her community, while the man born blind receives physical healing and spiritual insight.

Both reveal Jesus’ true identity: In both encounters, Jesus reveals more about his true identity as the Messiah. To the woman at the well, he declares himself as the “living water” that can quench all thirst, while to the man born blind, he reveals himself as the Son of Man, a title that points to his divinity.

The response of the community is very different though. After the woman at the well encounters Jesus, she goes and tells her community about him, and many come to believe in him. In contrast, after the man born blind is healed, the religious leaders question him and his parents about the healing, and ultimately reject Jesus and his message.

- How does Jesus use for healing what is ordinary or even undesirable in my life?
- How do people react when I tell others about Jesus? Does this embolden me or make me cautious?
- In what ways am I spiritually blind?

(young-catholics.com)

PRO_LIFE NEWS
Illinois March for Life

Illinois March for Life in Springfield - The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites you to join us for the Illinois March for Life, Tuesday, March 21. The day will start with Mass, 10:00 am, Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. At noon, the Illinois March for Life will hold a rally in front of the State Capitol, 2nd Street, at the Lincoln Statue. A march around the State Capitol complex will begin after the rally. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. Please register to attend the Mass and March. <https://illinoismarchforlife.org/>