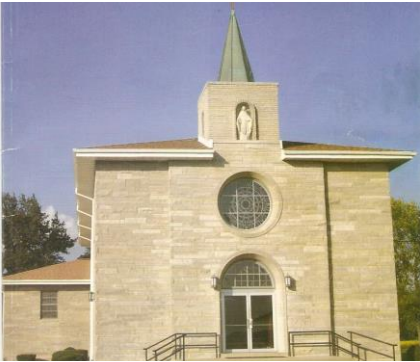


St. Mary’s Catholic Church

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.



Green Creek Mass Times:
Friday – 8 am
Saturday – 6 pm
Sunday – 10:30 am

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

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
Martha Fearday
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
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
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
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

Invitation to join an In-Person Book Study during Lent - No Fee Led by Pati Jansen and Sister Jane Boos, SSND
Book: 'Becoming an Ordinary Mystic' by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM ISBN: 978-0-8308-4657-3 (print) 978-0-8308-7057-8 (digital)
Thursdays March 16 - May 18, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 pm Every two weeks St. Anthony Parish Hall, Effingham; participants purchase their own book
To register: Email pati@jansenfam.com or iboossnd@gmail.com or call 217-622-4997 before March 10, 2023

Weekly Offering.....	2-26-23
Adults.....	\$2595.00
Loose.....	\$727.00
<u>Central Europe.....</u>	<u>\$160.00</u>
Total	\$3482.00

Everyone is welcome to attend the 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. Fr. Sunder Ery will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes-March 1, 2023

Those in attendance Fr. Al Allen, Karen Kemme, Ed Kemme, John Neu, Justin Conder, George Conder, John Adams, Leslie Kemme, Donna Davis, Alice Richards, Terry Hoene, and Joyce Shadwell

Maintenance –Doors were looked at and adjusted. The WiFi is still very spotty.

CCW- Jan 10 meeting – 66 in attendance (visiting CCWs)-Lisa Niemeyer was the guest speaker. March 7 is the next meeting they will be picking a Woman of Distinction. March 9 the officers will be in Vandalia to deanery council meeting. March 25 –Feast of the Annunciation Mass and Dinner (more details after the meeting on the 7th).

Old Business—

Karen said the banking switch should be complete. She just has to get deposit books put into the money counters supply tote.

A Parish Hall Committee meeting was held on Feb. 28. Those present did some brainstorming. We were to do a 5K in May, but it will be rescheduled. We will have another pork chop dinner in the fall and another bigger fundraiser later.

New Business

Capital Campaign-We need to apply for a capital campaign for fundraising for the parish hall. Ed and Leslie Kemme will work with Fr. Al to get paper work done.

Mass Schedules for Holy Week are still a work in progress.

Confirmation/First Communion is June 3 in Springfield. We will recognize the class at Mass on June 11.

Thoughts from parishioners:

- The parishioner would like for silence before and after Mass especially during the season of lent. Father does agree there needs to be more of quiet atmosphere after Mass, but doesn't have a solution because we don't have another suitable place to gather.
- Larry Lieb wants to show a video in conjunction with Mother's Day. The CCW is going to do something for Mother's Day so CCW will talk with Larry about it.
- What are we doing in terms of the Eucharistic Revival?— Father said he would like to try to get Adoration a couple times a week for a few hours. It was also suggested that a Corpus Christi procession in conjunction with celebration of First communion children could take place.
- A suggestion was made to subscribe to Formed. Father agreed subscribing to Formed would be a good idea. Donna will check on it. Donna also suggested that maybe we have a monthly check in about what we are learning through Formed or book.

Next meeting date: April 12, 2023. All members of the parish are welcome to attend!!!

NOTE THIS IS A WEEK LATER DUE TO HOLY WEEK.



Saturday, March 4 –Bernard Ruholl by family

Sunday, March 5-

Wednesday, March 8 - Della Wernsing by Alice Richards

Saturday, March 11 –

Sunday, March 12 – Helene Newsome by Emily Newsome

Wednesday, March 15 - 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 on the bulletin board and in the cry room.

Happy Birthday



Jack Holland 3-6

Kathy Brown 3-10

Ben Thompson 3-11

CCW Meeting is March 7 at 6:30pm.

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.

Lenten Regulations and St. Patrick's Day

ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

THIS INCLUDE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!! Our diocese is not giving a dispensation for this day.

You must still follow the guidelines.

For a just cause in individual cases, a pastor can grant a dispensation from the obligation of observing a day of penance or can grant a commutation of the obligation into other pious good works (per canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law). The faithful who are desirous of such a dispensation or commutation of the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, should speak with their pastor.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER--Join us for a celebration as Father Flach from Knights of Columbus blesses the NEW ultrasound machine recently donated by them to the Family Life Center! We are so excited and blessed to have an amazing organization supporting our ministry!

We welcome the community to take a tour of our center and learn about the great things we are doing to help vulnerable families in our community! Appetizers and desserts will be available for this celebration!

Family Connection

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33..

Say yes to a 3 day beautiful experience
at camp Walter Scott.

If you're:

- So busy, don't know which end is up?
- Distant from Jesus, but want His Peace?
- Tired of the rat race, need a break?
- Looking to refresh, rest, renew?

So many in our area have
found a treasure in DeColores.
It's your turn!

* The Men's Weekend, March 16-19;
Lay leader: Scott Kastl 217-343-8206
knightsrk2009@gmail.com

* The Women's Weekend, March 23-26;
Lay leader, Carol Toney 217-821-7607
caroltoney52@gmail.com



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.

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.

**** ACTION ALERT ****Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid pharmacy chains will soon begin selling the abortion pill (mifepristone). This is a disastrous expansion of abortion! Abortion pills kill almost half a million children in the womb each year in the US, and are dangerous for the women who take them.

Help us stop the deadly abortion pill from coming to Effingham pharmacies. Let them know: We don't want an abortion provider in our community!

What can I do? Contact the Effingham Walgreens pharmacy manager and store manager. Respectfully ask them to reject sale of the abortion pill.

- Stop in during pharmacy hours (8 am to 8 pm).
- Write a letter and send to: Walgreens 1200 W. Fayette Ave. Effingham, IL 62401
- Call them at 217-342-6075

For more information or to stay informed, send an email to tvkemme@frontiernet.net.

REFLECTIONS— The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent focus on our personal encounter with God. The first reading tells of how Abraham encountered God and trusted in the call he heard. The psalm is " Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. ", which echoes the theme of trust heard in the first reading The second reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength. And in the gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration, when Peter, James, and John encountered Jesus in all of his glory.

In the first reading, Abram is called by God to leave his home and kin and go to an unknown land. In an act of great trust, he obeys. He does not know what lies ahead, but he walks in faith. We must also walk in faith, especially during our Lenten journey. His faith is a result of his encounter with God.

In the transfiguration, Peter, James and John also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. The change in his face, which "shown like the sun" and his clothes which became "white as light" are a reference back to Moses appearance after receiving the Ten Commandments.

The transfiguration also foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus. In his appearance to Mary of Magdala at the tomb, he also had bright white clothes. And clearly something was significantly different about his appearance, for Mary did not recognize him.

Do I recognize Jesus when I encounter him?

Am I open to being transformed?

Can I think of a significant event where I encountered the divine presence?
(young-catholics.com)

Give Up Complaining for Lent--It's Not Easy--It is so easy to fall into the habit of complaining. Try to give up complaining for Lent. To really not complain at all is more difficult than it sounds. So don't complain about anything. At all. Really. Fast from complaints entirely. If doing it for all of Lent seems to big a job to start with, try it for a week or even just one day.

"Pessimism and complaining are not Christian. We were not made to be downcast, but to look up to heaven." Pope Francis

And to stretch yourself, if you are tempted to complain, think of something to be grateful for instead. Make it something related to the thing you were about to complain about. So if you were about to complain about the traffic on the way to school, be grateful that you have transportation instead.

Try to give up complaining for Lent as a family. You will be amazed at how it can transform your household. And no complaining if another member of the family complains.

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/>

Seats on a Bales bus are limited so text now. TEXT 217-663-2056 Diann Ruholl deadline March 6. Leaving Eff KC hall at 8AM, bring a sack lunch, return 5PM. Cost \$20 and a pkg of pampers to help Family Life Center. Deadline is Feb24 for ordering hoodies Cost \$30.