

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!



Steven Bierman
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
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide
Jane Emmerich
Timber Miller
Marita Elson



May Committee: Barb Davis, Jodi McCormick,
Hilary Conder, Diane Conder, Jill Conder

Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add
or remove someone. Thank
You.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13
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 Thomas Davis
Lector	Christy Brown	Thomas Davis	Jesse Davis	Alaina Miller	Abby Brown
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Mike Holland Don Brown	Thomas Davis Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland
Ech Min	Don Brown Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Mike Holland	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Jesse Davis Rosemary Holland Mike Holland	Don Brown Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland
Gift Bearers	Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family
SUN 8am	April 16 Families in Faith	April 23 Families in Faith	April 30 Families in Faith	May 7	May 14
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Isaac Pruemmer	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Noah Pruemmer Jacob Vonderheide Olivia Vonderheide	Zoey Conder Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemmer	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemmer
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman
Ech Min	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemmer Lisa Waldhoff Leslie Kemme	Roy Waldhoff Timber Miller Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Justin Conder family
Greeters	Wally Thompson Family	Brock Vonderheide Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide	Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Money Counters	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Kemme, Hoene, Adams	Bales, Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10
	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder

Mattoon Catholic Charities will be hosting its annual fundraiser at The Walkway located at 1501 Lake Land Blvd in Mattoon on Saturday, May 13, 2023.
Unlock the mystery at this Murder Mystery Dinner by Mafia Murders. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a meal by Griffin’s Catering. Ticket(s) may be purchased in advance on our website at cc.dio.org. If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation you may do so on our website: cc.dio.org/ways_to_give/donate/.

Weekly Offering.....4-23-23
Adults..... \$1115.00
Loose..... \$354.00
Total..... \$1469.00

Eucharistic Revival---Use the following websites to find some spiritual reading about the Eucharistic Revival.
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog>



Over 1,500 years ago, Pope St. Leo the Great uttered a statement that has reverberated down the ages to our very day: Christian, remember your dignity.

Made in God's image and likeness, we are unlike any other creature: we share in God's attributes by way of reason, free will, and the capacity to love as God loves. How remarkable!

Yet, we face attacks to our Christian dignity every day. These often come from without and are ever more easy to recognize: cultural pressures, entertainment that chips away at morality, and laws that place human desires above God's plan for his beautiful world, just to name a few.

Attacks upon our dignity also come from within. St. Paul calls these "works of the flesh" and he lists them clearly for us in Galatians 5:19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness..."

The good news is, we are not alone to confront sin in our lives. The Spirit of the Lord literally dwells in us when we are in the state of grace. Even when we are outside the state of grace, actual grace is always available to us to draw us back into a relationship with God.

Paul helps us understand this as he goes on to list the fruits—or signs of the presence—of the Spirit in our lives in Galatians 5:22-23: "... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

We belong to Jesus. At every Mass, our encounter with him is deepened as we pray the Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We become more aware of our Christian dignity—that in Christ, we are adopted children of the Father who will never let us down.

Let's allow Jesus to be our guide and let's allow the Holy Spirit to transform us ever more into the holy men and women God has created us to be. Then, my dear friends, how fruitful will our missionary efforts be as we journey alongside Jesus for the life of the world!

Christian, remember your dignity!

Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

Do you have a graduate? Names of graduates will be posted in the May 21st bulletin. If you would like your graduate listed please send the name and school to www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com or call 1-844-536-6514 by May 17th.



Saturday, April 29 – Shannon Vonderheide by Todd Wanda Ohnesorge
Sunday, April 30 – Eugene and Gail Boldt by Connie Rosine
Wednesday, May 3 - Mildred & Albert Tegeler by family
Saturday, May 6 – Lenny Montello by Tom & Dot Zumbahlen
Sunday, May 7 –Maurine Lieb by Larry Lieb
Wednesday, May 10 -

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



Fred Dust 4-30
Christy Bales 4-30
Christy Brown 5-1
Sydney Waldhoff 5-3
Leslie Kemme 5-4

Families in Faith

Last class for the year—
April 30th

Upcoming Meetings

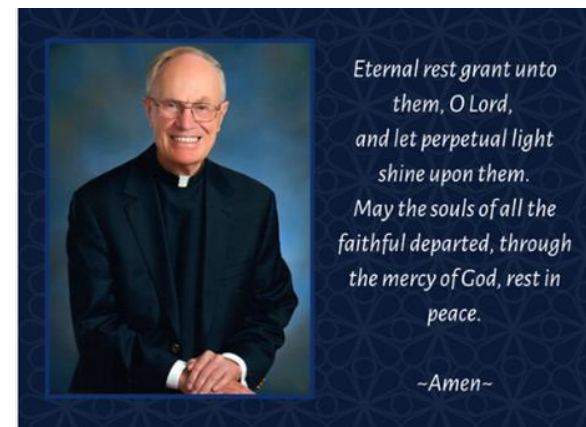
CCW – Tues. May 2 @ 6:30 pm
Parish Council – Wed. May 3 @ 6:30 pm

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

Families in Faith will be looking for three teachers for next year's program. If you are interested or know someone who you think might be interested please let Leslie Kemme know.

*The parish family extends
its deepest sympathies
to Teresa Tegeler and family
at the passing of her son,
Matthew.
May he rest in peace.*

*The parish family extends
its deepest sympathies
to Joyce and Mark Hoene Family
at the passing of her father,
Toby Jansen.
May he rest in peace.*



Fr. Ben Meyer, 90, formerly of Effingham, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at his home in Bridgeton, Missouri.

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in
peace.*

~Amen~

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Effingham with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, officiating. Interment will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery. A parish prayer service will be held at 4:00 pm, followed by visitation until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Bauer Funeral Home in Effingham.

Family Connection

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.

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.

Family Life Center provides Miscarriage Support - The Family Life Center is a safe place you can go to feel heard & receive support - all at no charge. We have advocates ready to meet & help you in your healing journey from your miscarriage. Give one of our three locations a call to schedule an appointment and to learn more.
605 Eden Ave, Effingham - 217-342-5433
301 S Jackson St, Newton - 618-783-5433
225 E South 1st St, Shelbyville - 217-774-4874



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.

National Catholic Youth Conference - NCYC is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment for Catholic high school teenagers that will be hosted on November 16 – 18, 2023 at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The event includes inspiring keynote speakers, breakout sessions on a variety of topics for teenagers and the celebration of Holy Mass with people from all over the country. Registration for passes to NCYC is being coordinated through the Office for Catholic Education to get a discount. If interested contact, Donna Davis.

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— Jesus the Good Shepherd
The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A invites us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?
Protection and Perseverance--The Good Shepherd offers us protection from those who would lead us astray. He guides us to the gates of heaven. But we must hear his voice and follow. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what he asks. And we will probably encounter some suffering along the way.

We are invited to reflect on the promise of eternal life, which is a key aspect of this Sunday’s readings. As believers, we have the hope of sharing in the resurrection of Christ, and of being united with him forever. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life, knowing that we are not alone and that our ultimate destination is with Christ in heaven.

A Community of Believers--At the same time, we are reminded that we are not alone in our journey. We are part of a larger community of believers, the Church, which is led and guided by Christ himself. As members of this community, we are called to support and care for one another, just as the Good Shepherd cares for his sheep.
We are strengthened for this task through baptism and by the Holy Spirit. Our Christian community also supports us. And we can find comfort in our Good Shepherd who suffered for us. Let us remember as we reflect on the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A.

Reflection Questions for Good Shepherd Sunday
How well do I recognize the voice of Jesus as the Good Shepherd? Do I take the time to listen for his guidance in my life?
In what ways do I rely on the protection and guidance of the Good Shepherd? How can I deepen my trust in him? What does it mean to me to be part of a community of believers, led and guided by Christ himself? How can I support and care for my fellow believers in the Church?
What suffering or difficulties have I encountered on my journey of faith? How have these experiences helped me to grow closer to the Good Shepherd?
How does the promise of eternal life and the hope of salvation give me strength and courage to face the challenges of life? How can I share this hope with others?
What changes in my life might I need to make in order to more fully follow the path of the Good Shepherd? What help or resources might I need to make these changes?
(young-catholics.com)

Know someone who would make a good deacon or thinking about it?
Called to serve? Come and see – All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center on Friday, September 8 (4 p.m.) through Saturday, September 9, (2 p.m.). During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals, and have social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives, you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours and Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

To register for this event please use this link form jotform.com/231135196152046 .

A “Mother’s Day” gathering to celebrate ALL mothers will be held after 8am Mass on Sunday, May 7th. Donuts, sweet breads, fruits, coffee, juice and milk will be served. Please bring a sweet bread to share. Sign up in the Cry room.