

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

www.stmarysshumway.org

Contact info for Bulletin Announcements

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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

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!

Christie Dust
Jim Ruholl
Timber Miller
Shelia Rosine
Sharon Moore
Bill Nuxoll
Rosemary Vonderheide
Eugene Westendorf
Debbie Meyer

Clete Westendorf
Keith Willenborg
Marilyn Zerrusen
Helen Kollinger
Elizabeth Weidner
Mrs. Scott (Stacey)
Vonderheide



Contact Donna Davis to add or remove someone.
Thank You.

May Committee: Rita McKay,
Geannine Kessler, Shauna Curry,
Timber Miller, Carol Levitt, Vanessa Kessler
Joyce Shadwell

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	May 8			
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown			
Ushers	Howard Dust Josh Spannagel			
Lector	Katrina Davis			
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Brown			
Gift Bearers				
Greeters				
SUNDAY	May 9			
Servers	Claire Holland Joe Holland			
Ushers	George Conder Joe Conder			
Lector	Lisa Thompson			
Eucharistic Ministers	Lisa Waldhoff			
Gift Bearers				
Greeters				
Money Counters	Waldhoff Spannagel			
WEDNESDAY LECTORS				
May 5 Irene Koester	May 12 Kay Conder	May 19 Linda Doedtman	May 26 Teresa Tegeler	June 2 Irene Koester

I will fill in the rest of the dates once I have met with Fr. Al at the parish council meeting to finalize how many servers he wants and if gift bearers and greeters are returning to the schedule. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Weekly Offering.....4-25-2021

Adult\$1255.00
Children\$10.00
Loose\$637.00
Catholic Home.....\$105.00
Rice Bowl..... \$20.00
Total \$2027.00

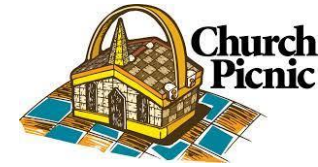
Financial Giving: Thank you to those who continue to make contributions to St. Mary's Parish. We appreciate your generosity. We thank you for fulfilling your stewardship commitments, even when you are unable to attend church. You can mail envelopes to PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461

Family Connection- John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.



Church picnic will be Saturday, August 21, 2021. If you would like to help plan this parish event, there will be a meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 2pm at the Brew Bank in Stewardson.

CCW Meeting

The May meeting will honor mothers. Tuesday, May 4 at 630PM
CCW will provide sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks.



It is planning time! If you would like to help, there will be a meeting on Monday, May 3 at 6pm in the basement.



Wednesday, May 5 @ 6:30pm
In the basement.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Church Decorating/Environment Committee- This committee would be in charge of decorating the church for the liturgical seasons. Christy Brown has volunteered to be the chair of this committee. If you would like to help, please contact her at 217-273-5177.



Saturday, May 1 – Mary Overbeck by Barb Davis
Sunday, May 2 – Roy Wakefield by Lorraine Zerruson
Wednesday, May 5 - Mildred & Albert Tegeler by family
Saturday, May 8 – Leon Vonderheide by Connie Rosine
Sunday, May 9 – Dale Waldhoff by Barb Davis
Wednesday, May 12 -

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.

Happy Birthday



Sydney Waldhoff 5-3
Leslie Kemme 5-4

Families in Faith



It was a great year.
Thanks to all who participated!!

Transform the "daily grind" into something beautiful for God.

On May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII established a new feast day in the Church's calendar, dedicating May 1 to "St. Joseph the Worker." He sought to affirm the rights of workers and to put forth St. Joseph as the supreme model.

Before beginning your next workday, consider praying this simple, yet powerful prayer to St. Joseph. He will help you utilize your talents, turning the "daily grind" into something beautiful for God.

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

Perpetual Adoration at the chapel at St. Anthony Hospital.

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The process of restarting perpetual adoration at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel has begun! Please see the current openings available. There will now be a “Captain” for each Day:

- Sunday – Karie Sudkamp – 217-821-3154 – midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 1pm (1st Sunday), noon (4th Sunday), 3pm (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 – all full!!!!
- Friday – Brad Koenig – 217-690-3333 – 1am, 11pm (1st, 2nd, and 5th Fridays)
- Saturday – Anne Wilson – 217-821-1313 – 1am (4th, and 5th Saturdays), 2am, 4am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays), 5pm (2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays), 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.

Dive Deep - Running for a Higher Purpose: Eight steps to spiritual and physical fitness – that’s the theme of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki’s new book, Running for a Higher Purpose, now available for purchase at holigoalie.net. Perfect for runners, Bishop Paprocki joins Dive Deep to explain why the book may be exactly what you need to give your spiritual and physical well-being a boost. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and to register to win a free, signed copy of the book!

Dive Deep - No more Communion blessings. What now? A January instruction by Bishop Paprocki instituted no more communion blessings across the diocese. Dive Deep tells you what happens now when someone approaches the priest with their arms crossed and why hearing these certain words, “Receive Christ in your heart,” will make a big impact. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen.



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!

Fr. Al’s Ramblings

My favorite month, May, the month of our Mother! Why do we set aside this month to honor and venerate our mothers? For me the answer is very simple. All our mothers are a beautiful gift from God, and what makes our mothers such a gift? They influence our entire lives? They offer compassion, unconditional love, patience, joy, surrender, self-sacrifice – these are just a few attributes that mothers demonstrate. Hopefully, most of us have noticed these qualities in our mothers. In our modern culture, however, many mothers do not receive the honor and credit they deserve. Motherhood itself is even found suspect by women who put a career or pleasure first. There is no question that motherhood demands tremendous sacrifices. The many mothers who undertake to raise their children alone, without the support of the father of their children, are an example of this. True motherhood requires what we all desire deep down: courage, dedication, selflessness, and the fulfillment and joy that naturally follow. This is what we honor in our mothers. I mention these attributes because my own mother was challenged at a very young age to assume the role as provider and caregiver for her only sister, my beloved aunt, and then to go on and raise thirteen children the last seven without my father I truly believe, she was the ideal mother as described in the aforementioned qualities. It was her strong faith (a convert to Catholicism) in God and dedication to the Blessed Mother Mary.

So, let us all reflect upon and give thanks to our mothers not only on Mother’s Day but every day!

As Catholic Christians we are so blessed with a Spiritual mother, Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since the Council of Nicea in 787, the Church has asserted that it is lawful to venerate images of Christ, Mary and the saints. This is an ancient practice of the Christian churches in both the East and in the West. As the official liturgical Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary [published in 1987 by the United States Catholic Conference] states: Coronation is one form of reverence frequently shown to images of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ... It is especially from the end of the sixteenth century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin. The popes not only endorsed this devout custom but "on many occasions, either personally or through bishop-delegates, carried out the coronation of Marian images."

Honoring the Mother of God during Easter is the foundation of our devotion to Mary during May. With the flowers of spring, we crown Mary the Queen of Heaven.

Statues and other iconographic images can be "windows into heaven". The crowning of sacred images with herbs and flowers is an ancient tradition. The crowns call to mind the victory wreaths that await the baptized in the fullness of time. All God's children are called to accept their responsibilities as the royal heirs to the throne of heaven.

The U.S. bishop’s state: The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate... "he will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give him the throne of his father David; and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:41-43). Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way she won the "crown of righteousness" (2 Tim 4:8), the "crown of life" (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the "crown of glory" (1 Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ. ("Order of Crowning," NCCB, 1987)

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Al