

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
Email: 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!



- 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	NO MASS 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.....7-16-23
Adults.....\$2056.50
Loose..... \$574.00
Peter Pence..... \$10.00
<u>2nd collection for Ukraine.....\$1118.00</u>
Total \$3758.50

SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!



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.

The 24th Annual Austin Lockett Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on August 4 at the Cardinal Golf Course. If you are interested in playing, sponsoring a hole, or making a financial contribution please contact the Catholic Charities office 217-857-1458 or visit us at cc.dio.org.
COST:\$80 per player (Includes Green Fees & Cart Rental) 4 person teams
Registration/lunch at 11 am Shotgun start Noon
PLACE: Cardinal Golf Course
HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \$125 HOLE SPONSORSHIP + TEAM PACKAGE: \$400



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 ***
Saturday, July 29 – Virginia and Manuela Hernandez by Ralph Hernandez
Sunday, July 30 – Mike & Virginia Conder by Joe & Kay Conder
Wednesday, Aug. 1 –(unsure if mass will be celebrated)

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.

Happy Birthday



Jacquelynn Wernsing 7-24
Kathleen Maisel 7-26
Daphne Hoffman 7-29

Happy Anniversary

Doug & Jamie Brown 7-24-2010
13 years

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
St. Mary's Family Picnic
Saturday, Aug. 18
4 pm Mass
Food and Fun to follow

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.

Starting in August--- Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration will be the 3rd Thursday (Aug. 17) 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

Taken together, the parables found in today’s Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God’s Kingdom until God’s final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God’s plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

Mark your calendars
St. Anthony Church Picnic
Aug. 12-13

New, free-to-watch documentary features Central Illinois miracles and incredible stories of faith – In a world full of selfishness, hardships, and despair, more and more people are asking, “God, are you up there?” God is Alive, an original documentary, created and produced by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, answers that question in an adventurous, impactful, and local way, and that will inspire and energize your faith life. God is Alive takes viewers to Jerseyville, Springfield, Peoria, Quincy, and Decatur and features five stories of incredible faith/miraculous events that you will be surprised to learn about and touch on many things people struggle with such as prayer, feeling unforgivable, and dealing with an incredible hardship. To watch the documentary, go to dio.org/documentary.

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 .

REFLECTIONS—

The parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast, found in Matthew 13:24-43, the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, offer insights into the power of God’s Kingdom in our lives. These parables challenge us to reflect on our hearts, choices, and the potential hidden within seemingly small aspects of our existence. They invite us to acknowledge our imperfections, nurture the good within us, and strive for spiritual growth. By embracing self-reflection, trust in God’s work, and the influence we have on others, we create space for God’s grace to transform us and bring forth abundant fruits of love, mercy, and compassion.

Nurturing the Wheat Within

The parable of the wheat and weeds, found in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, challenges us to reflect on our hearts and choices. We all have moments of goodness and weakness, love and selfishness. Recognizing our imperfections humbles us and invites self-reflection.

The parable urges us to protect the wheat within us and uproot the weeds. We nurture the good while striving for spiritual growth, repentance, and conversion. By embracing this process, we create space for God’s grace to transform us, bearing abundant fruits of love, mercy, and compassion.

Unveiling Hidden Potential

The parable of the mustard seed, also found in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, reveals the extraordinary potential in seemingly small aspects of our lives. Small acts of faith and love can have a significant impact when nurtured. It challenges our perception of value, reminding us that God’s kingdom works humbly.

Simple acts of kindness, compassion, and faithfulness can ripple through lives, contributing to the growth of God’s kingdom. Embracing small opportunities for love and service, we trust that God brings greatness through our humble efforts, cultivating a receptive heart for His transformative grace.

Unleashing Influence

The parable of the yeast, presented in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, teaches us about the transformative power of God’s Kingdom. Just as yeast leavens dough, our smallest actions infused with faith and love can have far-reaching effects. Our choices and interactions matter.

We can influence others through our words, actions, and attitudes, becoming agents of positive change. By embracing our personal witness and allowing faith to permeate our lives, we become vessels for God’s grace, spreading love and bringing forth goodness, joy, and hope in our communities and the world.

Reflection Questions

- How do you respond when you encounter “weeds” or challenges in your life or community?
- Are there areas in your life where you struggle to distinguish between the “wheat” (goodness) and the “weeds” (sin or negativity)? How can you discern and address them?
- In what ways can you actively protect and nurture the “wheat” in your own heart and in the world around you?
- Reflect on a small act of faith, love, or kindness that had a significant impact in your life or the life of someone else. How did it grow and spread?
- Are there areas in your life where you underestimate the potential of small, everyday actions? How can you embrace and maximize the power of small acts in your relationships, work, and community?
- How can you cultivate an attitude of trust and patience in God’s work, knowing that even the smallest efforts can yield remarkable results?
- Consider the influence you have on others through your words, actions, and attitudes. Are you spreading the “yeast” of love, hope, and faith in your interactions?
- How can you be intentional about infusing your everyday life with the transformative power of God’s Kingdom?
- In what ways can you be a positive agent of change and influence in your family, workplace, or community, bringing forth the values of God’s Kingdom?

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