

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

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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

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 Pruemer Josh Miller		Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Josh Spannagel	Jason Vonderheide Jim Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Servers	Wylie Miller Rory Miller		Isaac Pruemer Jacob Vonderheide	Grady Spannagel Weston Spannagel	Noah Pruemer Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Jack Holland
Lector	Terry Hoene Reagan McCormick		Lisa Thompson	Jason Pruemer	Reagan McCormick	Terry Hoene
Euch Min	Roy Waldhoff		Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller	Jason Pruemer	Linda Doedtman
Money Counters	Waldhoff Spannagel		Doedtman Shadwell	Kemme, Hoene Adams	Bales, Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder

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
Sam Sheehan
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



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.....3/28/21
Adult\$1648.00
Children\$.00
Loose\$205.00
Catholic Relief.....\$30.00
Holy Land.....\$10.00
Seminarians \$5.00
Total \$1898.00

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- Mark 16:1-7

The women find that the stone from Jesus' tomb has been rolled back, and an angel reports that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

In the Easter story, we learn that God responded to the Crucifixion of Jesus by raising him from the dead. This act of God was more than anyone could have imagined. Mark's Gospel reports that the women who found Jesus' tomb empty were utterly amazed. The angel chides them for being amazed and sends them to share his words with Peter and the other disciples. Amazement can lead to paralysis, or it can empower us to be witnesses to God's action in our world. We pray that our praise of God leads us to share with others the good news of God's power over death.

As you gather as a family, name some of the signs you have observed of God's power in the world and in your lives. Talk about how you feel when you experience the awesome mystery of God. Remind yourselves that at Easter we celebrate God's power over death as he raised Jesus from the dead. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:1-7. Pray together praising God for his wondrous deeds. Invite each family member to name some of the wonderful things God has done for us. After each is named, pray this response: **Alleluia! Alleluia! God has done wondrous deeds!**



A RETURN TO "NORMALCY"

-Missalettes and song books are back.
-Also starting Easter Sunday:
--- lectors will return to announcing liturgical ministers before Mass
--- Ushers can resume the normal collection procedures.
--We still will only have 2 servers until we can have a training. The date for that will be after class on April 11.
--Also near the end of April a Eucharistic Minister training will be held. --We will go back to 2 Eucharistic ministers (one for the choir).



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.



Holy Saturday- April 3- 8pm- Leon Vonderheide by Duane Shadwell Family
Easter Sunday – April 4 – Chuck Bierman by Teresa Tegeler
Wed. April 7 – Mary Lou Goeckner by Charley Rhonda Vonderheide
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

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!!!

Mass Sign-Ups No Long Required

We ask you to continue to wear your mask while you're attending Mass. The general dispensation to attend Mass is withdrawn on April 11th. It will still be applicable for people in certain categories, such as those over 65 years of age or who have underlying medical conditions. For additional information, visit the Diocese's website at

www.dio.org/backtomass

For those fit the above categories weekday & weekend Masses will continue to be live streamed on YouTube, weekdays at 8:30am and Sundays at 9:15am. The link can be found on

www.stanthony.com

<p>WHY IS EASTER CALLED EASTER?</p> <p>First, it is important to understand that in most languages other than English and German, the root word for the season of Easter is actually Pasch as in Paschal or Passover.</p> <p>As you probably remember, Jesus gathered with his disciples at the Last Supper to celebrate Passover. His Death and Resurrection align with Passover. Still today the date for Easter moves and aligns with the same dates as Passover. Why is this important? Because Jesus is the new Paschal Lamb that was sacrificed and ushered in a New Covenant.</p> <p>So, keep in mind that the Church recognizes this connection to Passover and the New Convent in the word they use for the season of Easter.</p> <p>So, where did he word Easter come from? There is some debate about this, but it likely has two possible origins.</p> <p>First, the root word for Easter may be “austron” which means “dawn.” So, the season of Easter may be a reminder of the new dawn, the new Resurrection that Jesus’ Resurrection gives to us.</p> <p>It is also possible, that Christians adopted the word “Easter” from the name of the pagan goddess Eostre, the teutonic goddess of the dawn. This is where we get the word East, of course, which is the direction of Sunrise.</p> <p>The challenge is that the name for the goddess and the words used to refer to the direction of the sunrise and even the entire season of Spring are all very similar. So, it may be that Christians adopted the word to help pagans adapt to the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection or it may be that they felt it important to see Easter as a day and season of rebirth, just like the sunrise.</p> <p>https://www.thereligionteacher.com/easter-meaning/</p>	
<p>A Family Easter Celebration: It Lasts 50 Days - Janet Schaeffler, OP</p> <p>During this Easter season of fifty days, take time as a family to do activities which will bring you closer together within your family life, as well as deepen your relationship with God and God’s family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reflect on Act 2: 42-47 (holding all things in common) and discuss ways that you can share some of your possessions with others who have need of them.2. Alleluia is a Hebrew word of joyful praise. Find where it is used in the Book of Psalms or Tobit. It is the word for the Easter season. Make a family banner and put it in your home. Better yet, put it on the outside of your home and share the good news with your neighbors. (Leave it up for the entire fifty days.)3. Make or find a bright, beautiful container large enough to hold a few dozen pieces of wrapped candy. Place it on the dinner table. Each time you gather for a meal, each family member gets the chance to mention one sign of new life he or she has noticed or one good deed she or he had done. When finished talking, the speaker places a piece of candy in the box. At Pentecost, decide how to divide the candy or give it away.4. Make a Resurrection cross. Cut out cross pieces from tagboard. Smash and crack colored eggshells in a plastic bag. Glue onto cutout cross. Punch hold at top and hang with yarn.5. Use chalk to decorate the sidewalk around your home with Easter words and symbols.6. Prominent in the Gospels of the Easter season are times when Jesus and the disciples shared food. During the Easter season, make it a point to have a sit-down meal together at least once a week. Include all the trimmings: tablecloth, candles, dessert, etc.7. Water is a primary symbol for the Church during Easter as we recall our baptism. Bring home some of the newly blessed water from church and keep it on your family prayer table. Bless yourselves; bless one another. It might be fun to surround the bowl of water with photos and mementos related to each family member’s baptism.8. We sing Christmas carols throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. What about the Easter songs? Are they heard in your home for fifty days?9. Sit outside. Think about how the sky changes, sometimes becoming very menacing. Each member thinks of his or her fears. If they wish to voice them, the family can respond together by praying: “God, protect us and give us courage.” Then each member of the family looks around and thinks of the wonders of God’s creation. As thing come to mind, they are voiced and the family can respond, “We praise you, God of Wonder, God of Life.”10. Make a list of your family’s legacies – not goods or money, but attitudes, standards of value and influences – that you are passing on.11. Take an Emmaus walk. Before you start out, read the Emmaus story (Lk 24: 13-35) together. Then go to some place that has special meaning to your family, or to some place where you haven’t gone for a while. Imagine that Jesus is walking with you.	<p>ANNIVERSARY</p>

Fr. Al's Ramblings

What is the week after Easter called; or is it much more than a week?

Well, some think it is the week most priests take time off because they are exhausted from the stress of Holy Week! I believe that is at least a good excuse but, the week after Easter is actually the period of seven days from Easter Sunday through to the following Saturday (Easter Saturday). In the Latin Rite of Roman Catholicism, Anglican and other Western churches, Easter Week is the week beginning with the Christian feast of Easter and ending a week later on Easter Saturday. The term is sometimes inaccurately used to mean the week before Easter, which is properly known as Holy Week, and particularly confusing in this context is the secular usage of the term Easter Saturday to refer to the day known liturgically as Holy Saturday or Easter Eve (the day before Easter), rather than the Saturday following Easter (Confusing ugh?).

In past years, Easter, as the most important celebration in Christianity, was observed for a week, and it still is celebrated in the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church and Anglicanism with an octave (referring to a period of eight days), the Octave of Easter, which includes the Sunday after Easter Saturday. We, of the Roman Rite celebrate the seven Sundays after Easter as one continuous celebration, also known as the Easter Season which ends on Pentecost when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on. Pentecost always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost means "fiftieth day", as it is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of the Easter season (including Easter Sunday, the first day, in the counting). Most Christian denominations consider it to be the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. It can fall as early as May 10th and as late as June 13th.

In Eastern Christianity Easter Week is referred to as Bright Week. The names of Monday to Saturday in Bright Week each start with Bright, for example Bright Monday, and the entire week is considered to be one continuous day. However, the first day of Bright Week (Easter Sunday) is referred to as Pascha (Greek for Passover).

For the secular world Easter celebrations now occur only on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Al

