

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

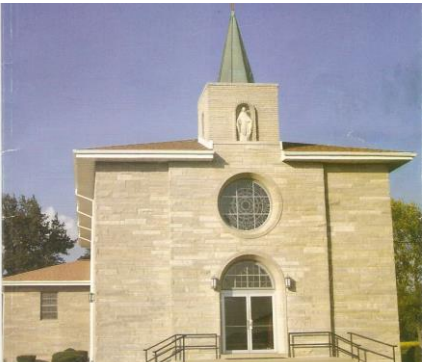
Or by appointment  
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

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!



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.

**April Committee:** Joyce Wells, Dot Thomas, Sara Roepke, Joyce Hoene, Shirley Zacha, Kay Dust

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.....3-24-24**  
Adult.....\$1509.00  
Loose.....\$492.00  
Easter Flowers.....\$65.00  
Catholic Times.....\$15.00  
Holy Land.....\$20.00  
Seminarians.....\$20.00  
Catholic Charities.....\$25.00  
**Total.....\$2146.00**  
Masses \$30.00

**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

**Easter Flower Offerings**  
Henry & Helen Vonderheide  
Ervin & Mildred Beitz  
Eli Vonderheide  
by Charles & Rhonda Vonderheide

Ross & Violet Pautler  
Trobia & Gladys Shadwell  
by Duane & Joyce Shadwell

Andrew Meyer Family  
William Thomas Family  
by Terry & Dot Thomas

Connie Dust

Viola & Clifford McLaughlin  
Lloyd & Wilma Spannagel  
by Greg & Michelle Spannagel

Bolton-Montello Families

Clifford & Viola McLaughlin  
Elza & Faye Storm  
by Dwight & Bev Storm



**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.

HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, Elaine Sieben.  
(April 14)

A SURPRISE open house is set for  
April 13 at the  
Effingham Event Center from 1-4 pm.  
No gifts, but cards please.  
If you would like to send her a card, her address is  
1022 North Maple, Effingham, IL, 62401  
REMEMBER the open house is a surprise!!!



Sacred Heart CCW invites all ladies of our parish to their annual soup supper on Tuesday, April 2 at 6 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Easter Sunday, Mar. 31 -†Sam Sheehan by Greg Michelle Spannagel  
Wednesday, April 3 - †Vicki Waldhoff by Brad Jamie Waldhoff  
Saturday, April 6 -†Karen Fear by Dwight Bev Storm  
Sunday, April 7 –Mass of Thanksgiving by Terry Dot Thomas  
Wednesday, April 10 - †Sam Sheehan by Mary Sandschafer



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.

Happy Birthday



Tom Doedtman 4-1  
Luke Vonderheide 4-1  
Joe Kemme 4-1  
Leah Pruemer 4-3

Parish Council Meeting –  
Wednesday, April 3.  
All are welcome to attend.

*Parish Families in Faith*



Next classes:  
April 14 and 28

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

**break open the tomb**

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of my faith  
that so much of me remains entombed.  
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break  
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break  
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open  
the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open  
the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly  
Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open  
the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,  
break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can  
withstand.  
Help me to roll away this stone  
And find the miracle of new life  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

amen

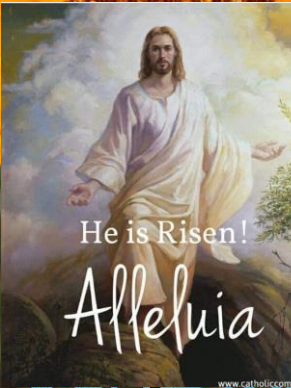


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A Buddhist becomes Catholic – Buddhists make up 1% of the US population, but what about Buddhists who become Catholic? Who knows, but you know it's tiny, yet Dive Deep found one of them! Deena Bell of Springfield joins Dive Deep to share her conversion story from Buddhism to Catholicism. 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?



**Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday.** Let’s prepare ourselves ahead of time.

The readings introduce several deeply intertwined themes that underscore the essence of Christian life, God’s infinite mercy, and the dynamics of faith and community. Here’s a broader look at these themes:

**Unity and Sharing in Community:** The first reading highlights the unity among the early Christians, who shared their possessions and ensured no one was in need. This theme invites us to consider how our communities reflect this spirit of sharing and support.

**Power of Testimony:** Also in Acts, the apostles’ testimony about Jesus’ resurrection plays a crucial role, emphasizing the importance of witnessing to our faith through words and actions.

**Faith in Jesus:** The second reading underscores that belief in Jesus as the Messiah is a sign of our rebirth through God. This theme challenges us to reflect on the depth of our faith and its transformative power.

**Love and Obedience:** In 1 John, love for God and His commandments is portrayed as natural for those born of God. This passage encourages us to view God’s commands not as burdens but as expressions of love.

**Victory through Faith:** The idea that our faith allows us to overcome the world offers encouragement in times of struggle, highlighting faith as a source of strength.

**Peace and Forgiveness:** The Gospel presents Jesus bestowing peace and the authority to forgive sins, illustrating the central role of forgiveness and peace in Christian life.

**Doubt and Belief:** Thomas’ journey from doubt to faith highlights the theme of belief without seeing, offering hope and blessing to future generations of believers.

**Role of the Holy Spirit:** Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit onto His disciples underscores the empowerment and guidance the Spirit provides to believers.

**Inclusivity of Belief:** Jesus’ blessing for those who have not seen but still believe expands the community of faith beyond the eyewitnesses to include all future generations.

**Purpose of the Gospel:** The explicit statement that these events are recorded to help us believe that Jesus is the Messiah invites us to engage with the Gospel in a personal and transformative way.

These themes not only depict the richness of Divine Mercy Sunday’s readings but also call us to live out our faith through community, love, forgiveness, and a deep trust in Jesus’ presence and power.

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

*God Is Always at Work*

Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

The readings for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday remind us of God's goodness, power, and saving work throughout history. From the Creation Story to the Exodus from Egypt, God has been at work, leading his people to freedom and new life. In the Epistle reading, St. Paul exhorts us to die to sin and live for God, emphasizing the importance of baptism and faith in Jesus. And in the Gospel reading, we hear the amazing news of Jesus' Resurrection, which brings hope and new life to all who believe.

*A Message of Hope*

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

*Meaning through Faith*

Luke's writings in the Bible remind us that God sent his Son to free us from sin and death and to live without fear. This message is just as important today as it was in the time of the early Christians. Sometimes, religion can become focused on ceremony and lose its true meaning. The Resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of our faith.

The message of the empty tomb was initially confusing to the disciples. They couldn't understand where the body had gone and what had happened. However, when they were reminded of Jesus' words, the message began to make sense to them. Similarly, the experiences of our lives can sometimes be confusing and difficult to interpret without faith. We need to remember that, through the Resurrection, God has the power to transform our lives.

The early disciples were so energized by the shock of the Resurrection that nothing, not even death or persecution, could stop them from spreading the Good News. We too, as Christians, must be willing to hear the message of transformation and then spread it to others. We should not keep the Good News to ourselves, but share it with others so that they too can experience the joy and hope that comes from knowing Jesus.

*Rejoice and Be Glad*

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

*Reflection Questions for Easter*

- In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life?
- What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?
- How has the message of Easter transformed your life?
- What areas of your life need transformation through the Resurrection?
- How can you share the message of the Resurrection with others effectively?
- How has the Resurrection brought you hope during difficult times?