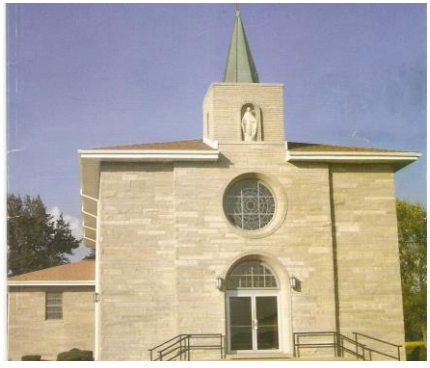


St. Mary’s Catholic Church

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	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
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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

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.

<b>Weekly Offering.....</b>	<b>3-26-23</b>
Adults.....	\$1920.00
Loose.....	426.00
Catholic Relief.....	20.00
Catholic Charities.....	30.00
Total.....	\$2396.00

**Family Connection** The commercialism of Easter—costumed bunnies in the mall, Easter baskets full of candy and small toys, new clothes—often misdirects children’s understanding and celebration of this greatest of Church feasts. When spoken of as the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, today’s liturgical celebration may not stir excitement among them. Encourage your children to think about the real significance of this feast by using their creative skills to imagine this Easter Vigil’s Resurrection account in Matthew 28:1–10.

Read Matthew 28:1–10 as a family, letting the children take the roles of the angel and Jesus. Set up the narrative by speculating on how sad the women must have felt as they approached the tomb. Talk about the excitement of the two women who saw the empty tomb and heard the angel explain that Jesus was raised from the dead. Wonder together about how it must have felt to embrace the risen Lord as the women did. Imagine with your children the enthusiasm the women must have felt when sent to tell the disciples that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Remind them that today we remember and celebrate all that Jesus did to win entry to Heaven for us. Create together a colorful ALLELUIA banner to display in your home to celebrate Jesus Christ’s glorious Resurrection. Then stand, praying together today and throughout the Easter season: Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus’ death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus’ Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus’ crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus’ first disciples. Read together today’s Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus’ tomb and that Jesus’ body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus’ disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today’s psalm, Psalm 118: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”



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 –

Saturday, April 15 –

Sunday, April 16 –

Wednesday, April 19 –

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 Anniversary**  
Allen & Geannine Kessler  
4-12-1980  
43 years

Happy Birthday

Elaine Sieben 4-14  
Joe Conder 4-15

*Families in Faith*

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

**Litany of the Way, the Truth, and the Life**

The Litany of the Way, the Truth, and the Life reminds us that Jesus embodies the three-fold title of being the Way, the Truth, and the Life. This means that He is the path we must follow to attain eternal life, the embodiment of all truth, and the source of our existence. In essence, this title encompasses all we need to know and believe about Jesus Christ. As we recite this Litany of the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we become aware of the various ways in which Jesus impacts our lives. He is the path we must take, the truth we must hold on to, and the very reason for our existence. May we follow Him with steadfastness, trusting that He will guide us to eternal life.

Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Hear our prayers as we lift our hearts to you. .... ***Hear our prayers.***

You are the light that guides us through the darkness ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You are the shepherd who leads us to green pastures ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You are the one who leads us to the Father ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You are the narrow gate ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You show us the way of humility ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You guide us with your gentle hand ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***  
You show us the way to eternal life ... ***Jesus, you are the way.***

You are the Word made flesh ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You are the true vine ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You are the Good News ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You came to bear witness to the truth ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You are the way of reconciliation and forgiveness ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You are the source of wisdom and knowledge ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***  
You are justice and mercy ... ***Jesus, you are the truth.***

You are the giver of every good gift ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the bread of life that satisfies our hunger ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the living water that quenches our thirst ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the light of the world ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the alpha and omega ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***  
You are the resurrection and the life ... ***Jesus, you are the life.***

Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to follow you faithfully ... ***Amen.***

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Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Effingham is hosting an evening to benefit Effingham Catholic Charities. They will open on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. All tips and 20% of their revenue made on this evening will be donated to Effingham Catholic Charities.

**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.



**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.

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 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Al 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.

**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—

### God Is Always at Work

Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

The readings for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday remind us of God's goodness, power, and saving work throughout history. From the Creation Story to the Exodus from Egypt, God has been at work, leading his people to freedom and new life. In the Epistle reading, St. Paul exhorts us to die to sin and live for God, emphasizing the importance of baptism and faith in Jesus. And in the Gospel reading, we hear the amazing news of Jesus' Resurrection, which brings hope and new life to all who believe.

### A Message of Hope

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

### Meaning through Faith

Luke's writings in the Bible remind us that God sent his Son to free us from sin and death and to live without fear. This message is just as important today as it was in the time of the early Christians. Sometimes, religion can become focused on ceremony and lose its true meaning. The Resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of our faith.

The message of the empty tomb was initially confusing to the disciples. They couldn't understand where the body had gone and what had happened. However, when they were reminded of Jesus' words, the message began to make sense to them. Similarly, the experiences of our lives can sometimes be confusing and difficult to interpret without faith. We need to remember that, through the Resurrection, God has the power to transform our lives.

The early disciples were so energized by the shock of the Resurrection that nothing, not even death or persecution, could stop them from spreading the Good News. We too, as Christians, must be willing to hear the message of transformation and then spread it to others. We should not keep the Good News to ourselves, but share it with others so that they too can experience the joy and hope that comes from knowing Jesus.

### Rejoice and Be Glad

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

### Reflection Questions for Easter

In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life? What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?

How has the message of Easter transformed your life? What areas of your life need transformation through the Resurrection? How can you share the message of the Resurrection with others effectively? How has the Resurrection brought you hope during difficult times? What steps can you take to deepen your faith in the Resurrection? In what ways can you live without fear, trusting in God's presence in your life?

How can you be a source of new life and hope for those around you? How can you keep the joy of Easter alive in your heart all year round? Where do you turn for guidance and clarity when life becomes confusing?

What practical ways can you spread the Good News of the Resurrection in your daily life?

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