

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!



Cinda Held
Beth Hewing
Nelda McCoy
Marita Kemme
Larry Nation
Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Don Clark
Dan Zacha Sr.

Steve Moore
Sally Wakefield
Pat Kuhns
Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
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.....\$1355.00
Loose.....\$310.00
Easter Flowers.....\$100.00
Catholic Relief.....\$5.00
Total.....\$1770.00

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)

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale
April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL



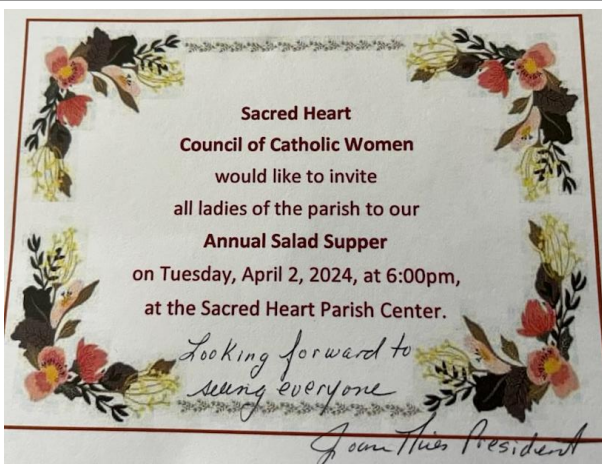
Illinois March for Life

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



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.

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
Holy Thursday, Mar. 28 -†Sam Sheehan by Jim & Marylou Vonderheide
Easter Sunday, Mar. 31 -†Sam Sheehan by Greg Michelle Spannagel
Wednesday, April 3 - †Vicki Waldhoff by Brad Jamie Waldhoff



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

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.

Happy Birthday



Carla Wakefield 3-24
Hannah Wells 3-25

Happy Anniversary

Don & Carolyn Clark
3-26-1994
30 years

Where “The Passion” Got Its Name BY DR. EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered why Christians described the events leading up to Jesus’ death on Good Friday as “the Passion” of Christ?

Clearly, it is fundamental to our faith. Why would we read the Passion story three times during Holy Week if it wasn’t?

In this article, you will learn the powerful reasons we call Christ’s suffering and redemption of us his passion.

On a basic level, the English word “passion” is derived from the Latin word passio, meaning suffering. The expression thus came to describe the afflictions Christ endured for our sins on the last day of his life.

In our modern era, the word has gained an additional meaning. In English, passion can describe an intense feeling or emotion. According to Webster’s dictionary, passion means “a strong feeling of enthusiasm or excitement for something.” Along these lines, people sometimes describe themselves as doing something passionately—with all their heart, with full commitment, drive, and purpose.

That sense also comes into play as we understand Christ’s determination to give his life for our sins. He is not a passive victim, taken by surprise and forced to endure a horrific death. He is the one who said to the Father, “Not my will, but yours, be done” (Luke 22:42), and he chose to drink the cup of suffering to the last drop, all for the sake of our salvation.

Pope Benedict XVI takes us even deeper. In his encyclical letter God Is Love, he describes Christ’s passion in the context of passionate love. But here we must be clear: He is not talking about a fallen, human passionate love, which on its own can be a kind of intoxication in which we are swept away by our emotions, romantic feelings, and sensual desires. Such a love is inward-looking, focusing primarily on one’s own feelings and desires—on what I get from the other person. Such a self-centered love cannot endure.

God does have a passionate love for his people. He is “a lover with all the passion of a true love,” Pope Benedict says. But his passionate love for the human family expresses itself in a higher form of love, expressed by the Greek word agape—a total, committed, sacrificial love. Agape love is outward-looking, seeking what is best for the other person and willing to suffer and sacrifice for that person’s good.

Think about how agape love is seen most perfectly in God’s love for us. Even though we turned away from God in sin and even though, according to justice, we have been separated from God and have a debt to pay for our sin, God’s passionate love drove him to become one of us and pay that debt on our behalf. So much did God love us that he did not want us to remain separated from him forever. He sought us. He became one of us and died for us so that we could be reunited with him.

Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:
March 24, 2024
April 14 and 28

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

Professional Soccer Star Turns Priest – Father Chase Hilgenbrinck had everything, at least in terms what the culture says – professional athlete, cool lifestyle, and fame. But that life didn’t make him fulfilled. The now Diocese of Peoria Vocation Director shares why ultimately he left life as a professional athlete to become a professional servant of God. Go to [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.

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?



Effingham Location



REFLECTIONS—cont. from page 2
Reflection Questions

- Do you turn to prayer first when you face suffering in your life? In what ways can you deepen your prayer life and trust in God during times of difficulty?
- Do you really trust that God loves you, even in the midst of your struggles and pain? How can you remind yourself of God's love and faithfulness, especially when you feel alone or overwhelmed?
- What can you do to deepen your trust in God? Are there any specific practices or disciplines that can help you grow in your faith and reliance on God? How can you cultivate a deeper sense of surrender and obedience to his will?
- Are there times when you find it difficult to trust in God's plan for your life? What are some of the obstacles or challenges that get in the way of your faith and trust?
- How do you respond when you face suffering or adversity in your life? Do you turn to prayer and rely on God's strength and comfort, or do you try to handle things on your own?

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 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.

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

Letting Go of Desires and Expectations

The reading for the procession for Palm Sunday Year B tells the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he is greeted with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people were excited and hopeful that Jesus would be the one to liberate them from Roman rule and restore the glory of Israel. However, when we get to the Passion reading, we see that things did not turn out as they had hoped.

In these later passages, we witness Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. He is betrayed by one of his own disciples, denied by another, and abandoned by most. He is mocked, beaten, and ultimately killed on a cross.

As we reflect on these two passages together, we are reminded of the fickle nature of human beings. The same people who welcomed Jesus with open arms in Mark 11, were the ones who turned on him in Mark 14-15. They allowed their own expectations and desires to cloud their judgment, and they failed to see the true mission and message of Jesus.

This can serve as a warning to us as well. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own desires and expectations, and to lose sight of the bigger picture. We may think that we know what is best for ourselves and for the world, but in reality, our knowledge and understanding are limited.

The readings for Palm Sunday Year B remind us that God's ways are not our ways, and that sometimes we must be willing to let go of our own expectations and trust in God's plan. Jesus' death on the cross was not the end, but rather the beginning of a new hope and a new life. It was through his sacrifice that we are saved, and it is through our own willingness to surrender our own desires and follow him that we can experience true freedom and salvation.

Let us reflect on these passages for Palm Sunday Year B with humility and openness, recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses, and trusting in the infinite wisdom and love of God. May we be willing to let go of our own expectations and desires, and follow Jesus with faith and courage, even when the road ahead seems uncertain or difficult.

Turn to Prayer

As we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus, we are struck by the paradox of his divinity and his willingness to endure such great pain and humiliation. It is true that Jesus could have easily avoided his suffering and death. He could have just quietly slipped away instead of staying to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. But he chose not to.

Instead, Jesus embraced his suffering and death as an act of complete obedience and trust in the Father. He turned to prayer, even in his darkest hour in the garden of Gethsemane, and entrusted all that he was into the loving care of his Father. He remained obedient, even when his closest friends betrayed him and abandoned him.

As followers of Jesus, we are also called to trust in God completely, even when we face suffering and death. We must believe that God loves us and will transform the deaths we experience into new life. We must also be willing to embrace our own crosses, just as Jesus did, and trust that God will use our suffering for his glory.

In the face of great trials and difficulties, we must turn to prayer and entrust ourselves to God's loving care. We must remain obedient to his will, even when it is difficult or painful. And we must remember that just as Jesus' suffering and death led to new life and resurrection, so too will our own sufferings be transformed into new life in Christ. May we be strengthened by the example of Jesus, and may we trust in his love and mercy always.

Reflection questions found later in the bulletin.