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: <u>www.stmarysshumway.org</u> Email: <u>stmarysshumway@gmail.com</u> Address: PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

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

Diocese Website: www.dio.org



<u>Green Creek Mass Times:</u> Friday – 8 am Saturday – 6 pm Sunday – 10:30 am

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!

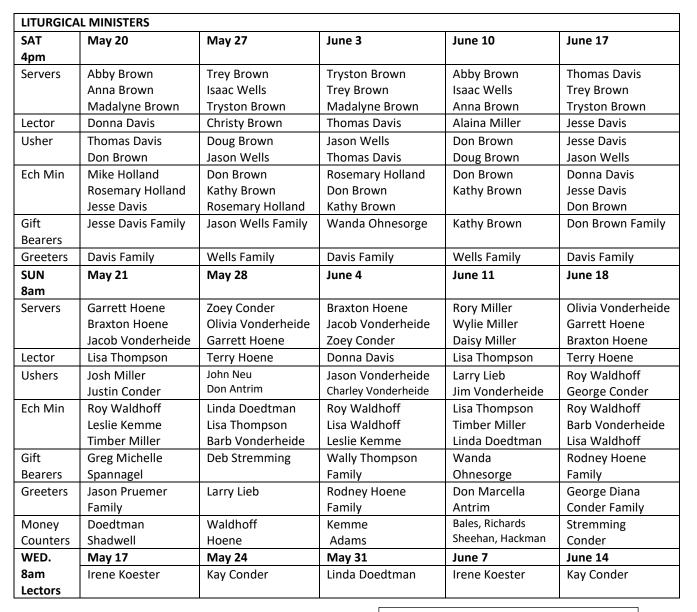


Jim GordonPat KuhnsDon KemmeBill HamiltonDanny ZachaChristie DustDon ClarkHelen KollingerHeather HarbourBill NuxollKendall FulkMrs. Scott (Stacey)Dan Zacha Sr.VonderheideDean GenglerJane EmmerichSteve MooreTimber MillerKevin HabingMarita Elson



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

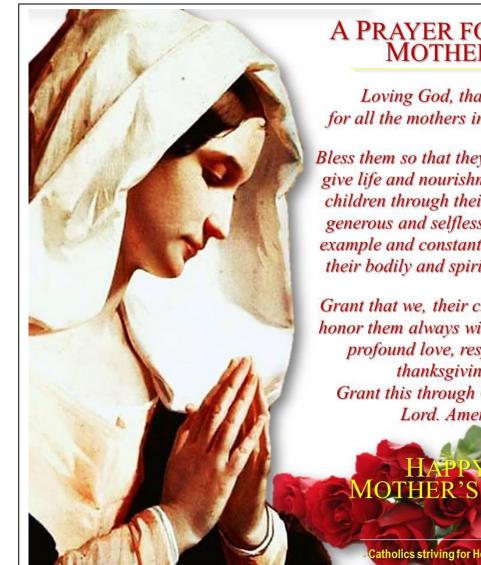
Sally Wakefield



Welcome to the parish family, Palmer Kemme. Baptized on May 7, 2023 Palmer is the son of Ben and Kasey Kemme.

Weekly Offering	5-7-23_
Adults	
Loose	\$303.00
<u>CRS</u>	\$44.6 <u>9</u>
Total	\$2111.69
Masses \$160.00	

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



Intentions

# A PRAYER FOR ALL **MOTHERS**

Loving God, thank you for all the mothers in the world.

Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health.

Grant that we, their children, may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Saturday, May 13 – Dorothy Ruholl by family Sunday, May 14 – For all Mothers, Living and Deceased Wednesday May 17 - Marian Runde by family Saturday, May 20 - Corey Sandshafer by Mary Sandshafer Sunday, May 21 – Lucy Dust by family Wednesday, May 24 - Kristy Hutton by Mary Sandshafer

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

Grady Spannagel 5-15 Wiley Miller 5-15 Reagan McCormick 5-19 Sherrill Harris 5-20

Do you have a graduate? Names of graduates will be posted in the May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Would you like to become more involved in the parish? Have you ever considered being a money counter? If that is something you would like to do, talk with Ed Kemme. Would you like to become a lector? An usher? If that sounds like something you would like to give a try, talk with Donna Davis. Don't be a pew potato! Get involved and share your talents.

Families in Faith

### FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

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

Happy anniversary

Doug & Lacey Krueger 5-19-2018 5 years

Jason & Alyssa Pruemer 5-19-2007 16 years

The Baby Bottle Project, a fundraiser for the Family Life Center in Effingham, begins on Mother's Day. 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. Please support our local pro-life efforts. YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St. Aloysius Church in Bishop Creek on Monday May 15. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Frank Folino 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..

Family Connection The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Just a few spots left! Msgr. David Hoefler is leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Join him to walk where Jesus walked: see His birthplace in Bethlehem, sail the Sea of Galilee, walk the Way of the Cross, and much more! The pilgrimage is November 27-December 7, 2023. More information and registration can be found at <u>https://holylandtoursllc.com</u> Questions may be sent to Erin Danaher at <u>edanaher@dio.org</u> **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

# 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.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 49th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 21st, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. Please note this is a change from the traditional date of the last Wednesday in June. Father Joe Carlos, OFM, Pastor of St. Francis Church, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

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

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

#### Effingham Catholic Charities – Capital Campaign The Agape Project – Providing Help, Creating Hope

In Christianity, **agape** is the highest form of love, a transcendent sacrificial love that persists regardless of circumstances.

#### Goal of the Agape Project Capital Campaign

The Agape Project seeks to raise \$600,000 over the next several months to secure the funds necessary to meet the identified capital needs of Effingham Catholic Charities.

#### Achieving this goal will enable us to:

· Repair the parking lot to provide safe parking and walkways outside our building.

 $\cdot$  Replace the HVAC system to provide cost-efficient heat in the cold winters, and air conditioning in the summer.

 $\cdot$   $\,$  Renovate the onsite food pantry at our facility in order to provide a more dignified and spacious environment for our clients.

## Multiple Ways to Give

Call the Effingham Catholic Charities 217.857.1458.

Mail a check to Effingham Catholic Charities / 1502 E Fayette Ave /Teutopolis, IL 62467.

Give online at <u>https://cc.dio.org/events/agape-project</u>.

Scan the QR code on social media posts under Catholic Charities, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

We also can accept stock, securities, real estate, insurance, and planned gifts.

# **REFLECTIONS**— Finding Comfort and Strength

In the gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He tells them that he will ask the Father to send them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them forever. This Advocate will teach them all things and remind them of everything Jesus has said to them.

As Catholics, we believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace and strength to live our lives according to God's will.

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit is a great source of comfort and hope for us as Catholics. The Holy Spirit is not just an abstract concept, but a real and present force in our lives. When we receive the Sacraments, particularly Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ.

Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that he will not leave them as orphans, but will come to them. This is a powerful reminder that even when we feel alone or abandoned, God is always with us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are connected to God and to one another as members of the Body of Christ.

#### We Are Not Evangelizing Alone

As we continue to reflect on the readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, we are reminded of the profound gift that Jesus has given us in the Holy Spirit. Even though Jesus is no longer with us physically, he has not left us on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, we are not alone. In fact, we are invited into the very life of the Trinity – a life of communion and love.

Jesus speaks of the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name. This Spirit will teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus has said to us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given the wisdom and strength to understand and live out the Gospel message. We are empowered to be witnesses to Christ in the world.

This is beautifully illustrated in the early Christian community, which is completely driven by the Holy Spirit. The apostles preached the Good News with such power that many were baptized. The Holy Spirit acted through them, inspiring them to boldly proclaim the Gospel and perform miraculous signs and wonders. When the apostles laid hands on the newly baptized, they too received the Holy Spirit.

As we reflect on these passages, we are reminded that evangelization is not something we can do on our own. We need to let the Holy Spirit act through us. When we share the Good News with others, we must do so with a deep awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance. We must be open to the Spirit's promptings, allowing him to use us as instruments of his grace and love.

Ultimately, the love we express for each other is the love of the Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are drawn into the life of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to love one another as Christ has loved us. May we always be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we be bold witnesses to Christ in the world.

## **Reflection Questions**

What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do I actively seek the Holy Spirit in my life, or do I tend to overlook this important aspect of my faith?

Can I think of a time when I felt empowered by the Spirit? What was the situation, and how did the Holy Spirit help me through it?

How do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my daily life? Do I take time to pray and listen for the Spirit's guidance? Where do I see the Holy Spirit at work in my community? How do I see the Spirit inspiring and guiding others in their faith journey?

How can I be more open to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in my life? What practical steps can I take to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Spirit?

In what areas of my life do I need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength? How can I invite the Spirit to help me in these areas?

How can I be a better witness to Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to work through me? What specific actions can I take to share the Gospel message with others in a way that is guided by the Spirit?

(young-catholics.com)