

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

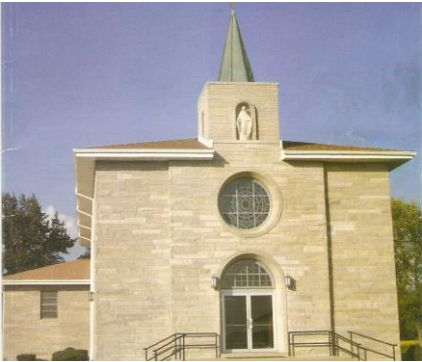
Matt Childerson 217-254-5896

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



April Committee: Joyce Wells, Dot Thomas, Sara Roepke, Joyce Hoene, Shirley Zacha, Kay Dust

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	March 23	March 30 NO MASS	April 6	April 13	April 20
Servers	Tryston Brown Trey Brown Madalyne	<u>Holy Thursday</u> , March 28 Shumway 6:30pm Volunteers <u>Good Friday</u> March 29- Green Creek 3pm <u>Easter Vigil</u> , March 30 Green Creek 7:30pm	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells Aubrey Brown
Lector	Abby Brown		Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland		Doug Brown Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Don Brown
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
Gift Bearers	Jesse Davis Family		Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family
Greeters	Wells Family		Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	March 24- Parish Families in Faith	March 31 -Easter	April 7	April 14-Parish Families in Faith	April 21
Servers	Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder Zoey Conder	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charly Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman
Ech Min	Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide	Leslie Kemme Lisa Thompson Timber Miller	Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide
Gift Bearers	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder	Jason Vonderheide Fam	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme
Greeters	George Diana Conder	Don Marcella Antrim	Joe Kay Conder	Ed Leslie Kemme	Tom Helen Doedtman
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	March 20	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17
	Linda Doedtman	Wylie Miller	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman	Wylie Miller

Weekly Offering.....3-31-24
Adult.....\$2555.00
Loose.....\$444.00
Catholic Times.....\$15.00
Holy Land.....\$150.00
Seminarians.....\$340.00
Catholic Home.....\$5.00
Parish Hall.....\$20.00
Total.....\$3529.00
Masses \$10.00

Parish Hall Update:
Our current funds -- \$97,046.93
Upcoming events:
April 20-Poker Run (full details next week)
Sept. 22- Pork Chop Dinner (in conjunction with the Shumway Sesquicentennial Celebration)

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale
April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY, Elaine Sieben.
(April 14)

A SURPRISE open house is set for
April 13 at the
Effingham Event Center from 1-4 pm.

No gifts, but cards please.

If you would like to send her a card,
her address is

1022 North Maple, Effingham, IL,
62401

REMEMBER the open house
is a surprise!!!

Save the date-

May Crowning and Rosary
after Mass on
Sunday, May 5.

Parish council meeting
minutes are can be found
on the bulletin board or
on the last page of the
online bulletin.

Happy Anniversary

Alan & Geannine Kessler
4-12-1980
44 years

Parish Families in Faith



Next classes:
April 14 and 28

Adult classes AND Parish Family Time
are for ALL PARISHIONERS not just those
who have children in PSR!!!

The parish family extends its sympathies
to Dennis Vahling on the passing
of his father, Raymond Vahling.
May he rest in peace.



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. Eucharistic
Exposition and Adoration will be held
throughout the day. The Most Reverend
Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the
Springfield Diocese, will be our honored
celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM
closing Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery
Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the
Protection of all Life at St Mary, Help of
Christians in Green Creek on Monday April
22. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm.
Fr. Albert Allen will be the celebrant for the
6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will
follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will
be served while current pro-life issues are
discussed.



Saturday, April 6 –†Karen Fear by Dwight Bev Storm
Sunday, April 7 –Mass of Thanksgiving by Terry Dot Thomas
Wednesday, April 10 - †Sam Sheehan by Mary Sandschafer
Saturday, April 13 –†Ella Stump Bolton by Jane Montello
Sunday, April 14 –†Ross Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell
Wednesday, April 17 -†Sam Sheehan by Don Marcella Antrim

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.

Illinois March for Life

[April 17](#) (Wed). Springfield State Capitol, noon
rally followed by the march around the capitol complex. Two chartered buses are available. Contact Diann
Ruholl at 217-663-2056 for more info.

We will load the busses and leave Effingham Event Center (WEST side) at 7:30am.
Attend the Mass with Bishop Paprocki at 10AM in Sangamon Auditorium. Then we will board the bus, eat our
sack lunch on the way up to the Capitol for the Rally at 12noon with several speakers. At 1pm, we will march
around the Capitol to show our support for pro-life issues. If possible (unless prohibited by construction) we
will enter the Capitol Rotunda to form a circle and pray for the Legislators OR we will drive to the Cathedral
to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for all state employees! Then we will return to Effingham by 4:30pm.

Effingham Family Life Center 5k Run and Prayer Walk

[April 13](#) (Sat). Held in Shelbyville. Save the date! More details to come.
[April 20](#) (Sat). Held in Effingham. Save the date! More details to come.

NEW Series for Men Begins April 19

SonRise Men's Breakfast will begin a new video series on Friday April 19. All men of the parish are invited and
encouraged to attend.

Mission of the Family, is a new dynamic video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of
marriage and the family. This 5 (only five) week series is produced by the Knights of Columbus.

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. The
world needs you to be a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God.
Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com

A Buddhist becomes Catholic – Buddhists make up 1% of the US population, but what about Buddhists who become Catholic? Who knows, but you know it's tiny, yet Dive Deep found one of them! Deena Bell of Springfield joins Dive Deep to share her conversion story from Buddhism to Catholicism. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

REFLECTIONS—cont. from page 2

Reflection Questions

- How are your current relationships with God, with others, and with creation? In what ways can you work towards greater harmony and reconciliation in these relationships?
- Is there a situation in your community where you need to be a sign of God's peace and mercy? How can you bring forgiveness and reconciliation to this situation, and work towards healing and unity?
- How does the hope of resurrection make you different? In what ways can you allow the message of hope and new life to transform your outlook and your actions in the world? How can you share this message of hope with others?
- In what ways do you struggle with doubt and fear in your relationship with God? How can you bring these doubts and questions to Jesus, and allow his peace to calm your fears?
- How do you respond to situations of conflict or division in your relationships with others? Are there ways that you can approach these situations with greater empathy, understanding, and a willingness to forgive?
- In what ways can you live out the mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in your daily life? How can you work towards greater harmony and unity in your community and in the world around you?



<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena>

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

Doubting Thomas

In today's Gospel reading from John for Divine Mercy Sunday, we hear the familiar story of Doubting Thomas. After the resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples, but Thomas is not with them. When the other disciples tell him that they have seen the Lord, Thomas responds that he will not believe unless he can see and touch the wounds in Jesus' hands and side.

A week later, Jesus appears again, and this time Thomas is there. Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds and to believe. Thomas responds with a powerful declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

Similarly, when Thomas doubts, Jesus does not rebuke him or shame him. He simply offers him the evidence he needs to believe and invites him into deeper relationship.

This is a powerful message for us today. We all have moments of doubt and fear, times when we struggle to believe or to trust in God's plan for us. But like Thomas, we are invited to bring our doubts and questions to Jesus, who offers us peace and the evidence we need to believe.

On this Sunday after Easter, let us pray for the grace to be like the disciples, who were able to find peace and renewed faith in the presence of the risen Lord. And let us pray for the courage to continue Jesus' mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives and in the world around us.

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to reflect on the profound message of forgiveness and reconciliation that the resurrected Jesus brings to his disciples. The resurrected Jesus seems to suddenly appear out of nowhere, even though the doors are locked. He is not the same as he was, but he is also not a ghost. He does not dwell on their abandonment and betrayal, but instead focuses on calming their fears and commissioning them to continue his mission of forgiveness and reconciliation. He calms their fears.

It is striking to note that Jesus does not simply offer forgiveness and reconciliation as an abstract concept or an individual spiritual experience. Instead, he calls his disciples to live in community and to work for right relationships within that community and beyond. The restoration of all creation must include God, all people, and even the natural world.

For us today, this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation must start within our own communities. We must strive to live in harmony with one another, to overcome division and conflict, and to work towards the common good. This is not always an easy task, as we are all flawed and prone to sin. However, we can draw inspiration and strength from the example of the early Church, which was able to live in remarkable unity despite the challenges it faced.

As Catholics, we are also called to extend this message of forgiveness and reconciliation to the wider world. We are called to be agents of healing in a broken world, to work towards justice and peace, and to bring the light of Christ to all those we encounter.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us pray for the grace to live out this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives and in the world around us. May we be instruments of God's mercy and love, bringing healing and hope to all those we meet.



Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024

- ___ Fr. Al Allen

x Ed Kemme (member)

x John Adams (member)

x Lisa Waldhoff (member)

x George Conder (member)

x Justin Miller (member)

x Dennis Koester (member)

x_ Larry Lieb (member)
- _x_ Karen Kemme (finance)

x Don Antrim (finance)

x Josh Miller (maintenance)

x Leslie Kemme (PSR)

x Donna Davis (secretary)

x Dot Thomas (CCW)

x Katrina Davis (youth group)

Other- Kathy Adams

Reports

Maintenance – Josh checked sump pumps after rain and all is working well. Still need to figure out how to get air up to the choir loft.

Cemetery – John Adams reported on the changes to the cemetery by laws.

Main change was adding in about cremations-1 person per lot.

Larry Lieb moved to accept changes and George Conder seconded. Motioned passed.

Contact Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268, Matt Childerson217-254-5896 and John Adams 618-322-2874 to purchase a plot.

PSR- We have 2 classes left.

Youth Group- Going Sunday to Vandalia—10 are going

Right to Life – March for Life April 17

CCW- May Crowning and Rosary on May 5 after Mass

May 7 6:30 next meeting

About 12 ladies went to Sacred Heart Soup Supper. All had a good time.

Old Business

- Parish Hall – Poker Run coming up
- AED/CPR training-Joe Kemme is going to get dates together.
- Discussed where to put the AED and first aid kit.
- CORE meeting—an idea about starting sacramental prep

New Business

- Leslie discussed an upcoming study on parish family catechesis. Parishes are being asked to participate. A team would be formed to brainstorm and go to a few meetings to see how to get more families involved. It is to try to help get and keep families involved in the spiritual life outside of the church walls.
- Dot brought up a thought about some getting together after Wednesday masses a couple times a month to play cards etc. She wondered if it would be okay to use the basement.
- Larry made a motion to pay the Miller and Culberson boys \$75 each for mowing the church and cemetery for D&M mowing when they were unable to. Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting date May 1, 2024. All members of the parish are welcome to attend!!! Submitted by Donna Davis - Secretary