

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

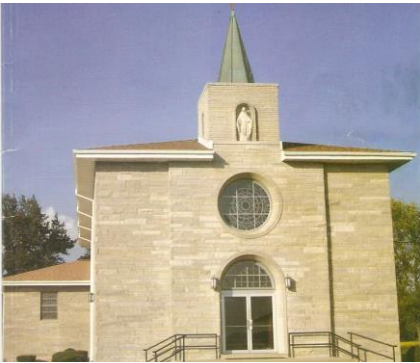
Or by appointment  
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

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  
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.

**September Committee:** Linda Doedtman, Helen Doedtman, Emily Doedtman Joyce Shadwell, Dorothy Hankins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Aug 26	Sept.2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Servers	Madalyne Brown Anna Brown Aubrey Brown	Issac Wells Abby Brown Trey Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Abby Brown Issac Wells	Madalyne, Trey, and Tryston Brown
Lector	Donna Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller	Jesse Davis
Usher	Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Mike Holland Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Jesse Davis	Don Brown Doug Brown
Ech Min	Katrina Davis Jesse Davis Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Donna Davis	Don Brown Kathy Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Donna Davis	Katrina Davis Rosemary Holland Kathy Brown
Gift Bearers	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family
Greeters	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family
SUN 8am	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24
Servers	Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide Wade Conder	Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide Garrett Hoene	Rory Miller Wiley Miller Daisy Miller	Jacob Vonderheide Isaac Pruemer Noah Pruemer	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Jason Pruemer	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Jason Pruemer Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Ech Min	Timber Miller Jason Pruemer Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Jason Pruemer Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Thompson Roy Waldhoff Lisa Waldhoff
Gift Bearers	Roy Lisa Waldhoff	Jason Pruemer Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Conder Family	Jason Vonderheide Family
Greeters	Wanda Todd Ohnesorge	Wally Thompson Family	Brock Vonderheide Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20
	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder

The Holiest Adventure days for moms/daughters and fathers/sons coming this fall – sign up now – Are you craving screenless quality time with those your children? Join Catholics in our diocese for The Holiest Adventure – mother/daughter edition and father/son edition. These are two separate adventure days for moms and their daughters and dads and their sons. The days will be packed with fun activities, Mass, adoration, and delicious food. The mother/daughter edition is Saturday, September 16 and is for moms and their daughters in grades 4-9. The father/son edition is Saturday, October 14, and is for dads and their sons in grades 4-9. Both events are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The mother/daughter edition will be at the St. Francis Convent, 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002. The father/son edition will be at The Villa Catholic Life Center, 1903 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712. To register, go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Cost is \$40.00 per mother/daughter or father/son pair. Each additional child is \$5 extra. For questions, email Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org)

<b>Weekly Offering.....8-20-23</b>	
Adults.....	\$515.00
Loose.....	\$183.00
Assumption.....	\$325.00
Total.....	\$1023.00



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).

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. Tickets can be purchased from Catholic Charities, an advisory board member or at the door.

**Wise Men Still Seek Him-- No, it's not Christmas quite yet!**  
Coming this October: DeColores Weekends Stay Tuned - More information to come!

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](mailto:kateweber51@gmail.com)



Saturday, Aug. 26 - Dorothy Ruholl by family  
Sunday, Aug. 27 –Louis Esker by Teresa Tegeler  
Wednesday, Aug. 30 - Leonard Waldhoff by Gene Ruth Brummer  
Saturday, Sept. 2 –Matthew Tegeler by Keven Carol Perkins  
Sunday, Sept. 3 –Catholic Daughters  
Wednesday, Sept. 6 -Diana Fuesting by Teresa Tegeler

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.

### PARISH T-SHIRTS

We are thinking of ordering more shirts like we did last year for a parish hall fundraiser. We do have a minimum to meet before we can order. If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please let Leslie Kemme know.  
[llkejkemme@yahoo.com](mailto:llkejkemme@yahoo.com) or 217-821-3399

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

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited – September 8  
St. Anthony's Parish Center.  
SonRise is men helping other men learn, listen, hear, act, and grow in faith. Building their relationship with God and each other. For one hour a week Men from multiple parishes across area gather to pray, listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and encouraging each other based on insights and reactions to the message shared. That Man Is You, is a set of presentations produced by Paradises Dei and includes NINE impressive speakers. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge yet registration is requested. Questions? contact Dan Woods, [danwoodsface@gmail.com](mailto:danwoodsface@gmail.com) or Jesse Davis [davistransmissions@hotmail.com](mailto:davistransmissions@hotmail.com).

Happy Birthday



Alice Richards 8-28  
Aaron Wells 8-30  
Doug Holland 8-31  
Josh Spannagel 9-1  
Emmalyn Brown 9-1

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

Great Opportunity available to become more involved with the parish....join the parish council. We have several spots available.  
The next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 6 @ 6:30pm in the church basement.  
COME CHECK IT OUT AND SEE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT!!



### PORK CHOP DINNER---PARISH HALL FUNDRAISER

ST. MARY'S SHUMWAY

PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 3:00PM-7:00PM

COST: \$12 PER TICKET

DRIVE-THRU CARRY OUT ONLY

PORK CHOPS, GREEN BEANS, BAKED POTATO, DINNER ROLL

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399, Terry Hoene 217-343-4545, Donna Davis 217-690-2640  
Kathy Adams 217-994-3144, Justin Conder 217-821-4509



**"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** Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

Our parish now has a subscription. It is easy to sign up.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter St. Mary's Catholic Church- scroll down and click on our parish
- Enter name and email
- Explore and Encounter

## “Parish Encounter Nights”

Sept. 20 and 27 and Oct. 11 and 25

We will be discussing the video series “Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist” from FORMED.

Viewing will start at 6:30pm and discussion will be from 7:15-8pm (on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>) in the church basement. On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> viewing will be from 630-730pm and discussion from 730-8pm.

You may view on your own and just come for discussion if you like.

Questions: Contact Donna Davis

The **Man of the Shroud Exhibit** coming to Vandalia – You are invited to see a replica of the Shroud of Turin, which is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus, and to learn about the history and science behind it by experiencing The Man of the Shroud Exhibit, coming to Mother of Dolors Parish in Vandalia for display Sept. 8-14.

In addition to the replica of the Shroud, the mobile exhibit contains a large, crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 31 popup display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

To check it out, visit Mother of Dolors Parish Center at 705 N. St. Clair St., Vandalia, IL 62471. There is no charge, and it's open to the public.

The exhibit is open on the following days and times: Sept. 8: 5-7p.m.

Sept. 9: Noon-2 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.

Sept 10: 1-4 p.m., with Shroud scholar Mark Antonacci giving a talk at 2 p.m.

Sept. 11: 10 a.m.-noon; 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 12: 10 a.m.-noon; 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 13: 10 a.m.-noon; 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 14: 10 a.m.-noon

On Friday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 17, Father Lawrence Carney will give a retreat on the “Devotion to the Holy Face” at Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, which will also include the Man of the Shroud Exhibit. More information can be found by visiting: [osmm.org](http://osmm.org).



**Know someone who would make a good deacon or thinking about it?**

Called to serve? Come and see – All men of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois discerning a vocation to the Holy Order of Deacon are invited to a weekend experience at the Corpus Christi Priory, 4867 LaVerna Road, Springfield Illinois on Friday, September 8 (4 p.m.) through Sunday, September 10, (noon). During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals, and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the men, their wives and the Norbertine Fathers, 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 us this link

<https://form.jotform.com/231135196152046>

The Agape Project (Effingham) – Effingham Catholic Charities announced that its special capital campaign, the Agape Project, has achieved its fundraising goal of raising \$600,000 to address the facility needs of the local charity. All donations to the campaign will remain local and exclusively benefit Effingham Catholic Charities. In Christianity, agape is the highest form of love, a transcendent sacrificial love that persists regardless of circumstances. “We have been overwhelmed by the response to our campaign. The incredible generosity and support of so many people reinforces the fact that we are all blessed to live in such a loving and compassionate community,” stated Beth Lindvahl, the campaign committee chair. “I am also so grateful to all of the campaign committee members who dedicated themselves to this effort and remained determined to see it succeed.” Donate to Catholic Charities of Effingham County at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

## REFLECTIONS— Authority and Humility

In the First Reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the Lord speaks to Shebna, the master of the palace, and Eliakim, the chosen servant. Shebna's pride and misuse of authority lead to his removal, while Eliakim is granted his position. The Lord symbolically clothes Eliakim with Shebna's robe and sash, transferring authority to him.

Eliakim's humility is evident in his role. He becomes a father figure to Jerusalem's inhabitants and the house of Judah, representing guidance and care. The key placed upon his shoulder symbolizes his responsibility over the House of David, signifying his power to grant or deny access.

This reading teaches us about the balance between authority and humility. God rewards those who serve with humility and use their authority for the good of others. Like Eliakim, we should hold positions of honor while remaining grounded in humility, guiding and caring for others as entrusted by God.

### Marveling at God's Wisdom

In the Second Reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, St. Paul reflects on the unfathomable riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God. The depth of God's judgments and His ways are beyond human comprehension.

Paul reminds us of the humility required before God's immense wisdom. No one can fully understand His mind or offer counsel to Him. God's gifts are freely given; nothing we offer can obligate Him.

“All things are from Him, through Him, and for Him.” These words capture the essence of our existence in God's plan.

Our purpose is to glorify Him forever. Paul's message invites us to stand in awe of God's wisdom and to recognize our place in His grand design.

### Unveiling Our Understanding

In the Gospel Reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Their responses show various perceptions of Jesus. But then He directs the question to them directly, “But who do you say that I am?”

Who do I think Jesus is? A divine vending machine? I put in Mass time and prayers and get out heavenly rewards. An accountant? I need to make sure that on my life balance sheet my good deeds add up to more than my bad ones. A sponge? I tell him everything that is bothering me in life and let him absorb it. No response required. The list can go on and on.

Understanding Jesus is complex. Often, we might see Him as a sort of divine transactional figure, an all-forgiving ledger, or a silent listener. Yet, truly knowing Jesus is not solely in our control; it's a revelation. Just as Peter's understanding unfolded, our comprehension of Jesus comes over time, through experiences and prayer. Just when we feel we've grasped it, a new encounter can transform our understanding.

Considering this reveals the evolving nature of our relationship with Jesus. It reminds us that while our perceptions of Him may change, the core of His love and purpose remains constant, waiting to be revealed to us as we journey through life.

### Peter's Confession

In the Gospel Reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus takes his disciples to Caesarea Philippi and poses a crucial question: “Who do people say I am?” The disciples share various opinions, but Jesus presses them, asking, “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, boldly responds, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus blesses Peter's faith and reveals that this understanding comes from God. He renames Simon as Peter, which means “rock,” symbolizing the foundation of the Church. Jesus promises that the forces of darkness will never conquer it. He grants Peter the authority of the keys to heaven, enabling him to make decisions with eternal implications.

This reading emphasizes the significance of Peter's confession, highlighting that faith in Jesus as the Messiah is the cornerstone of the Church. It establishes the primacy of Peter and teaches us to discern Christ's divinity and recognize that the Church's foundation rests on the truth Peter acknowledged.

### Reflection Questions

- In St. Paul's reflection on God's wisdom, why is humility emphasized before God's unfathomable knowledge? How do you personally approach the idea of standing in awe of God's wisdom and design?
- What is the significance of Peter's confession in the Gospel reading? How does his proclamation shape the foundation of the Church? How does recognizing Jesus as the Son of God impact your own faith journey?
- How do you perceive your relationship with Jesus? Do you find yourself approaching Him with certain expectations, like a divine vending machine or an accountant? How might these perceptions influence your understanding of faith and prayer?
- How do you feel about the authority of the Church? Do you view it as a positive or challenging aspect of your spiritual life? How does your understanding of authority within the Church align with your faith and beliefs?
- Reflect on your approach to sharing your faith with others. Do you focus on helping them encounter Jesus personally, or do you tend to dictate your perspective to them? How can you create an environment that encourages others to discover and deepen their own relationship with Jesus?
- How have your encounters with Jesus evolved over time? Have there been moments when your perspective shifted or deepened? How do these experiences contribute to your ongoing understanding of Jesus and your faith?