

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Father Albert (Al) Allen, Pastor

Father Mark Tracy, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joe (Pat) Emmerich

Reconciliation Time: Saturdays 4:15-5:00 pm

Wednesdays 7:45-8:15

Or by appointment

Mass Times: Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:30 am

Ph #- St. Mary's 690-2640 (general inquiries)

St. Anthony 347-7129 (make appt w/priest)

Emergency 703-1042

www.stmarysshumway.org

Contact info for Bulletin Announcements

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RESERVING CHURCH BASEMENT-

Please contact Donna Davis to get on the calendar.

Diocese Website: www.dio.org



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

8:30 AM DAILY

9:15 AM Sunday

Other Parishes' Mass Times:

St. Anthony – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:15 am & 11:00 am

Sacred Heart – Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am Spanish 7:00pm

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 Ruholl

Timber Miller

Shelia Rosine

Sharon Moore

Bill Nuxoll

Rosemary Vonderheide

Eugene Westendorf

Debbie Meyer

Clete Westendorf

Keith Willenborg

Marilyn Zerrusen

Helen Kollinger

Elizabeth Weidner

Mrs. Scott (Stacey)

Vonderheide



Contact Donna Davis to add or remove someone.
Thank You.

April Committee: Tory Holste,
Michelle Spannagel, Sandra Laue,
Janice Monroe, Jamie Vonderheide,
Kathy Worman, Karen Neu

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 27</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>	<u>May 1</u>
	Palm Sunday					
Ushers	Thomas Davis Jesse Davis		Josh Spannagel Howard Dust	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Thomas Davis Jesse Davis
Servers	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel		Trey Brown Isaac Wells	Anna Brown Abby Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel
Lector	Donna/Katrina Davis		Jesse Davis	Thomas Davis	Christy Brown	Donna Davis
Euch Min	Mike Holland		Katrina Davis	Howard Dust	Beth Spannagel	Don Brown
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March. 28</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>April 11</u>	<u>April 18</u>	<u>April 25</u>	<u>May 2</u>
	Palm Sunday					
Ushers	Jason Pruemmer Josh Miller		Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Josh Spannagel	Jason Vonderheide Jim Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Servers	Wylie Miller Rory Miller		Isaac Pruemmer Jacob Vonderheide	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel	Noah Pruemmer Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Jack Holland
Lector	Terry Hoene Reagan McCormick		Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemmer	Reagan McCormick	Terry Hoene
Euch Min	Roy Waldhoff		Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller	Jason Pruemmer	Linda Doedtman
Money Counters	Waldhoff Spannagel		Doedtman Shadwell	Kemme, Hoene Adams	Bales, Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder



Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40 for 40 Seminarians!

Weekly Offering.....4-4/21
Adult\$2035.00
Children\$10.00
Loose\$240.00
Good Friday.....\$295.00
Seminarians \$540.00
Total \$3120.00

Financial Giving: Thank you to those who continue to make contributions to St. Mary's Parish. We appreciate your generosity. We thank you for fulfilling your stewardship commitments, even when you are unable to attend church. You can mail envelopes to PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

Family Connection- John 20:19-31 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.



Saturday, April 10 – Helen Vonderheide by Charley Rhonda Vonderheide
Sunday, April 11 – Kenneth Westjohn by Rodney Terry Hoene Family
Wed. April 14 – Leon Vonderheide by Teresa Tegeler
Saturday, April 17 – Roy Wakefield by Sally Wakefield and family
Sunday, April 18 – Ross Pautler by Duane Shadwell Family

Please call, text, or email Donna Davis (info on front page) to schedule an intention or put an envelope in the collection basket with the information. Calendar of available dates is on the bulletin board at church.

Families in Faith



Next class April 11. All are welcome to come to breakfast and join Fr. Mark's class. You don't have to have kids in PSR to come.
Remember we have breakfast, class, and end with family time. Server training after class!!!

Happy Birthday



Elaine Sieben 4-14
Joe Conder 4-15



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Alan & Geannine Kessler 4-12-80
41 years
Don & Christy Brown 4-17-04
17 years
Dale & Kathy Worman 4-17-82
39 years

Perpetual Adoration at the chapel at St. Anthony Hospital.

In an effort to fill all spots to return to perpetual adoration, we are asking for assistance for the following dates, please contact the listed person if you are interested:

Sunday – Karie Sudkamp – 217-821-3154 – midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 1pm (1st Sunday), noon (4th Sunday), 3pm (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays).

Monday – Connie Wegman – 217-821-6364 – midnight (3rd and 5th Mondays), 1am, 2am (every other week), noon, 1pm (5th week), 8pm (4th Monday)

Tuesday – Irene Koester – 217-821-4595 – midnight, 2am, 3am

Wednesday – Bernice Sandschafer – 217-536-6320– 2am, 11am (need someone to share)

Thursday – Mary Sandschafer – 217-821-8098 – 1am (5th Thursdays) 2am (5th Thursday), and 4am

Friday – Brad Koenig – 217-690-3333 – 1am, 9am (2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays), 4pm (2nd Friday), 6pm (3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays), 11pm (1st, 2nd, and 5th Fridays)

Saturday – Anne Wilson – 217-821-1313 – 1am, 2am, 4am, 5pm (2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays), 10pm

If you do not feel you can fill all weeks of a given time slot, encourage a friend or family member to join you in splitting up the weeks. This is a great opportunity to grow closer to God.

Dive Deep - Running for a Higher Purpose: Eight steps to spiritual and physical fitness – that's the theme of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki's new book, Running for a Higher Purpose, now available for purchase at holygoalie.net. Perfect for runners, Bishop Paprocki joins Dive Deep to explain why the book may be exactly what you need to give your spiritual and physical well-being a boost. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and to register to win a free, signed copy of the book!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life to celebrate our precious Gift of Life at St Mary Help of Christians in Green Creek on Monday April 19. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm mass and business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Al Allen, John Neu, Kathy Adams, Ed Kemme, Charley Vonderheide, Terry Hoene, Jesse Davis
Others present: Leslie Kemme, Dot Thomas, Donna Davis, Rhonda Vonderheide, Alice Richards, John Adams

Reports

Maintenance –No Report

Cemetery – Committee has not met yet. They will set up a meeting with Fr Al soon.

Right to Life –We will be doing the Family Life Center Baby Bottle fundraiser again this year from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

CCW – On June 6 Kay Conder and Sally Wakefield will be recognized at the Cathedral in Springfield as the Woman of Distinction for 2020 and 2021. The May meeting will honor mothers. Tuesday, May 4 at 630PM

Old Business

All call system is up and running. At this time Donna will take care of sending out messages. Donna is in the process of getting the number for texting and calling to be the same. She will post in the bulletin when that is finalized. She is also working the reports of calls that have gone out to see which numbers are not receiving calls and or texts.

New Business

Christy Brown said she would chair an environment/decorating committee. A notice will be put in a bulletin for people who would like to be on the committee to contact Christy.

Picnic date is Saturday, August 21, 2021 – Committee will meet May 2 at Brew Bank in Stewardson 2pm.

Anyone who would like to help is welcome to join the committee.

It was discussed and approved to move some monies (Cemetery fund and parish operating funds) to the diocese to earn more interest than what we are currently receiving in our savings and checking accounts.

Next meeting date: May 5, 2021 6:30 ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS.



Church Decorating/Environment Committee- This committee would be in charge of decorating the church for the liturgical seasons. Christy Brown has volunteered to be the chair of this committee. If you would like to help, please contact her at 217-273-5177.

Church picnic will be Saturday, August 21, 2021. If you would like to help plan this parish event, there will be a meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 2pm at the Brew Bank in Stewardson.



Fr. Al's Ramblings Open your hearts to love one another and receive the joy of Easter.

Last Sunday in my ramblings I told you that Easter is more than just a day; the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Just in the past week I have counseled both old and young with such things as illness in the family, loss of jobs, fear of what is happening in the world with this Pandemic and the related stress it places on our lives. The current situation make feeling joyful particularly difficult – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings very well. We believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis once said of the Easter season, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing with those who are sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Al

Feed Your Soul Gospel Reflections

Here is a new program from Dynamic Catholic - a weekly preview of the upcoming Gospels! We are excited to share with you another game-changer from Dynamic Catholic! Feed Your Soul Gospel Reflections is a new email program in which participants will receive a weekly video from Matthew Kelly or Allen Hunt discussing the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. We've created this program to help parishioners become more prepared and engaged in the Mass each Sunday – or maybe even inspire you to return to Mass if you haven't yet. Sign up for the weekly video at

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/feed-your-soul.html>