

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.stmaryshumway.org](http://www.stmaryshumway.org)  
Email: [stmarysshumway@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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!



Fr. Al Allen  
Larry Nation  
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

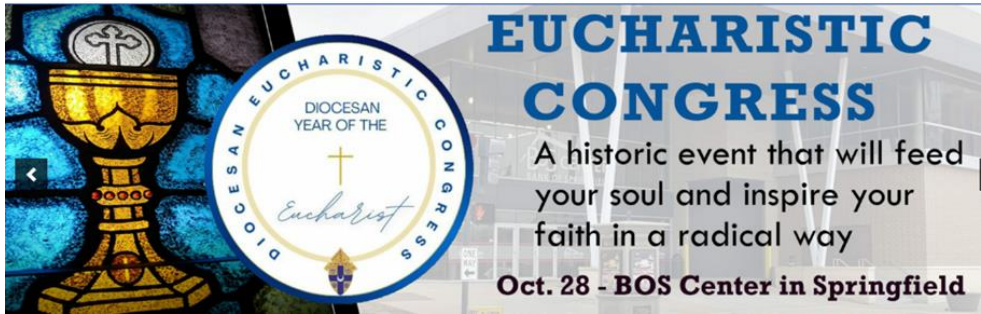


**July Committee:** Timber Miller, Gail Brandt,  
Lacey Krueger, Rita McKay, Geannine Kessler

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	July 22	July 29	Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19 Parish Picnic
Servers	Abby Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Trey Brown	Isaac Wells Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Abby Brown Trey Brown Tryston Brown	Volunteers-2
Lector	Alaina Miller	Jesse Davis	Abby Brown	Katrina Davis	volunteer
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Don Brown Jesse Davis	Doug Brown Jason Wells	volunteer
Ech Min	Kathy Brown Mike Holland Rosemary Holland	Katrina Davis Donna Davis Don Brown	Jesse Davis Kathy Brown Katrina Davis	Don Brown Mike Holland Rosemary Holland	Volunteer -1
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	none
Greeters	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	none
SUN 8am	July 23	July 30	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug. 20
Servers	Noah Pruemmer Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder	Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Wiley Miller Daisy Miller	Rory Miller Isaac Pruemmer Noah Pruemmer	<b>NO MASS</b> We would like everyone to attend the Saturday Evening Mass before the Parish Family Picnic and then join in food and fun!!
Lector	Jason Pruemmer	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Jason Pruemmer	
Ushers	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	
Ech Min	Roy Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Jason Pruemmer	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme	
Gift Bearers	Barb Vonderheide	Josh Miller Family	Rosemary Vonderheide	Sally Wakefield	Stremming Conder
Greeters	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu	Todd Wanda Ohnesorge	Rosemary Vonderheide	
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	
WED. 8am Lectors	July 19	July 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
	Kay Conder	No mass	Not sure if these Masses will be said as of today. I will update when these dates get closer.		

**Weekly Offering.....7-9-23**  
Adults:..... \$1720.00  
Loose:..... \$433.00  
Altar.....\$50.00  
Total .....\$2203.00



You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. **If you are interested in attending, contact the parish office 1-844-536-6514 OR SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM as each parish in the diocese is given a specific number of available seats.** For more information on the event or volunteering or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit [dio.org](http://dio.org).

#### Effingham Co. Fair -Right to Life Booth

The fair is just around the corner and so is our opportunity to sit at the Right to Life Booth at the Fair. Our church takes care of Thursday, Aug. 3 from noon to 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the cry room. It is imperative that we have someone at the booth every hour of the day to show those who walk by/stop by how important LIFE is.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham on Monday July 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Michal Rosa will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the Narthex. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.



Saturday, July 15 –Lenny Montello  
 Sunday, July 16 –Sr. Pat Haarman by George Diana Conder  
 Wednesday, July 19 -Matthew Tegeler by Alice Richards(Fr. Probst will have mass)  
 Saturday, July 22 –Joseph H. Willenborg by Herb Cheryl Meeker  
 Sunday, July 23 –Carol Kremer-Woods by Joe Kay Conder  
 Wednesday, July 26 – NO MASS \*\*\*

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.

\*\*\*For any mass that is cancelled I will move Mass intention to the next available date.

Fr. Al has asked that you keep the prayers coming!!!  
 He had a mini stroke and has a blockage. He will have surgery on Tuesday to remedy this.  
 He is doing well and in good spirits.

Happy Birthday



Jamie Brown 7-16  
 Tammy Manhart 7-16  
 Christie Dust 7-17  
 Brenda Vahling 7-17  
 John Childerson 7-18  
 Roy Waldhoff 7-22

*Happy Anniversary*

Joe & Kay Conder 7-18-1964  
 59 years

*The parish family extends its sympathies to the Don and Carolyn Clark Family on the passing of Don's mother, Betty Ann Clark. May she rest in peace.*

#### St. Michael Church Picnic – Sigel - will be Sunday, July 17.

A chicken and ham dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. An adult plate is \$10 and child's plate is \$5. Children ages 4 and younger eat for free.  
 Entertainment includes bingo, face painting, mystery boxes, inflatables and big wheel. FACE will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. Jake Schumacher and the Workin' Class Heroes will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.  
 Hamburgers, pork burgers, brats and hot dogs will also be available. Adult raffle and children raffle will be held.

**Starting in August---** Eucharistic Adoration  
 Adoration will be the 3rd Thursday of the month 6:30-7:30pm.  
 Please plan on attending and encountering our Lord.

#### ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A SPECIAL TIME

- ❖ To visit Jesus, the converging point of the sufferings of humanity
- ❖ To give him thanks for our redemption
- ❖ To praise Jesus' love, the manifestation of God's mercy
- ❖ To thank God for granting us grace, joy and hope
- ❖ To be united with Jesus in the



**Family Connection** Today’s Gospel reminds us that in order for God’s Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for “preparing the soil” so that the seeds of God’s Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child’s Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child’s Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child’s Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God’s Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today’s Psalm, Psalm 65.



Priest runs Boston Marathon in 6:35/mile (under 3 hours)! – It is one the most prestigious marathons in the U.S., the Boston Marathon. Runners must qualify for it. Our Father Dominic Rankin not only competed, but completed it in under three hours (6 minutes and 35 seconds per mile)! How did he do it? We discuss with him the physical and spiritual components of running the Boston Marathon. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

UPCOMING KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS INITIATION  
Effingham Council 665 is planning a live Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (a.k.a. Third-Degree Initiation) prior to the Council meeting on July 19th at the Effingham Event Center. Registration will begin at 6:15 PM and the Exemplification will start at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will last a little over thirty minutes. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Director Bob Utz at 217-994-4140.

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.

**National Catholic Youth Conference** - NCYC is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment for Catholic high school teenagers that will be hosted on November 16 – 18, 2023 at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The event includes inspiring keynote speakers, breakout sessions on a variety of topics for teenagers and the celebration of Holy Mass with people from all over the country. Registration for passes to NCYC is being coordinated through the Office for Catholic Education to get a discount. If interested contact, Donna Davis.

**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](http://jotform.com/231135196152046) .

**REFLECTIONS—**  
*The Life-Giving Word*

In the 1st Reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the prophet Isaiah presents a beautiful analogy of rain and snow descending from heaven, nourishing the earth and enabling it to bear fruit. This imagery serves as a reminder that just as water sustains and revitalizes the land, God’s Word holds a profound purpose and effect in our lives. It is not a mere collection of empty words or futile ideas but carries with it the power to accomplish precisely what God intends. His Word has the extraordinary ability to breathe life into our beings, bringing about transformation and fulfillment in ways we could never fathom.

When we open ourselves to the Word of God, we allow it to permeate the depths of our being, to penetrate our hearts and minds. It becomes a guiding force, leading us on the path of righteousness and virtue. God’s Word has the power to ignite change within us, helping us to shed our old ways and embrace the transformative journey of faith. It renews us, breathes new life into our spirits, and offers a compass to navigate the complexities of life. In the presence of God’s Word, we find solace, wisdom, and strength to face the challenges that come our way. It serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring us to persevere and to seek a deeper relationship with our Creator.

*Enduring Change for the Kingdom of God*

Change is a challenging process, and in the 2nd reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A St. Paul describes it as the labor pains of a woman. The arrival of the Kingdom of God will not be a smooth or easy journey; it will require a birthing process that involves pain and struggle. Similarly, the Parable of the Sower illustrates this idea of birthing new life. Some seeds thrive and bear fruit, while others do not. This parallels the mix of anticipation, joy, and sorrow that can accompany the potential for life. For those who have experienced loss, it can be difficult to trust in the emergence of new life. However, we must be willing to take risks and engage in the birthing process of the Kingdom of God.

Just as a woman perseveres through the pain of labor, we too must endure the challenges and uncertainties that come with bringing forth the Kingdom of God in our lives and in the world. It calls us to step out of our comfort zones, trust in God, and have faith in the possibility of new life and transformation. Even though the process may be arduous and we may encounter setbacks, we are encouraged to embrace the journey, knowing that God’s grace and presence will sustain us. Let us have the courage to take risks, endure the pain, and persist in cultivating a world where God’s love and justice can flourish.

*Cultivating Receptive Hearts for God’s Word*

The gospel for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A speaks to the different ways people receive and respond to the message of God. It challenges us to reflect on our own openness and receptivity to His Word. Are we like the hardened path, where the Word cannot penetrate our hearts because of indifference or distractions? Are we like the rocky ground, where we may initially embrace the Word with enthusiasm but lack the perseverance to endure challenges and trials? Are we like the thorny soil, where worldly concerns and desires choke the Word and prevent it from bearing fruit? Or are we like the good soil, where the Word takes root, flourishes, and yields a bountiful harvest?

This reflection on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to consider the condition of our hearts and the disposition with which we approach God’s Word. It challenges us to cultivate a spirit of openness, attentiveness, and receptivity to His teachings. We are called to remove the hardness of our hearts, deepen our roots in faith, and detach ourselves from the distractions and entanglements of the world. By doing so, we create fertile ground for God’s Word to take root, grow, and bear fruit in our lives.

*Reflection Questions* ---How can I cultivate a receptive heart to God’s Word in my daily life? What steps can I take to deepen my openness and attentiveness to His teachings?

In what ways am I like the different types of soil mentioned in the Parable of the Sower? Do I tend to allow distractions or worldly concerns to hinder the growth of God’s Word in my life? How can I create fertile ground for His Word to take root and flourish?

Reflecting on the imagery of labor and birthing, what is a new idea or initiative that I feel called to bring forth into my social circle? Am I willing to embrace the challenges and potential pain that may accompany this process for the sake of the Kingdom of God?

Have I ever taken the time to empathize and connect with women who have experienced the pain of loss from miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion? How can I extend compassion, support, and understanding to those who have gone through such experiences? (young-catholics.com)