

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

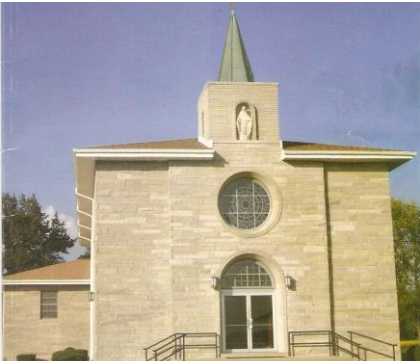
Or by appointment
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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!



Sam Sheehan
Fr. Al Allen
Larry Nation
Jim Gordon
Don Kemme
Danny Zacha
Don Clark
Heather Harbour
Kendall Fulk
Dan Zacha Sr.
Dean Gengler
Steve Moore

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



Weekly Offering.....9-17-23
Adults.....\$1120.00
Loose.....407.00
Africa.....95.00
Total.....\$1622.00

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS					
SAT 4pm	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28 No MASS
Servers	Isaac Wells Abby Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Trey Brown Tryston Brown	Madalyne Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown	Aubrey Brown Anna Brown Trey Brown	This is the day of the Eucharistic Congress and no masses are to be celebrated in the diocese per the direction of Bishop Paprocki.
Lector	Katrina Davis	Abby Brown	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	
Usher	Jesse Davis Jason Wells	Mike Holland Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Jesse Davis	
Ech Min	Donna Davis Jesse Davis Don Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Kathy Brown	Don Brown Kathy Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Don Brown	
Gift Bearers	Jason Wells Family	Wanda Ohnesorge	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Oct. 29 Families in Faith
Greeters	Wells Family	Davis Family	Wells Family	Davis Family	
SUN 8am	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15 Families in Faith	Oct. 22 Families in Faith	Oct. 29 Families in Faith
Servers	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Olivia Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Jacob Vonderheide	Wylie Miller Rory Miller Daisy Miller
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Jim Vonderheide Roy Waldhoff	George Conder Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ech Min	Timber Miller Barb Vonderheide Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Roy Waldhoff Lisa Waldhoff	Linda Doedtman Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Lisa Thompson Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Allen Geannine Kessler	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu
Greeters	Lisa Roy Waldhoff	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene Family	Don Marcella Antrim	George Conder Family
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Kay Conder	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester

**Diocesan Respect Life
Mass and prayer
procession**

Oct. 7 (Sat) at Holy Family
Parish, Granite
City. Bishop Paprocki will
celebrate Mass at 9 am,
followed by a prayer
procession around the
abortion facility in Granite
City. Lunch and speaker
will follow the procession.

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited – September 29

There is still room available! SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast meets St. Anthony’s Parish
Center Friday mornings. For one hour a week Men from multiple parishes gather to pray,
listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and
encouraging each other.
The Light of Men, produced by Paradisus Dei’s That Man Is You, a series of insightful
speakers. www.paradisusdei.org. Each week dives into the Seven Deadly Sins, last week
was Envy, this week is overcoming WRATH.
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,
Contact Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com



DID YOU PURCHASE A TICKET?
DON'T FORGET TO COME PICK UP YOUR
PORK CHOP DINNER!!
ST. MARY'S SHUMWAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 3:00PM-7:00PM
DRIVE-THRU CARRY OUT ONLY

CCW Soup Supper - Ladies of St. Anthony Parish, have invited the ladies of our parish to come join them on October 2nd at 6:00pm at the parish center for their annual soup supper. Bring your appetite. Food, Fellowship, and entertainment by the Senior Line Dancers will be provided.

Life Chain 2023 - Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 1 1:30 pm – Prayer Service
 Sacred Heart Parish Center
 2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

- A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children.
- Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.
- For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain, and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

We need God's help!! The "Prayer Campaign for LIFE" will take place from September 27 - November 5

The need for prayer has only increased in the last year as abortion numbers in Illinois have seen an enormous surge and the threat of assisted suicide looms ever larger as proponents now actively lobby Illinois legislators for its support. Our state is tragically moving in the wrong direction on the biggest issues of protecting life.

- 1.) Our days for prayer will be Wed. Sept. 27 8-5 AND Wed. Oct. 18 8-5.
You can pray at church, home, work or wherever. Sign up a time in the cry room.
- 2.) Volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store
Choose any hours between 9 am - 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Sept. 27 - Nov. 5.
Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to schedule a time.

"Parish Encounter Nights" Sept. 27 from 6:30-7:30pm
 We will be viewing and discussing episode 2- The Story of the Eucharist from the series "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" on FORMED.
 Next meetings will be , Oct. 11 and 25 .

Happy Birthday



Peyton Manhart 9-24
 Helen Kollinger 9-26
 Ed Kemme 9-28
 Justin Conder 9-28

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 6-7 in the church basement. If you have questions OR if you plan on attending text Katrina 217-240-4291.

Happy Anniversary

Jesse & Christina Niebrugge 9-24-2011
 12 Years

Charles & Rhonda Vonderheide 9-26-1970
 53 Years

Ed & Leslie Kemme 9-28-1991
 32 Years

James & Marylou Vonderheide 9-30-1961
 62 Years

PARISH T-SHIRTS If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please let Leslie Kemme know. llkejkemme@yahoo.com or 217-821-3399

Parish Families in Faith



Class this weekend--Sept. 24 @ 9am
Next classes:
Oct. 15, 22, 29
Nov. 12, 19
Dec. 10, 17

Adult classes AND Parish Family Time are for ALL PARISHIONERS not just those who have children in PSR!!!

The parish family extends its sympathies to Steve and Sara Roepke on the passing of Sara's mother, Joyce Habing.
 May she rest in peace.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Teutopolis with burial in St. Francis Cemetery.
 Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the church.



Saturday, Sept. 23 - Leonard Waldhoff by Kathy Ferguson
 Sunday, Sept. 24 -Connie Dust by family
 Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Marian Runde by family
 Saturday, Sept. 30 – Diana Fuesting by Roger Judy Zacha
 Sunday, Oct. 1 – Leonard Waldhoff by Gene Ruth Brummer
 Wednesday, Oct. 4-

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.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women announce convention, "Christ is Alive"– Wednesday, Sept. 27, will be the 95th annual Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Convention. This year's program, "Christ is Alive," takes place from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Griffin High School's west campus in Springfield. Registration is \$50 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Register through your parish (forms on the bulletin boards) or find the registration form on dio.org. Questions, contact Janet Zimmerman at Janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

Join Catholics in our diocese for The Holiest Adventure – father/son edition. The day will be packed with fun activities, Mass, adoration, and delicious food. 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 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. 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



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

Family Connection

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

Natural Family Planning Class

2023 Sessions: To register, contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemmer@gmail.com.
Saturday, October 14th - 9:30-11:00am at St. Francis in Teutopolis
Saturday, December 9th - 9:00-10:30am at St. Anthony Church, Effingham, IL

Pre-Cana Dates

Marriage prep programs may be a one-day Pre-Cana program, a Weekend for the engaged experience or another approved marriage preparation program. Upcoming dates for programs in the diocese are listed below.
Saturday, October, 21, 2023 - St. Anthony, Effingham
Call 217-347-7129 to register.
The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses.

Sunday, February 4, 2024 - St. Francis, Teutopolis
Call 217-961-6404 to register.
The fee is \$50 per couple to cover lunch and expenses

Coming this October: DeColores Weekends

“I am the Bread of Life.”
Oct 12-15 Men’s Weekend,
Leader Carl Portz of Effingham.
217-827-4101 carlportz@yahoo.com

“Be Transformed-Set Your Soul on Fire”
Oct 19-22 Women’s Weekend, Leader
Donna Davis of Shumway.
217-690-2640
drosedavis1998@gmail.com

Both weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott (Effingham Area)! If you haven’t been yet, YOU won’t regret it! Call or email the above leaders for more info or to sign up!!

REFLECTIONS—

The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Isaiah 55:6-9, calls us to seek the Lord while He is near and to forsake our wicked ways. It reminds us that God’s thoughts and ways transcend our own, just as the heavens are higher than the earth. This passage invites humility and a recognition of our limited perspective before the divine wisdom.

In the context of the gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Matthew 20:1-16A, these verses resonate deeply. The parable illustrates God’s unfathomable generosity, where all workers, regardless of when they arrive, receive the same reward. Isaiah’s message of God’s transcendent thoughts finds its echo here. Just as the landowner’s ways surpassed the laborers’ expectations, God’s mercy exceeds our understanding.

Both passages invite us to release our rigid notions of fairness and instead embrace God’s vast, compassionate perspective. Just as the heavens dwarf the earth, God’s grace surpasses human comprehension. This calls for a shift in our attitudes, from judgment to rejoicing in God’s abundant love.

As we ponder Isaiah’s words and the parable’s message, we’re called to humility and trust. We’re urged to seek God earnestly and to relinquish our self-centered viewpoints. The divine economy of grace challenges us to let go of our limited sense of justice and instead embrace the boundless generosity of our Creator.

In the second reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Philippians 1:20C-24, St. Paul’s words resonate with a profound devotion to Christ. He expresses his deep desire to honor Christ, whether through life or death. Paul’s attitude reflects an unwavering commitment to God’s will, regardless of the outcome. This devotion resonates with the message in the gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Matthew 20:1-16, where the emphasis lies on God’s graciousness that transcends our understanding of fairness.

The parable illustrates that the last shall be first and the first shall be last, challenging conventional notions of merit and reward. Similarly, Paul’s eagerness to serve Christ irrespective of life or death goes beyond personal gain, embodying the essence of selfless dedication.

The connection between these passages lies in the attitude towards life and purpose. Just as the laborers in the vineyard received equal reward regardless of their arrival time, Paul’s focus isn’t on his own circumstances but on glorifying Christ. Both texts invite us to rise above self-centered concerns and instead prioritize serving God wholeheartedly.

We are prompted to question our motivations and priorities. Are we seeking recognition and reward, or are we driven by a sincere desire to live out God’s purpose? The call is to embrace a mindset that seeks to honor God’s will above personal gain.

The gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Matthew 20:1-16A, paints a picture of God’s generous character. It emphasizes that even those who come to faith later in life are equally deserving of God’s grace. This message encourages us not to resent their inclusion, but to celebrate the boundless mercy that God extends to all. It’s a reminder that God’s compassion exceeds our expectations, inviting us to find joy in this truth.

Beyond its spiritual implications, this parable also prompts us to reflect on the dignity of labor. Just as each worker in the parable deserves fair treatment, all individuals merit just wages and meaningful work. This principle underscores the value of equitable compensation and the right for everyone to earn a living wage. Recognizing that our labor reflects our dignity encourages us to ensure that everyone has the chance to support themselves and their families through dignified employment.

Rather than comparing ourselves to others, the parable encourages a focus on promoting the well-being of all. Supporting wage earners and families becomes an embodiment of a truly pro-life stance, as it nurtures the conditions for a fulfilling and self-sufficient life. This resonates with the essence of faith – extending care and compassion to those in need.

Reflection Questions

- How does the concept of God’s transcendent thoughts challenge your own perspectives and judgments in daily life?
- What triggers jealousy in your heart? Where do you need to foster more generosity in your life? How does God’s abundant nature influence your own perspective and behavior?
- In the parable, how does the landowner’s approach to rewarding workers challenge your understanding of fairness and merit? How might this influence your interactions with others?
- Reflect on St. Paul’s attitude in the second reading. How can his unwavering commitment to God’s will, regardless of personal outcomes, inspire your own sense of purpose and devotion?
- Consider the idea that God’s generosity extends to all, even those who come to faith later in life. How does this message resonate with your own understanding of God’s compassion and inclusivity?
- How can you apply the lessons from these passages to your attitudes towards labor and fair treatment of workers? How does recognizing the dignity of labor align with your values and faith?
- Reflect on the call to prioritize God’s purpose over personal gain, as seen in both St. Paul’s devotion and the parable. How might this perspective shift influence your decision-making and actions?