

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

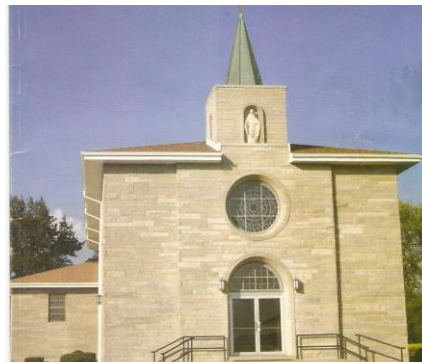
Email: www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com

Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

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!

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 Pruemmer	Noah Pruemmer 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 Pruemmer	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemmer & Terry Hoene
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff George Conder	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Jason Pruemmer Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu
Ech Min	Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller	Jason Pruemmer	Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Jason Pruemmer 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

Weekly Offering.....3-19-23

Adults..... \$1460.00
Loose..... \$368.00
Child.....\$5.00
CRS.....\$120.00
Total..... \$2704.00

Masses \$40.00

The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated annually on March 25. This feast day commemorates the announcement of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus and it celebrates her “Fiat” (“Let it be done”) in reply.

Mary’s “yes” changed the course of history. This simple young woman trusted in God. She is revered as an example of discipleship, completely and confidently doing the will of God. Like Mary, we are called to cooperate with God in bringing about His Kingdom.

Mary becomes the new Ark of the Covenant, carrying the Lord within her. We also become “living tabernacles” when we receive Holy Communion. Like her, we hold Jesus within ourselves and then bring him into the world. Sometimes we would like to do this through big, flashy events. But Mary’s humility should serve as an example for us. By responding to God’s invitation in our lives, we can do His will in quiet, unseen ways.



- What is something, big or small, which God asks you to say yes to?
- What are some things which make it difficult to say yes to God?
- How can we remove some of the barriers to saying yes?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING—

This training is for current ministers and for those who would like to become one. If you could 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.



Saturday, March 25 –Clarence Feldhake by family
 Sunday, March 26 – Martha Fearday by Joe & Kay Conder
 Wednesday, March 29 –
 Saturday, April 1 –
 Sunday, April 2 – Sarah Kelly by Teresa Tegeler
 Wednesday, April 5 -

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



Tom Doedtman 4-1
 Luke Vonderheide 4-1
 Joe Kemme 4-1

Families in Faith

Next classes—
 March 26th
 April 16th, 23rd, 30th

Happy Anniversary

Don & Carolyn Clark
 3-26-1994
 29 years



Holy Week

SCHEDULE

	<u>Shumway</u>	<u>Green Creek</u>
Holy Thursday 4-6	6:30 pm	5 pm
Good Friday 4-7	6 pm	3 pm
Easter Vigil 4-8	7:30 pm	----
Easter 4-9	8:00 am	10:30 am

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY SPECIAL WEEK.

There is a signup sheet for all ministries in the cry room.

Family Connection Jesus’ promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus’ power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus’ conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today’s Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus’ promise from today’s Gospel (“I am the resurrection and the life.”) on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus’ words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus’ promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus’ promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed.

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.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women would like to invite your Council of Catholic Women to our Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00pm, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.

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.

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!



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.

REFLECTIONS— Life, Death, and Resurrection---The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to reflect on the themes of life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel reading for this Sunday, from John 11:1-45, tells the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

In this story, Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus is ill. However, instead of rushing to his side, Jesus delays his journey for two days. By the time he arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has been dead for four days. When he sees Lazarus’s sister Martha, Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in him will never die.

When Jesus arrives at Lazarus’s tomb, he weeps and then commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus emerges, still wrapped in his burial cloths, and Jesus instructs the people around him to unbind him and let him go.

This passage is a powerful reminder of the hope and promise of resurrection that is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus’ raising of Lazarus prefigures his own resurrection, which we will celebrate in just a few weeks on Easter Sunday. It reminds us that, no matter how difficult or painful our lives may be, there is always hope for new life and transformation through the power of Christ.

At the same time, this passage also reminds us of the reality of death and the importance of mourning and grieving. When Jesus sees Lazarus’s sister Mary weeping, he too is moved to tears. This is a reminder that it is okay to feel sadness and grief when we lose a loved one, and that these emotions are a natural part of the human experience.

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to hold both of these truths in tension: the reality of death and the hope of resurrection. We are called to embrace the reality of our own mortality, but also to hold fast to the hope of new life and transformation through Christ. In doing so, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that, no matter what we may face in this life, we are never alone and that Christ is with us always.

Today’s readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year A also bring forward how Jesus’ female disciples heard and understood what he was saying. We know that Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were good friends of Jesus and probably knew him well. So when Lazarus becomes seriously ill, they call on the Lord.

But Lazarus dies and the sisters are distraught. When Jesus finally arrives, Lazarus has been entombed for several days. Upon seeing Jesus, Martha expresses her faith in his power. “If you had been here...” And her discussion of the resurrection indicates that she has knowledge and interest in theology.

When Jesus states “I am the resurrection and the life...” he asks Martha if she believes. And she firmly confesses her faith. “Yes Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ.” Oh that we would have such unwavering faith in our Lord!

Then Mary enters the scene. As usual the contrast between the two sisters is evident. Martha reacts from her head, and Mary responds from her heart, with anguish and weeping. With Martha, Jesus responds with knowledge. But with Mary, he responds with emotion. “Jesus wept.”

So we can see that both women have faith in Jesus, despite their different responses. And he responds to them in kind. Our Lord experiences life in the many ways we experience it. He is always in solidarity with us.

- Do you tend to respond with reason or emotion during times of crisis?
- In what ways do you encounter Jesus during difficult moments in your life?
- How has your faith been a source of strength during challenging times?
- Have you ever experienced a moment of despair or hopelessness, only to be surprised by a new opportunity or a fresh start?
- How do you approach and cope with grief and loss in your life?
- What does your belief in the resurrection and eternal life mean to you personally?
- How can you balance the reality of death with the hope of resurrection in your own life?
- In what ways can you share the hope and promise of resurrection with others who may be struggling with grief, despair, or hopelessness?

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