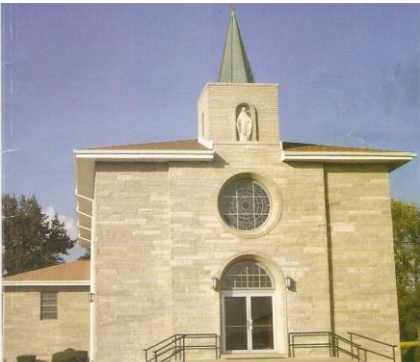


St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL
+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Fr. Adam Prichard, Pastor
aprichard@dio.org
“Office” Phone: 1-844-536-6514 (leave a message)
Website: www.stmaryshumway.org
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To reserve the church basement please call 1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

John Adams 618-322-2874
Matt Childerson 217-254-5896
Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

Funeral Meal Coordinators

Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

Shumway Mass Times:

Tuesday – 5:15 pm
Adoration 4-5 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Reconciliation-3pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Green Creek Mass Times:

Thursday – 5:15 pm
Adoration 4-5 pm
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

Diocese Website: www.dio.org

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



David Brown
Kathy Wakefield
Larry Nation
Norma Bloemer
Mardell Sheehan
Cinda Held
Beth Hewing
Nelda McCoy
Marita Kemme
Jim Gordon

Don Kemme
Don Clark
Steve Moore
Sally Wakefield
Pat Kuhns
Bill Hamilton
Christie Dust
Helen Kollinger
Bill Nuxoll
Marita Elson



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

December Committee: Tricia Holland, Marcella Antrim, Rosemary Holland, Mary Miller, Jennifer Bales

SAT 4pm	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
Servers	Isaac Wells Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown	Aubrey Brown Abby Brown Anna Brown	Madalyne Brown Trey Brown Tryston Brown	Anna Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown	Tryston Brown Aubrey Brown Trey Brown
Lector	Katrina Davis	Donna Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Don Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Doug Brown	Don Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Doug Brown	Don Brown Jason Wells
Ech Min	Rosemary Holland Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Mike Holland Don Brown Katrina Davis	Mike Holland Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Rosemary Holland Don Brown Katrina Davis	Rosemary Holland Kathy Brown Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells Family	Jesse Davis Family
SUN 8am	Nov. 24 Parish Families in Faith	Dec. 1 Parish Christmas Party	Dec. 8 Parish Families in Faith	Dec. 15 Parish Families in Faith	Dec. 22
Servers	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams
Ushers	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charly Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Joe Conder
Ech Min	Leslie Kemme Timber Miller Linda Doedtman	Lisa Waldhoff Barb Vonderheide Lisa Thompson	Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Waldhoff Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme
Gift Bearers	Charly Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim Marylou Vonderheide	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide	Josh Miller Family
Greeters	George Diana Conder	Joe Kay Conder	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemme	Jim Mary Miller
Money Counters	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Sheehan,Hackman	Stremming Conder
WED. 8am Lectors	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec 18
	Linda Doedtman	Wylie Miller	Teresa Tegeler	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast – Is Jesus Missing? This coming Friday, December 6 continues to journey through the Holy Land with the Joyful Mysteries. MEN, come as Jesus’ words in the temple grip the heart, shatter the darkness, and speak life. All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for delicious hot Breakfast ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM, and concluding at 7:30. More info: contact the St. Anthony’s parish office or Dan Woods danwoodsfache@gmail.com .

SAVE THE DATE—Next Parish Hall Fundraiser-
Minigolf at the Effingham Event Center
April 26, 2025
5-9PM
\$100 per couple
(Individuals welcome-\$50 each)
This includes 2 rounds of golf, 4 drink tickets,
food and entry into a drawing.



Hole sponsor -\$25 and Drink sponsor-\$50

Questions-Contact Ed or Leslie Kemme
217-821-3445 or 217-821-3399

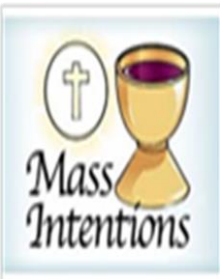
Fr. Adam will be offering adoration 4-
5pm and Mass 5:15 pm every Tuesday at
Shumway.

PRACTICE SINGING FOR
CHRISTMAS MASSES-
Wed. Dec. 11 AND Wed. Dec. 18
5:00-7:00pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

A BIG THANK YOU
to the anonymous donors to
the Parish Hall. We are
currently at \$115,538.21

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule-
Immaculate Conception(Dec. 9 Monday)
- Green Creek 6:30am Shumway 6:30pm
*This is the Holy Day of Obligation celebrating
that the Virgin Mary was free of Original Sin
from the moment of her conception.*
Christmas Eve
- Green Creek 6pm Shumway Midnight
Christmas Day
-Shumway 8:30 am Green Creek 10:30 am
New Year's Eve-Green Creek 5 pm
New Years Day-Shumway 9 am

2025 Wall Calendars courtesy of Brummerstedt
Funeral Home are available in the cry room.



† This symbol denotes-deceased.
Saturday, Dec. 7 - †Dan Zacha by Family
Sunday, Dec. 8 – †Ross Pautler by Duane Joyce Shadwell
Monday, Dec. 9 HOLY DAY-People of the Parish
Tuesday, Dec. 10 -
Wednesday, Dec.11-
Saturday, Dec. 14 – †Matthew Tegeler by family
Sunday, Dec. 15 – †Tom Vonderheide by Barb Vonderheide
Tuesday, Dec. 17 -
Wednesday, Dec. 18 -†Brenda Bales 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 in the cry room. **2025 CALENDAR IS OPEN FOR SCHEDULING!!!**



Happy Birthday



Hunter Brown 12-8
Terry Thomas 12-14

Parish Families in Faith

December Classes
Dec. 8 & 15

Happy Anniversary

DWIGHT & BEV STORM 12-14-1963
61 years

Still a few tags left!!



This year we are again helping spread the Christmas cheer to
students in the Beecher City and Stew-Stras Schools. There is a
Gift Tag Board set up in the cry room. There is one tag for
each student with many options for gifts on each. Do what
you can. No one is expected to get everything on the tag!
**GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE BASEMENT BY
SUNDAY, DEC. 15!!!! Please make sure the tag is attached to
the package.** If there are multiple packages, please make sure
each package has a tag with the appropriate number attached to
it. Thank you for your generosity to our communities!!! If
you have questions, please contact Donna Davis

Year End Giving Resources & Reminders - Year-End Gifts Due by December 31st

Stocks: Consider donating stock as a way to continue supporting St. Mary's (Annunciation) Catholic Church. Stock giving allows you to save your cash, avoid capital gains, and maximize your impact. You may also receive a tax deduction for the full value of the gift. Visit our secure stock giving site at bit.ly/ParishStock which makes stock giving easy and secure by providing the correct transfer form, helping you fill out the necessary fields, and providing clear instructions for submitting the form to your brokerage. For specific questions about how stock giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.
QCDs: Give to St. Mary's from your IRA- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for those age 70½ or older to use their IRAs to maximize their charitable impact. And, if you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), an IRA gift can help you meet your RMD without increasing your taxable income. Visit bit.ly/ParishQCD to learn more about this giving option and to initiate a QCD gift to St. Mary's. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.
Bequests: Have you documented your final wishes? Creating your estate plan is an act of care that can help you protect your loved ones, communicate healthcare and financial decisions about the future, and establish a legacy that honors your Catholic faith. Our new estate planning tool at www.freewill.com/diocesefspringfield can help you write your legal will for free and makes it easy to make a sustaining gift to your parish home, ensuring the ministry of St. Mary continues for generations to come. For specific questions about how estate planning may impact your personal situation, consult a tax advisor or lawyer.
If you have any questions, contact Karen Kemme.

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast – Called to Joy!

This coming Friday, December 13 concludes a journey through the Holy Land with the Joyful Mysteries. (This will be the final gathering of 2024.) MEN, come as we are all called to Joy and Retreat to Pray and Find God in the Silence.

All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for delicious hot Breakfast ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM, and concluding at 7:30.

25 Not Impossible Christmas Trivia Questions – Dive Deep presents 25 not impossible Catholic Trivia questions about Christmas! Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Catholic Bible Study? of the Book of Revelation! Sessions will begin on Thursday, January 9th at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm for 10 weeks. You may choose to attend at either time. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register for materials by January 2nd. If you have any questions, you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism - A family must be registered & actively living their faith. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation.

Thoughts from Fr. Adam...

A few weeks ago, my parents gave me the box of Christmas tree ornaments that belonged to me. These ornaments are keepsakes that either I made in school or were bought for me as I was growing up. Also in the box was a report card from High School (I was always a pleasure to have in class, even if I didn’t always get my homework done) and a progress report from my first grade teacher. As I was looking through the box, I felt some nostalgia. Of course, my life wasn’t always the easiest, but whose is? Our experiences, though, help us to shape who we are and what we think. It’s important to know that our path doesn’t define us and we can change. Even if we have a history of some poor choices that we’ve made, there is hope. And when we have had a very fortunate life, our relationship with God can still grow and develop. We do not have to stay stuck where we are in our lives. When we are rooted in Jesus Christ, we can grow and develop in our faith, we do not have to stay stagnant. Perhaps we’ve felt dry and desolate, and have not persevered in prayer; the good news is, we can always start again, seeking to be watered from the Living Water, Jesus Christ. Again, while our past definitely informs our present, we do not have to be shackled to any decisions of the past that have led us astray. Part of Advent is refocusing our eyes on Jesus Christ, that we may rejoice even more in the celebration of His birth into time and anticipating His Second Coming.

One of the Saints whose feast day (December 6th) we celebrate during Advent is St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in Lycia, now known as Turkey). He was born in 270 and died in 343, he cared for those who were in desperate situations, was exiled and imprisoned, and was present during the Council of Nicea (one of the Councils that helped to develop the Creed we profess on Sundays and other Solemnities). There are many stories about St. Nicholas, all testifying to the fact that was spent in service to the weak, children, and defenseless. One could say that St. Nicholas lived during “unprecedented times”, and yet, he continued to be committed to a life of prayer and of proclaiming the truth. We may find it difficult at times, when faced with obstacles, to persevere in prayer and evangelization. However, we have the “Cloud of witnesses”, the saints, of whom we can ask for their intercession. We continue to live in unprecedented times, so let us ask St. Nicholas to intercede for us, that we may persevere in prayer and in the proclamation of the Gospel.


To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Adam

PASTORAL VISITS—If anyone would like Fr. Adam to visit with them whether at home or in the hospital, please call the church (1-844-536-6514) so he can be made aware of your wishes. Fr. Adam doesn’t always know when a parishioner is in the hospital or possibly homebound, so we ask family to please reach out with ANY needs you may have!!!

The Effingham County FISH organization is sponsoring the Annual Free Effingham County Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 25. This year they will be having a congregate meal at the Effingham Event Center at 1:30pm. They will offer delivered meals as well as curbside pick-up. The event is free and open to all Effingham County residents and their families. You may reserve a meal by calling 217-343-7342. The deadline to reserve is December 20.

Volunteers are needed to package and deliver meals. We will start cutting cakes and packaging meals at 10:00am at the Effingham Event Center (1501 W. Fayette Avenue in Effingham). To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.

The Effingham Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers! The Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up food, sort and put away food, and help to give out food through the pantry. Second Hand Rose is in need of volunteers to run the cash registers. These volunteer opportunities are available Monday -Friday. Please call the Eff. CC office at 217-857-1458 and ask for Crystal (Pantry) or Brigid (Second Hand Rose).



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4/4/2025 – 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO