

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

Email: stmarysshumway@gmail.com

Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

To reserve the church basement please call
1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

John Adams 618-322-2874

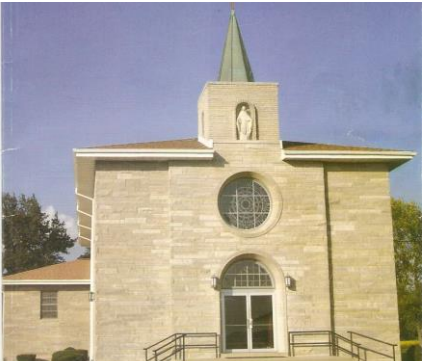
Matt Childerson 217-254-5896

Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators

Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399

Dot Thomas 217-259-8560



Green Creek Mass Times:

Friday – 8 am

Saturday – 6 pm

Sunday – 10:30 am

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!

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.

May Committee: Angie Vonderheide, Terry Hoene, Deb Stremming, Teresa Miller, Carolyn Hackman
Connie Bales

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Trey Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Trey Brown Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown
Lector	Alaina Miller	Abby Brown	Christy Brown	Katrina Davis	Donna Davis
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland
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	Donna Davis Kathy Brown Katrina Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells family	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Jesse Davis Family
SUN 8am	April 28- Parish Families in Faith	May 5 Celebrate Moms/Dads and Crowning/Rosary	May 12	May 19	May 26
Servers	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim	Charly Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder
Ech Min	Roy Waldhoff Lisa Thompson Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Leslie Kemme Barb Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Lisa Thompson Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Leslie Kemme Barb Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Lisa Thompson Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Justin Conder Family	Greg Michelle Spannagel
Greeters	Ed Leslie Kemme	John Karen Neu	Jim Mary Miller	Rosemary Vonderheide	Wanda Todd Ohnesorge
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22
	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman	Wiley Miller	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

Weekly Offering.....4-21-24
Adult.....\$1238.00
Loose.....\$346.00
Total.....\$1584.00

Parish Hall Update:

Our current funds -- \$97,046.93

Upcoming events:

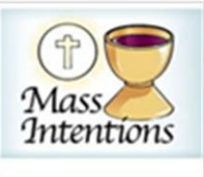
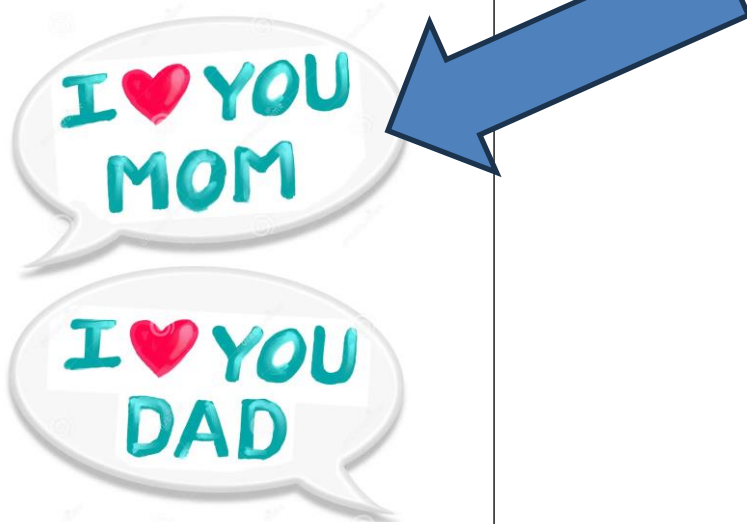
Sept. 22- Pork Chop Dinner (in conjunction with the Shumway Sesquicentennial Celebration)

Next Parish Council Meeting—
Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30pm



The Parish Family is invited to celebrate the greatest saint and our mother, Mary along with all our mothers and fathers after Mass on Sunday, May 5.

There will be a crowning ceremony and then we will honor Mary by praying the rosary. (This will start about 10 min after the conclusion of Mass.) After the rosary all are invited to come downstairs for donuts/sweet breads in honor all mothers and fathers. If anyone would like to bring an item to share it would be greatly appreciated. There are sign up sheets at each entrance. Please sign up by **THIS** Sunday, April 28th.



Saturday, April 27 - †Sam Sheehan by Don Cindy Bloemer
 Sunday, April 28 - †Vicki Waldhoff by Brad Jamie Waldhoff
 Wednesday, May 1 - †Sam Sheehan by Carolyn Hackman
 Saturday, May 4 – †Sam Sheehan by Teresa Tegeler
 Sunday, May 5 – †Mildred & Albert Tegeler by family
 Wednesday, May 8 - †Angela Jansen 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.

Happy Birthday



Fred Dust 4-30
 Christy Bales 4-30
 Christy Brown 5-1
 Leslie Kemme 5-4

The Baby Bottle Project, a fundraiser for the Family Life Center, begins on Mother's Day. WE WILL START NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 5 TO COINCIDE WITH OUR MOTHER/FATHER CELEBRATION. Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change or other donation and return it to church on Father's Day. Your donations will help the Family Life Center offer pro-life services at no cost to clients, including: pregnancy tests; limited ultrasound; STI testing, treatment & risk education; baby items; and educational classes and resources. Clients are able to participate in these programs: Prenatal Education, Post-Birth, Breastfeeding Classes, Dadz Class, Momz Class and Post Abortion Support. Sexual Risk Avoidance (abstinence) Education to area schools/churches is also offered. Please support our local pro-life efforts. YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

Catholic Charities Fish Fry Catered by Country Rhodes Catering will be held on May 2 from 4-7 PM at Tuscan Hills Winery. The all you can eat buffet is \$14 per adult/carry out and \$10 per child. There will be a premium buffet available for \$50 per person. The premium buffet includes Crab and Butterfly Shrimp.

Webinar about Assisted Suicide – Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for Illinois. Watch this video where Fr. Peter Harman and Fr. Christopher Trummer discuss this important topic: <https://youtu.be/-J7bXytwC6c> . Or join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday, 12:30-1:00 pm. Email dmoore@dio.org to get a link to join the webinar.

SonRise Men's Breakfast Welcomes Ben Sawyer May 3 Ben Sawyer, Director of the Family Life Center joins the SonRise Breakfast to share the Mission of the Family Life Center and the abundant life for parents and babies. He'll also share insights on the Dadz ministry. Mission of the Family, is the SonRise focus this Spring to proclaim the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and the family SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings for men from multiple parishes. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am.

Parish Families in Faith

Next class:
 April 28

Youth Group will meet at the church this Sunday April 28th from 6-7:30pm.. Food and Drinks will be provided. Contact Katrina (217-240-4291) with any questions.

Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival
 7-week series Beginning Wed. May 8 @ 6:30PM St. Mary's, Shumway No registration necessary
 Jesus Is Calling Us Deeper--He promises to restore and renew his people. This is a great way to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress in July in Indianapolis. There is still time to sign up to attend the Congress.

Do have a graduate you would like included in the bulletin? Please email names to stmarysshumway@gmail.com by May 15.

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Very limited National Eucharistic Congress tickets available for nearly half price - The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has pre-purchased weeklong passes to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July at a discounted rate, and we'd like to offer the opportunity to the people of our diocese. Passes are \$200 (a savings of \$160) and can be purchased at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=XebMkt>. Confirmation of this purchase will come in an email in which you will receive a payment code. After you receive that payment code, you will then need to register for the Eucharistic Congress itself by going here: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>. When checking out after clicking a “full event pass,” you will then put in your code during the payment option so the price becomes \$0. Lodging, meals, and travel will need to be booked and paid for separately.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 19th, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis.

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- Reflect on a time when you experienced a significant change in your life, especially in your faith. What was the catalyst for this change, and how did you respond to it? How does the story of Paul's transformation inspire you to embrace your own journey of faith more fully?
- When have you felt called to speak or act boldly for your faith, but found it challenging? What held you back, and how can you overcome these obstacles in the future? Consider one way you can practice boldness in your faith this week.
- Community Building: Think about your role within your faith community. Are there ways you could contribute more actively to building a welcoming and supportive environment? How can you help ensure that everyone feels valued and included, especially those who might feel on the fringes?
- Love in Action: Reflect on the statement from 1 John about love not being merely in words but in actions and truth. Can you identify recent actions you've taken that express your love for others in a concrete way? What is one action you can take this week to show love more tangibly?
- How do you understand the relationship between love, obedience, and freedom in your spiritual life? In what ways might God be inviting you to grow in obedience to His commandments, particularly those to believe in Jesus and love one another?
- Reflect on the metaphor of the vine and the branches. How connected do you feel to Christ in your daily life? What practices help you remain in Him, and what might be some "pruning" you need to undergo to bear more fruit?
- Consider the fruits of your life and faith. What fruits are you most proud of, and what areas feel barren or in need of growth? How can you cooperate with God's grace to become more fruitful in those areas?
- In light of the early Christians' example, how do you see yourself contributing to the mission of the Church today? What are some specific ways you can participate in evangelization, whether through words, actions, or presence?

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

We've all experienced moments of feeling like outsiders, awkwardly on the fringes of a group, unsure of our place or welcome. This experience can be profoundly isolating, highlighting our deepest insecurities and fears. Imagine, then, the daunting challenge faced by St. Paul. Following his dramatic conversion, he found himself in a precarious position. Once a fervent persecutor of Christians, he was now passionate about spreading the very faith he had tried to destroy.

The first reading captures this pivotal moment. Despite the understandable suspicion and fear from the disciples, Paul "spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord." His courage wasn't just about speaking; it was about embodying a new way of living, characterized by a radical commitment to the Gospel.

This boldness is not unique to Paul. It is a calling for all Christians, even today. Many of us shy away from actively sharing our faith, daunted by the prospect of evangelization. Yet, the early Church flourished precisely because of such boldness in both word and action. This challenges us to consider: How are we called to be bold in our faith today? How might our words and actions contribute to building up the Church and spreading the Gospel?

Building Community through Action

The early Christian community was revolutionary. It wasn't just about belief; it was about a new way of living together, where everyone's needs were met, and love was the guiding principle. The actions of the early Christians were as crucial as their words in spreading the message of Jesus. They lived their faith in such a way that it drew others to join them, fascinated by the love they showed to one another and the marginalized in society.

This calls us to reflect on our communities. Are we creating spaces where everyone feels welcome and valued? Are our actions reflective of the Gospel's call to love and serve one another? Building a community that mirrors the early Church requires both bold proclamation and bold living.

Bearing Fruit

The Gospel presents us with the beautiful metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus emphasizes the importance of remaining in Him to bear fruit. Like branches that cannot survive, let alone bear fruit when severed from the vine, our spiritual lives wither without a deep and sustaining connection to Christ. This imagery invites us to consider the nature of the fruit we're called to bear. It's not merely about individual accomplishments but about contributing to the flourishing of the whole community, to the glory of God.

Bearing fruit requires trust and drawing strength from the Lord. It involves pruning—letting go of what hinders our growth and embracing a process of spiritual refinement. This is not always comfortable, but it is necessary for growth. In the spirit of the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B, we are reminded that our efforts, grounded in faith and sustained by grace, can lead to abundant life for ourselves and for others.

As we reflect on the readings, we are called to embrace boldness in our proclamation and living of the Gospel, to foster communities grounded in love and service, and to bear fruit that brings glory to God. Let us draw strength from our connection to Christ, the true vine, trusting that He will guide and sustain us in our journey. Just as the early Christians' boldness in faith and action played a pivotal role in the growth of the Church, so too are we called to be instruments of God's love and grace in the world today.

Reflection questions on a later page in the bulletin.

FOLLOW ME

Pray — Experience — Witness



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Be there when **GOD** moves in your community!

- MONDAY, JULY 8 — COLLINSVILLE AND ALTON**
1-3 p.m. — Bishop Michael McGovern of the Diocese of Belleville will hand off the national traveling monstrance to Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at St. Peter and Paul Church in Collinsville (adoration and procession to follow)
5:30-7 p.m. — Potluck dinner and witness talks at St. Mary Church in Alton
7-8 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at St. Mary Church
- TUESDAY, JULY 9 — ALTON AND QUINCY**
8:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church in Alton
9-11:30 a.m. — Eucharistic procession through Alton
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession from St. Peter Church in Quincy to the grave of Venerable Father Augustine Tolton
7:30-8:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner and witness talks at St. Francis Solanus Church
8:30-9:30 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at St. Francis Solanus Church
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 — GIRARD AND SPRINGFIELD**
8 a.m. — Mass at St. Francis Solanus Church in Quincy
1-1:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession at the Monastery of Mary the Queen in Girard
3:30-5 p.m. — Eucharistic procession at St. Francis of Assisi Campus in Springfield
5:30-7:30 p.m. — Dinner and witness talks at St. Francis of Assisi Conference Center
7:30 p.m. - 5:45 a.m. — All night Eucharistic adoration at St. Francis of Assisi Church
- THURSDAY, JULY 11 — SPRINGFIELD AND EFFINGHAM**
7 a.m. — Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield (Bishop Paprocki is main celebrant)
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession through Springfield
5:30-7:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer, potluck dinner and witness talks at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham
7:30-8:30 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at Sacred Heart Church
- FRIDAY, JULY 12 — EFFINGHAM AND TEUTOPODIS**
8:30 a.m. — Adoration and procession beginning at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
9:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Effingham
10:45-11:30 a.m. — Eucharistic procession/adoration at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis

* Schedule and locations subject to change



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

7-WEEK SERIES BEGINNING
WED. MAY 8 6:30PM
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No registration necessary

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