

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

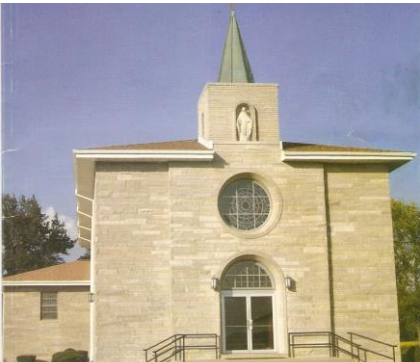
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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

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



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

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

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
Ech Min	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemmer Lisa Waldhoff Leslie Kemme	Roy Waldhoff Timber Miller Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff
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

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
Adults..... \$2015.00
Loose..... \$363.00
Catholic Home.....\$160.00
Seminarrians.....\$50.00
Total..... \$2588.00
Masses \$30.00

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 Greek-speaking 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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