

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](http://www.stmarysshumway.org)

Email: [www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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  
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.

**April Committee:** Deb Stremming, Carolyn Hakman,  
Angie Vonderheide, Terry Hoene, Connie Bales

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 Jesse	<div>HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES –VOLUNTEERS. SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM.</div> <div>Holy Thursday 4-6      6:30 pm Good Friday 4-7      6 pm Easter Vigil 4-8      7:30 pm Easter 4-9      8:00 am</div>		Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Thomas Davis Don Brown
Ech Min	Mike			Rosemary Holland	Jesse Davis, Mike Holland, Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Kathy			Jason Wells Family	Jesse Davis Family
Greeters	Davis			Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	March			March 26 Families in Faith	April 2 Palm Sunday
Servers	Grady Weston Isaac			Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel Braxton Hoene
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemer	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemer& Terry Hoene
Ushers	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff George Conder	Joe Conder Gene Doedtman	Jason Pruemer Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu
Ech Min	Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller	Jason Pruemer	Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Jason Pruemer 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 Irene Koester	March 15 Teresa Tegeler	March 22 Kay Conder	March 29 Linda Doedtman	April 5 Irene Koester

From slavery to the nation’s first black priest – Quincy’s Fr. Augustine Tolton – Fr. Augustine Tolton had to overcome many things in life – slavery, racism, prejudice, and hatred. Despite that, his love for God and neighbor makes him a model for us to follow. Learn about the incredible story of Fr. Tolton from slave to the nation’s first black priest, an update on his cause to sainthood, and what Fr. Tolton teaches us today so we can live a more virtuous life. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

**Weekly  
Offering.....**  
**3-26-23**  
Total..... \$1771.00

**Family Connection** Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus’ Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday’s Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew’s Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday: Matthew 26:14-25

Tuesday: Matthew 26:26-35

Wednesday: Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday: Matthew 26:57—27:14

Friday: Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord’s Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as “Jesus, Jesus,” “Were You There?” or “What Wondrous Love Is This.”



SCHEDULE

Shumway	Green Creek	
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



- Saturday, April 1 –
- Sunday, April 2 – Sarah Kelly by Teresa Tegeler
- Wednesday, April 5 –
- Saturday, April 8 – Ella Bolton and members of the Bolton, Stump, Montello and Witken families
- Sunday, April 9 – Linda Westjohn by Rodney Hoene family
- Wednesday, April 12 -

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



Leah Pruemer 4-3

*Families in Faith*

Next classes—  
March 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death and resurrection — through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

**Palm Sunday:** Liturgical color, red. Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem, the people wave palm branches at him shouting “Hosanna”.

**Holy Monday:** Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and his disciples go into the temple, and Jesus overturns the tables since people are selling things rather than praying there.

**Holy Tuesday:** Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and the disciples return to the temple and teach the people many things with parables and give the people the new commandment.

**Holy Wednesday** (AKA Spy Wednesday): Liturgical color, purple. Judas agrees to hand over Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus’ death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. However, in the liturgy, each day has its unique qualities and different focuses.

**Holy Thursday** (AKA Green Thursday): Liturgical color, white. Jesus has the Last Supper, which is the institution of the Eucharist and Sacrament of Holy Orders. He also washes the feet of his disciples. Jesus asks his disciples to pray in the garden with him all night, and they fall asleep. At the end of the liturgy, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most somber of feasts, Good Friday.

**Good Friday:** Liturgical color, black. Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus’ crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. Good Friday is not merely a commemoration of a historical event; rather, Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross, along with his glorious resurrection, comprise the heart of the Christian faith.

Good Friday is not a Mass; holy Communion that is distributed had been consecrated on Holy Thursday and kept in the tabernacle for adoration. Also, many parishes offer Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

**Holy Saturday -Easter Vigil:** The Easter Vigil is the restoration of the early Church’s tradition as the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. It is the high point in the liturgical year. The vigil begins in darkness (usually outside) and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ’s death and resurrection.

**Easter Sunday**

Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass with the singing of the Gloria and alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist. The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for the whole family!

**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.

**PIG OUT BREAKFAST—**  
Sausage, eggs, biccuits/gravy  
Sacred Heart, Effingham  
Sunday, April 2 7am-noon  
Large Plate \$9 Small Plate \$6



**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.

**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!

**REFLECTIONS—** Suffering and Abandoned

As we enter into Holy Week, the readings for Palm Sunday Year A invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus’ sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We see Jesus as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, surrounded by crowds of people who wave palm branches and shout his praises. This image reminds us of Jesus’ identity as a powerful and beloved leader who comes to save us from sin and death.

At the same time, we are also reminded of the cost of Jesus’ sacrifice. The Gospel reading from Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 describes the events leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion, including his betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, and his sentencing by Pilate. We see Jesus’ selflessness and obedience, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation.

The theme of feeling abandoned is also present in the readings. Jesus’ cry of “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” in Matthew 27:46 reminds us of the depth of Jesus’ suffering and his identification with all those who have ever felt abandoned or alone. Yet even in his darkest hour, Jesus expressed trust in God’s ultimate protection and proclaimed God’s glory to others.

The readings on Palm Sunday Year A also provide us with the opportunity to place ourselves in the events of Holy Week and consider how we would have responded had we been there. Perhaps we would have been among the crowd on the street singing Hosanna, or maybe we would have been complaining about these demonstrators who were disrupting our preparations for the Passover.

We might have been sitting next to Peter, denying we even know the Lord, fearful and afraid. Or we might have been among the crowd calling for the crucifixion of Jesus. There are other people to identify with: Simon of Cyrene who was forced to serve, the women at the foot of the cross who steadfastly stayed close to Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea who provides what he can, the women who keep vigil at the tomb.

Chances are we can see ourselves in many of these people. This is an opportunity to think about how we respond to Jesus in our own lives.

As we further reflect on these readings for Palm Sunday Year A, we are invited to consider our own response to Jesus’ sacrifice. Are we willing to follow his example of love, humility, and selflessness? Are we willing to trust in God’s ultimate protection, even in the face of suffering and despair? These are difficult questions, but they are essential for our growth and our relationship with God.

As we journey through Holy Week, let us take time to reflect on the depth of Jesus’ sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May we be inspired by his selflessness and obedience, and may we be strengthened in our commitment to follow him, even in the midst of adversity.

- What do you imagine it would have been like to be among the crowds that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? How might you have responded?
- How do the readings for Palm Sunday challenge you to reflect on Jesus’ identity as a humble and peaceful king who sacrificed himself for the salvation of humanity?
- In what ways do you identify with the people in the Passion narrative – Peter, Judas, the women at the foot of the cross, etc.? What do their experiences teach you about your own relationship with God?
- How does Jesus’ cry of “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” in Matthew 27:46 speak to your own experiences of feeling abandoned or alone?
- How can you follow Jesus’ example of love, humility, and selflessness in your own life, particularly during Holy Week and the Easter season?
- How can you cultivate a deeper sense of trust in God’s ultimate protection and providence, even in the face of suffering and despair?
- How does the story of Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week invite you to consider your own response to Jesus’ sacrifice and your commitment to follow him?

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