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!



Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add

or remove someone. Thank

You.

Dean Gengler Steve Moore Kevin Habing May Co

Steven Bierman

Jim Gordon

Don Kemme

Danny Zacha

Kendall Fulk

Dan Zacha Sr.

Heather Harbour

Don Clark



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

Sally Wakefield

Pat Kuhns

Bill Nuxoll

Bill Hamilton

Christie Dust

Helen Kollinger

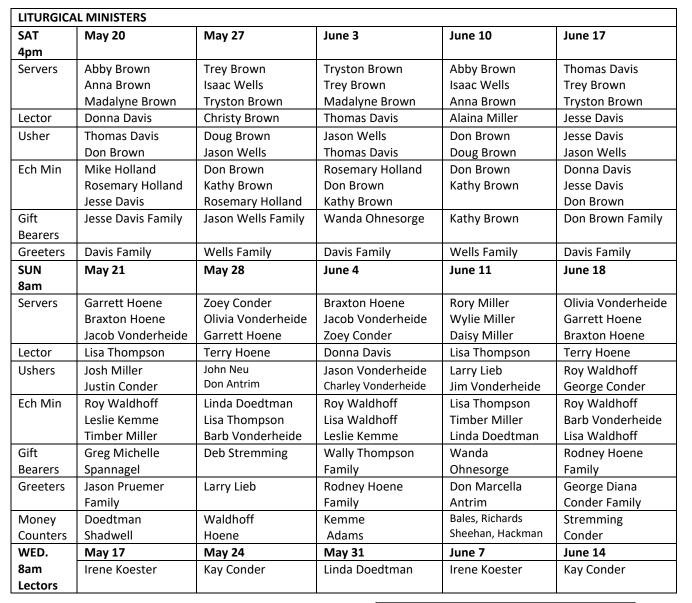
Jane Emmerich

Timber Miller

Marita Elson

Mrs. Scott (Stacey)

Vonderheide





Weekly Offering	5-14-23
Adult:	\$1425.00
loose:	\$397.00
Seminarians:	\$15.00
Ascension of the Lord:	\$10.00
Total:	\$1847.00

Congratulations, Graduates!



Katrina Davis -Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Thomas Davis -Stewardson-Strasburg High School Eli Levitt -St. Anthony High School Allison Miller -Effingham High School Emma Thompson -Effingham High School





Trey Brown -Beecher City Junior High Shae Conder -Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High Noah Pruemer -Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High Grady Spannagel -Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High Jacob Vonderheide -Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High Gabriella Wakefield -Beecher City Junior High

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6



Saturday, May 20 – Corey Sandshafer by Mary Sandshafer Sunday, May 21 –Lucy Dust by family Wednesday, May 24 - Kristy Hutton by Mary Sandshafer Saturday, May 27 – Toby Jansen by Duane Joyce Shadwell Sunday, May 28 –Matthew Tegeler by Duane Joyce Shadwell Wednesday, May 31 - Janice Sandshafer 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.



Bonnie Vonderheide 5-22 Jackie Vonderheide 5-25 Ron Harris 5-25

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.

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!



Sacred Heart Parish is hosting Totus

Tuus this summer, June 12-16, for grades 1-12. The program for grades 1-6 is 9:00 am to 2:30 pm daily. The program for grades 7-12 is 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm daily. The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 for families of two or more. Children in the daytime session must bring a sack lunch. Totus Tuus is a form of Vacation Bible School, but

so much more. A trained team of leaders travels to a different parish each week during the summer to promote the Catholic faith.

Registration form is found on the bulletin boards at church.

St. Anthony Parish "Treasure" Sale-

One man's "junk" is another man's "treasure." Friday, June 2nd – 8am-6pm Saturday, June 3rd – 8am-12 (BAG SALE, Saturday 10-12 noon) St Anthony Parish Center, 101 East Virginia Ave, Effingham, IL



Family Connection Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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 edanaher@dio.org **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. <u>https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/</u> 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.

• 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— In the gospel for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus prays to the Father for himself, his disciples, and all believers. As Catholics, this passage is particularly significant as it highlights the importance of unity and communion within the Church.

In the opening verses, Jesus addresses the Father, acknowledging that his hour has come and that he will soon be glorified. He speaks of the eternal life that comes from knowing God, emphasizing the significance of a personal relationship with the Father.

As Catholics, we understand the importance of building and maintaining a close relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments. It is through this relationship that we can experience the fullness of life that Jesus speaks of in this passage.

Jesus then turns his attention to his disciples, praying for them and asking the Father to keep them safe from the evil one. He speaks of the unity that he and the Father share, and prays that his disciples may also be united with him and with one another.

This message of unity is particularly relevant to the Catholic Church today, as we grapple with divisions and disagreements within our community. Jesus' prayer reminds us of the importance of coming together as one body in Christ, despite our differences.

Finally, Jesus extends his prayer to all believers, praying that they too may be united with him and with one another. He speaks of the love that the Father has for him, and prays that this same love may be in all believers.

As Catholics, the readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that we are called to love one another as Christ loved us. This love extends beyond our immediate community to all believers around the world. Through prayer and communion with one another, we can work towards the unity that Jesus prayed for in this passage.

Reflection Questions for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A

- What does it mean to have eternal life, and how can we cultivate a personal relationship with God in our daily lives?
- How can we work towards greater unity and communion within the Catholic Church, despite our differences and disagreements?
- In what ways do we see the love of the Father present in our lives, and how can we extend this same love to others?
- How can we pray for and support our fellow believers, both within our own community and around the world?
- What steps can we take in our own lives to become more united with Christ and with one another as members of the Catholic Church?
- How does this passage challenge us to rethink our own attitudes and behaviors towards those with whom we may disagree or find difficult to love?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example of prayer and his emphasis on unity and love in this passage, and how can we apply these lessons to our own lives as Catholics?

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