

# 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.

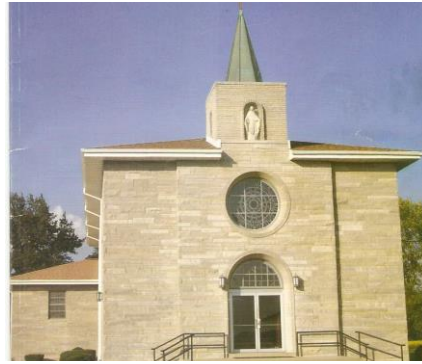
Website: [www.stmaryshumway.org](http://www.stmaryshumway.org)

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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!

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- Parish Families in Faith
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.....2-25-24**  
 Adult.....\$1485.00  
 Loose.....\$438.00  
 First Offering.....\$5.00  
**Total.....\$2833.00**  
**Masses \$50.00**

**Parish Hall Update:**  
 Our current funds -- \$94802.00

**Upcoming events:**  
 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)



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

Wed., March 6th at 7pm: Explanatory Mass  
 Thursday, March 7th at 7pm: The Eucharist



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  
 Saturday, Mar. 9 – †Bernard Ruholl by Tim Patty Kessler  
 Sunday, Mar. 10 – †Sam Sheehan by Duane Joyce Shadwell  
 Wednesday, Mar. 13 - †Danyel 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.

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.

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.

Happy Birthday



Beth Spannagel 3-3  
 Jack Holland 3-6

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](mailto:kholtgrave@dio.org) or call (217) 698-8500, ext. 154.

**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.

**Illinois Right to Life Event**

March 12 (Tues). 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).

**Family Life Center Vision Tour**

March 14 (Thur), from 5-6 pm. Family Life Center in Effingham. 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.

*Parish Families in Faith*



Next classes:  
 March 10, 17, and 24, 2024

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

**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

Council 665 will hold a live Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (a.k.a. Third-Degree Initiation) on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, at the Effingham Event Center. Registration will begin at 6:15 PM and the Exemplification will start at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will last a little over thirty minutes. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Director, Bob Utz, at 217-994-4140, or our Grand Knight, Charlie Tegeler, at 217-663-4797.

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### Reflection Questions

- Reflect on what aspects of your life distract you during Mass. Are these distractions rooted in daily worries, preoccupations with work or relationships, or perhaps the allure of technology and social media? How do these distractions impact your ability to engage with the liturgy and the Eucharist? Consider practical steps you can take to minimize these distractions, such as turning off your phone or practicing mindfulness before Mass begins, to enhance your focus and participation in the celebration.
- Inspired by Jesus' action in the Gospel, take a moment to consider what might need cleansing in your own parish community. Are there practices, attitudes, or behaviors that detract from the sanctity of worship or the sense of community among parishioners? This could range from excessive noise before or after Mass, to a focus on financial matters at the expense of spiritual growth. Discuss with fellow parishioners and church leaders how you might collectively address these issues to foster a more prayerful, welcoming environment.
- Lent calls us to introspection and conversion. Reflect on areas of your life that may be overshadowing your relationship with God. Are there specific habits, such as excessive use of technology, certain lifestyle choices, or even negative thought patterns, that you feel called to change? Identify concrete actions you can take to simplify your life and focus more on God, such as fasting from certain foods, dedicating specific times for prayer, or engaging in acts of service. How can these practices help you to turn back to God with your whole heart this Lent?
- The cleansing of the temple by Jesus serves as a powerful metaphor for personal transformation. Reflect on what "merchants and money changers" exist within your own heart and mind—these could be sinful habits, selfish desires, or anything that keeps you from God. Consider how you can "cleanse your temple" this Lent. What steps can you take to eliminate these distractions or impurities? This might involve seeking reconciliation through Confession, engaging in spiritual reading, or dedicating time for silent meditation. How can such actions help purify your intentions and align your will more closely with God's?

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.

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting St. Pat's Bash on Saturday, March 16 at the Effingham Event Center. Everyone is welcome! Featuring Windy City Dueling Pianos, Live & Silent Auctions, 50/50 Drawing, Golf Cart Raffle, and dinner by Ochs Street Smoked Meats! Doors open at 5:15pm, dinner is at 5:45pm, and entertainment starts at 7:00pm. Event tickets and Golf Cart Raffle tickets are \$50 each and are available in the Sacred Heart Parish office. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase on our website. Visit [sheff.org](http://sheff.org) for more details! All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School.

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/>

### *The Temple*

The gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B takes place in the temple. We must understand that the temple in Jerusalem was considered the most holy place for the Jewish people, and it was a place where they would come to offer sacrifices and worship God. The Israelites believed God was really present in the temple. The sales going on there enabled people traveling from afar to purchase animals for sacrifice. This was a great convenience.

However, the presence of the merchants and money changers had turned the temple into a marketplace, which was not only disrespectful but also a distraction from the true purpose of the temple. Jesus, as the Son of God, recognized this and was filled with a righteous anger that compelled him to drive out the merchants and money changers.

In a similar way, we are called to reflect on this Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B and ask ourselves how we may have turned our own lives into a marketplace, where we prioritize material possessions and worldly pursuits over our relationship with God. Like the merchants and money changers, we may have allowed distractions and temptations to take over our lives, causing us to lose sight of what is truly important.

Fundraisers and youth sports activities are not bad in themselves, but they should not interfere with our attendance at Mass. Our focus must be on the Eucharist. We must not allow what is going on at our parishes to distract us from their central purpose - the worship of God.

We must also recognize that the temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, and that every time we participate in Mass, we are entering into the presence of God. Let us approach the Eucharist with reverence and awe, just as the Jewish people approached the temple in Jerusalem. Let us also strive to make our own bodies and hearts a worthy dwelling place for Christ, so that we may be a true reflection of his love and mercy to the world.

### *Pure Hearts*

In this gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B, Jesus demonstrates the importance of having a pure heart through his actions in the temple. By driving out the merchants and money changers, Jesus was purifying the temple of all that was contrary to God's will. He was removing the distractions and impurities that had taken over the temple and restoring it to its intended purpose as a place of worship and prayer.

As Catholics, we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will. We must be honest with ourselves and acknowledge our own weaknesses and faults, and be willing to ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

One way to purify our hearts is through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, we confess our sins to a priest and receive God's forgiveness and healing grace. This helps us to let go of our past mistakes and start anew with a pure heart.

Another way to purify our hearts is through prayer and reflection. By spending time in prayer and meditating on God's Word, we can allow the Holy Spirit to work within us and transform our hearts. We can also ask God to help us identify areas of our lives that need to be purified, and to give us the strength and courage to make the necessary changes.

Reflection questions found later in the bulletin.