

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
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



August Committee: Christina Niebrugge,
Alyssa Pruemer, Teresa Tegeler, Barb Vonderheide,
Kay Conder

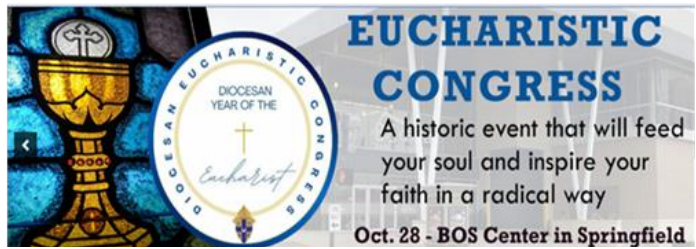
Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add
or remove someone. Thank
You.

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 Pruemer Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder	Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide Garrett Hoene	Braxton Hoene Wiley Miller Daisy Miller	Rory Miller Isaac Pruemer Noah Pruemer	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 Pruemer	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Jason Pruemer	
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 Pruemer	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	Aug 16
WED. 8am Lectors	July 19	July 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
	Kay Conder	No mass		Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

Weekly Offering.....7-30-23
Adults.....\$1535.00
Loose..... \$421.00
<u>Altar.....\$10.00</u>
Total \$1966.00
Masses \$10.00

Quiz Answers
8-a 9-b 10-a





Last day
to sign up
is Sunday,
Sept. 10

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.

See the bulletin board for the day's itinerary.

Catholic Bible Study? YES! Study the Book of Exodus beginning Thursday Sept 7th at
6:30pm at St. Anthony Parish Center. Then on Sept 14 a morning session is offered at
9:00am and the evening session is offered at 6:30pm. Register for materials by calling
St. Anthony Parish office at 217-347-7129. Questions call Kate Weber 217-821-3003
or kateweber51@gmail.com

Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta in Effingham
September 10, 2023 at the Effingham Event Center
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM---Drive through only
Tickets are \$8 per meal. Purchase 20 or more tickets and the price is \$7.
Tickets can be purchased from Catholic Charities, an advisory board
member or at the door.

Great Opportunity available to become
more involved with the parish....join the
parish council. We have several spots
available.

Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner
Sept. 24 at St. Mary's,
Shumway.
Tickets will go on sale Aug. 19.



Saturday, Aug. 12 – Lucy and Henry Dust by family
Sunday, Aug. 13 - Tom Vonderheide by Joe & Kay Conder
Tuesday, Aug. 15 – Assumption-Holy Day of Obligation—6:30pm
Wednesday, Aug. 16 -Matthew Tegeler by Marlene Roepke
Saturday, Aug. 19 –Ross & Violet Pautler by Duane & Joyce Shadwell
Sunday, Aug 20 – NO MASS
Wednesday, Aug. 23 -Bob Roepke 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.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
St. Mary's
Family Picnic
Saturday,
Aug. 19**

**4 pm Mass
Food and Fun
to follow**

All food and table
service will be
provided by the
parish. Feel free to
bring your own
special beverages.
Bring lawn chairs
and any yard
games you would
like to share in.

**Picnic clean-up
will be on
Sunday at
10am.**

Happy Birthday



George Conder 8-18

Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of Mary

Green Creek-Mon. Aug. 14 @6pm
Shumway-Tues. Aug. 15 @6:30pm

There is a PSR sign up sheet in the cry room for students go into
Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade. If you have children going into
one or more of these grades please sign them up.
Thank you

Adoration will be
the 3rd Thursday of the month 6:30-7:30pm.
Please plan on attending and encountering
our Lord.
AUG. 17

How Much Do You Know About the Eucharist?

8. When Jesus first introduced the Eucharist to His followers, they...
 - a. told Him it was a difficult teaching to accept and some of them stopped following Him.
 - b. allowed Jesus to wash their feet.
 - c. placed Jesus on a donkey and had a parade to celebrate His wisdom.
 - d. began weeping and rejoicing.
9. During what part of the Mass does the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ?
 - a. The oblation when we offer ourselves to God
 - b. During the consecration after the words "This is my body" and "this is my blood"
 - c. Concluding doxology when the glorification of God is expressed.
 - d. During the acclamation when the whole Church sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
10. Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" in
 - a. John 6
 - b. Peter 6
 - c. Luke 6
 - d. Matthew 6

Answers can be found on the last page.

**"Young people aren't here for the church; they are the church - the most beautiful and dynamic
part of the church." - Pope Francis**

Calling all 7th-12th grade students! Are you interested in joining Youth Group at St. Mary's? Youth
groups provide excellent opportunities to grow closer in our personal relationships with Christ, serve
our communities, learn more about our Catholic faith, and foster a sense of community among the
young people in our parish through fun and fellowship. If this sounds like something you would like
to be a part of, please fill out the Google Form survey at this link:

<https://forms.gle/8MYf4o6a8zbEbrS69>

Our first meeting will be late Sept/early Oct. Feel free to reach out with any questions or comments!
Katrina Davis, 217-240-4291

Family Connection

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family’s acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord’s Prayer.



Our parish now has a subscription. It is easy to sign up.
<https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter St. Mary’s Shumway and scroll down and click on our parish
- Enter name and email
- Explore and Encounter

In late September we will have “Parish Encounter Nights” going over one of the programs from FORMED. Keep a look out for the dates and times!!!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St Mary Annunciation in Shumway on Monday August 21. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Albert Allen will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the lower level. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

Natural Family Planning Class
Sacred Heart, Effingham
Aug. 30, 2023, 6:30pm-8:30pm
6:30 – Social
6:45 – Intro by Dr. April Ritz
7:00 – Presentation by Emily Frase
See bulletin board for more info.

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—
Discovering God in Life’s Quiet Moments
In the first reading for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A), we learn about the prophet Elijah finding comfort with God on Mount Horeb. This story teaches us about the importance of sensing God’s presence amidst challenges.
Elijah’s journey reflects our spiritual path. Sometimes life is tough, and we seek solace from God. God’s voice is gentle and subtle, not always grand or powerful. We must pay attention to God’s quiet presence. The noise of the world can drown it out. Like Elijah, let’s find moments of calm to listen.
God’s response to Elijah shows His love and understanding. He cares for us, even in dark times. Trust that God is close and loves us. The “still, small voice” is how God speaks to us. It may not be loud, but it guides and comforts us. In our faith journey, we may face doubt and fear. But remember to pray and meditate, turning to God for support.
Be aware of God’s gentle presence in life. Through prayer, reading Scripture, and the sacraments, we grow closer to Him. Trust that God guides us on our journey of faith.

Strengthening Faith Amid Storms
In the gospel for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 14:22-33), Jesus uses a stormy situation to strengthen the faith of his disciples. Despite being away, Jesus comes to their rescue, but they struggle to recognize him at first. When Jesus says, “Take courage. It is I,” he emphasizes his divine presence, but the disciples still seek proof. Peter, with wavering faith, asks to walk on water towards Jesus but starts to sink due to fear. Jesus reminds them to trust and asks why they doubted.
Finally, as the storm calms, the disciples recognize Jesus as the Son of God. This gospel encourages us to have unwavering faith in the face of life’s challenges, knowing that Jesus is always with us.
We are invited to examine our own faith journey. Like the disciples, we may face storms and challenges that test our faith, but Jesus reminds us to take courage, trust in Him, and step out in faith. Even when we falter, we can call out to Him, knowing that He is ever-present and ready to save us. Ultimately, by recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, we can find solace and strength, knowing that He walks with us through the storms of life, guiding us safely to the shores of His love and grace.

Anchored in Faith
The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A share a common theme: finding faith amidst life’s storms. In the First Reading, Prophet Elijah learned that faith is found in the stillness of our hearts, even in turbulent times. The Gospel tells of Peter walking on water towards Jesus but doubting amidst the storm. Yet, Jesus reminded him that true faith keeps our focus on Him.
Both stories show that faith is not just a feeling or the absence of difficulties. It’s a steadfast trust in God’s presence and power. When we face challenges, we must turn to God and listen for His voice.
In life’s storms, God’s gentle presence brings comfort, just as He whispered to Elijah and rescued Peter. With unwavering faith, we can overcome trials. God is always with us, inviting us to trust Him and anchor our faith in His love.

- Reflection Questions*
- Have you ever experienced a challenging situation in your life where you sought comfort from God? How did you feel during that time, and how did you sense God’s presence?
 - What can we learn from Elijah’s journey about paying attention to God’s quiet presence amidst the noise of the world? How can we find moments of calm to listen to God?
 - How does the concept of God’s “still, small voice” resonate with you? Why do you think God chooses to speak to us in gentle and subtle ways?
 - In times of doubt and fear, how can prayer and meditation help us turn to God for support and guidance?
 - Reflect on a time when you faced a storm or challenge in your life. How did your faith play a role in helping you navigate through it? Did you seek proof or have unwavering trust in God’s presence?
 - What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “Take courage. It is I”? How can we remind ourselves to trust in Jesus during difficult times?
 - Describe a situation where you felt your faith wavered, similar to Peter’s experience when he started to sink. How did you overcome that doubt and regain your focus on Jesus?
 - How do the readings teach us that faith is more than just a feeling and not the absence of difficulties? What does it mean to have steadfast trust in God’s presence and power?
 - Share some ways in which you have personally experienced God’s gentle presence and comfort during life’s storms. How can we actively seek God’s presence during challenging times?
 - In what practical ways can we anchor our faith in God’s love, especially when facing trials and uncertainties in life? How can we remind ourselves of God’s constant presence and support?