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.stmarysshumway.org Email: 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



Green Creek Mass Times: 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!



Steven Bierman Jim Gordon Don Kemme Danny Zacha Don Clark Heather Harbour Kendall Fulk Dan Zacha Sr. Dean Gengler Steve Moore **Kevin Habing**

Pat Kuhns Bill Hamilton Christie Dust Helen Kollinger Bill Nuxoll Mrs. Scott (Stacey) Vonderheide Jane Emmerich Timber Miller

Sally Wakefield



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

Hilary Conder, Diane Conder, Jill Conder

May Committee: Barb Davis, Jodi McCormick,

Marita Elson

| LITURGICAL MINISTERS | | | | | | |
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| SAT | April 15 | April 22 | April 29 | May 6 | May 13 | |
| 4pm | • | • | • | • | , | |
| Servers | Trey Brown | Madalyne Brown | Trey Brown | Anna Brown | Trey Brown | |
| | Isaac Wells | Anna Brown | Isaac Wells | Madalyne Brown | Isaac Wells | |
| | Abby Brown | | Thomas Davis | Abby Brown | Thomas Davis | |
| Lector | Christy Brown | Thomas Davis | Jesse Davis | Alaina Miller | Abby Brown | |
| Usher | Don Brown | Jesse Davis | Mike Holland | Thomas Davis | Jason Wells | |
| | Doug Brown | Jason Wells | Don Brown | Doug Brown | Mike Holland | |
| Ech Min | Don Brown | Donna Davis | Don Brown | Jesse Davis | Don Brown | |
| | Kathy Brown | Jesse Davis | Kathy Brown | Rosemary Holland | Kathy Brown | |
| | Rosemary Holland | Mike Holland | Donna Davis | Mike Holland | Rosemary Holland | |
| Gift | Jason Wells Family | Wanda Ohnesorge | Kathy Brown | Don Brown Family | Doug Brown Family | |
| Bearers | | | | | | |
| Greeters | Wells Family | Davis Family | Wells Family | Davis Family | Wells Family | |
| SUN | April 16 | April 23 | April 30 | May 7 | May 14 | |
| 8am | Families in Faith | Families in Faith | Families in Faith | | | |
| Servers | Garrett Hoene | Rory Miller | Noah Pruemer | Zoey Conder | Rory Miller | |
| | Braxton Hoene | Wylie Miller | Jacob Vonderheide | Garrett Hoene | Wylie Miller | |
| | Isaac Pruemer | Daisy Miller | Olivia Vonderheide | Braxton Hoene | Daisy Miller | |
| Lector | Lisa Thompson | Jason Pruemer | Terry Hoene | Lisa Thompson | Jason Pruemer | |
| Ushers | Don Antrim | Charley Vonderheide | Jim Vonderheide | George Conder | Gene Doedtman | |
| | Jason Vonderheide | Larry Lieb | Roy Waldhoff | Joe Conder | Tom Doedtman | |
| Ech Min | Roy Waldhoff | Linda Doedtman | Jason Pruemer | Roy Waldhoff | Lisa Thompson | |
| | Leslie Kemme | Lisa Thompson | Lisa Waldhoff | Timber Miller | Barb Vonderheide | |
| | Timber Miller | Barb Vonderheide | Leslie Kemme | Linda Doedtman | Lisa Waldhoff | |
| Gift | Ed Leslie Kemme | Allen Geannine | Jim Mary Miller | John Karen Neu | Justin Conder | |
| Bearers | | Kessler | | | family | |
| Greeters | Wally Thompson | Brock Vonderheide | Charley Rhonda | Barb Vonderheide | Roy Lisa Waldhoff | |
| | Family | Family | Vonderheide | | | |
| Money | Stremming | Doedtman | Kemme, Hoene, | Bales, Richards | Stremming | |
| Counters | Conder | Shadwell | Adams | Sheehan, Hackman | Conder | |
| WED. | April 12 | April 19 | April 26 | May 3 | May 10 | |
| 8am | Irene Koester | Kay Conder | Linda Doedtman | Irene Koester | Kay Conder | |
| Lectors | | | | | | |

Mattoon Catholic Charities will be hosting its annual fundraiser at The Walkway located at 1501 Lake Land Blvd in Mattoon on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Unlock the mystery at this Murder Mystery Dinner by Mafia Murders. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a meal by Griffin's Catering. Ticket(s) may be purchased in advance on our website at cc.dio.org. If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation you may do so on our website: cc.dio.org/ways to give/donate/.

| Weekly Offering | 4-23-23_ |
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| Adults | \$2015.00 |
| Loose | \$363.00 |
| Catholic Home | \$160.00 |
| Seminarians | \$50.00 |
| Total | \$2588.00 |
| Masses \$30.00 | |

Cont. from Reflections Reflection Questions for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

How does the response of the apostles to the needs of the Greek-speaking widows remind us of our responsibility to serve others, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable in our society?

In what ways can we apply the principles of delegation and leadership seen in the passage to our own lives as Catholics?

What challenges do we face today in our communities that require us to come together and address as a group?

How can we maintain our trust in Jesus during difficult times?

What can we do to keep our focus on our ultimate home with God in heaven?

How can we better follow the path that Jesus has laid out for us in our daily lives? What are some practical ways we can continue Jesus' work in the world?

In what ways does Jesus serve as a window into the community of the Trinity? How does this impact our understanding of God and our relationship with Him?

How can we follow Jesus' example of focusing on doing the will of the Father for the good of all humanity in our daily lives? What are some practical steps we can take to do so?

Why do you think caring for widows was such an important responsibility for the early Christian community? What can we learn from their example about the importance of caring for those in need today?

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.
- · 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 https://cc.dio.org/events/agape-project.

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.



Saturday, May 6 – Lenny Montello by Tom & Dot Zumbahlen Sunday, May 7 – Maurine Lieb by Larry Lieb Wednesday, May 10 – Saturday, May 13 – Dorothy Ruholl by family Sunday, May 14 – For all Mothers, Living and Deceased Wednesday May 17 - Marian Runde by family

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



Tom Zacha 5-9 Isaac Wells 5-10 Don Antrim 5-12 Mike Holland 5-12 Weston Spannagel 5-13

Families in Faith

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

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

Do you have a graduate? Names of graduates will be posted in the May 21st bulletin. If you would like your graduate listed please send the name and school to www.stmarysshumway@gmail.com or

A "Mother's Day" gathering to celebrate ALL mothers will be held after 8am Mass on Sunday, May 7th.

Donuts, sweet breads, fruits, coffee, juice and milk will be served.

Please bring a sweet bread to share.

Sign up in the Cry room.

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, including: pregnancy tests; limited ultrasound; STI testing, treatment & risk education; baby items; and educational resources. Clients are able to participate in these programs: Prenatal Education, Post-Birth, Breastfeeding Classes, Dadz Class, Momz Class and Post Abortion Support. Sexual Risk Avoidance (abstinence) Education to area schools/churches is also offered. 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 Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. 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 https://holylandtoursllc.com 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.

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

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.



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.

Eucharistic Revival---Use the following websites to find some spiritual reading about the Eucharistic Revival.

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/ https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog

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— Unity, Service, and Leadership

In the first reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we see the early Christian community facing a challenge that threatened to divide them. The Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles recognized the problem and called for a solution that would allow them to focus on their primary responsibility of prayer and preaching, while ensuring that the needs of all members of the community were met.

As Catholics, we can draw several reflections from this passage. First, we see the importance of community and unity. The early Christian community was not without its challenges and disagreements, but they recognized the need to come together and address their problems as a group. They sought a solution that would benefit everyone and allow them to continue their work of spreading the Gospel.

Second, we see the importance of serving others. The apostles recognized the need to prioritize prayer and preaching, but they also recognized the importance of serving those in need. They didn't ignore the issue of the Greekspeaking widows but instead sought a solution that would ensure their needs were met. We are called to serve others, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

Finally, we see the importance of leadership and delegation. The apostles recognized that they couldn't do everything themselves and needed to delegate responsibilities to others. They chose seven men from among the community to oversee the distribution of food, ensuring that everyone was taken care of. We are called to be leaders in our own communities, recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and delegating responsibilities to others when appropriate.

Trusting in the Words of Jesus

The gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A offers comfort, guidance, and encouragement to us. This passage is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples before his crucifixion, and it contains some of the most beautiful and profound words that Jesus ever spoke.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." No matter what challenges we may face in life, we can always find peace and comfort in our faith. We are called to trust in God and in Jesus, and to hold fast to that trust no matter what happens.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Our ultimate home is with God in heaven. We are called to strive for this heavenly home, to live our lives in a way that will allow us to be with God forever.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the path that we must follow if we want to be close to God. He is the truth that we must seek, and the life that we must live if we want to experience the fullness of God's love.

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these." We are called to continue Jesus' work in the world. We are called to love others, to serve others, and to bring God's light into the darkness of the world.

Living the Way of Jesus

Jesus describes himself as "the way, the truth, and the life." Through these words, he not only identifies himself as the one who can connect us to the Father, but also as a window into the community of the Trinity. His life and teachings demonstrate how we can live in harmony with God and one another. Jesus' focus was always on doing the will of the Father and benefiting all of humanity.

The early Christian community took this message to heart, as demonstrated in Acts 6:1-7. They recognized the importance of caring for widows, and when it became clear that they were falling short in this responsibility, they appointed deacons to ensure that everyone was taken care of. This shows how the early Christians put Jesus' teachings into practice by caring for those in need and working together as a community.

By following Jesus' example, we too can live in harmony with God and one another, and strive to make the world a better place for all. This involves caring for those in need, working together as a community, and seeking to do the will of God in all that we do.

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