St. Mary's Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

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1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

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

<u>Funeral Meal Coordinators</u> Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399 Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

Diocese Website: www.dio.org



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 – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

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!



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

Eloise P.
Trevor Roy
Tony Bierman
Tori Schairbaum
Tom Laue
Jerry Worman
Mardell Sheehan
Elsie McKay
Kathy Miller
David Brown
Kathy Wakefield
Larry Nation

Norma Bloemer Beth Hewing Jim Gordon Don Kemme Don Clark Steve Moore Sally Wakefield Pat Kuhns Bill Hamilton Christie Dust Helen Kollinger Bill Nuxoll Cinda Held



September Committee: Gail Brandt, Jenni McKay, Lacey Krueger, Rita McKay, Timber Miller, Maridon McKay

SAT	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
4pm					
Servers	Trey Brown	Tryston Brown	Aubrey Brown	Madalyne Brown	Anna Brown
	Isaac Wells	Madalyne Brown	Trey Brown	Issac Wells	Aubrey Brown
	Abby Brown	Anna Brown	Tryston Brown	Abby Brown	Tryston Brown
Lector	Doug Brown	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Mike Holland	Don Brown	Mike Holland	Don Brown	Mike Holland
	Jason Wells	Doug Brown	Jason Wells	Doug Brown	Jason Wells
Ministers of	Katrina Davis	Donna Davis	Kathy Brown	Donna Davis	Don Brown
Holy	Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland	Don Brown	Kathy Brown	Katrina Davis
Communion	Don Brown	Mike Holland	Howard Dust	Rosemary Holland	Beth Spannagel
Gift	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown	Jason Wells	Jesse Davis Family	Kathy Brown
Bearers		Family	family		
SUN	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
8am	Families in Faith		Families in Faith	Right to Life Sunday	Families in Faith
Servers	Rory Miller	Wade Conder	Garrett Hoene	Rory Miller	Wade Conder
	Wylie Miller	Zoey Conder	Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller	Zoey Conder
	Daisy Miller	Jacob Vonderheide	Olivia Vonderheide	Daisy Miller	Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Josh Miller	John Neu	Jason Vonderheide	Larry Lieb	Roy Waldhoff
	Justin Conder	Don Antrim	Charley Vonderheide	Jim Vonderheide	Trevor Floyd
Ministers of	Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson	Timber Miller	Barb Vonderheide	Lisa Thompson
Holy	Barb Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff	Vanessa Floyd	Lisa Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme
Communion	Lisa Waldhoff	Leslie Kemme	Linda Doedtman	Trevor Floyd	Timber Miller
Gift	Rodney Hoene	Charly & Rhonda	Jim & Marylou	Dan & Angela	Barb
Bearers	Family	Vonderheide	Vonderheide	Woods	Vonderheide
Greeters	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene	Don & Marcella	George & Diana	Joe & Kay Conder
		Family	Antrim	Conder	
Money	Kemme	Bales, Richards,	Stremming	Doedtman	Waldhoff
Counters	Adams	Sheehan, Hackman	Conder	Shadwell	Hoene
WED.	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
8am	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Alice Richards	Mike Holland	Linda Doedtman
Lectors					

Weekly Offering	9-7-25
Adult	\$1905.00
Loose	393.00
Total	\$2298.00
Masses \$25 00	

Parish Hall update \$130,344.97

Prayer Campaign for LIFE—Our parish will have days of prayer on Sept. 30 and Oct 7 from 8-5. Sign up in the cry room for an hour of prayer. The church will be open, but you may pray from any where.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shumway MISSION

(who we are and what we do, our purpose)

Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the

Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel

and serving our neighbors with love.

VISION

(where we are going, our focus)

Building the Body of Christ through families of faith with vibrant spiritual formation, joyful community fellowship and service, and a welcoming presence to all.

St. Mary's Pork Chop Dinner
Sept. 14 from 4-7 pm at the church.
Cost is \$12. It is dine-in or carry out.
You will get 2 pork chops, green beans,
baked potato and roll. You can
purchase tickets after mass or by
calling Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399. It
is not necessary to pre purchase
but is appreciated.

Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway

"A Journey Through Church History." We will meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the basement. We will not meet on the first Wednesdays of the month, or on Sept. 24, Oct. 15, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis 217-690-2640. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.

As September is Suicide Prevention Month, there will be a Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Help of Christians Green Creek on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Mental health awareness is an important aspect of our communities and our parishes, and it is important that we all know that we are not alone and that we support one another. There will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Opportunity to help the Community

The Enduring Freedom Ministries located at the Old Grade School in Shumway would welcome volunteers to help set up for their Freedom Fest. They could use help in setting up the clothing area outside prior to their FreedomFest event on September 20th.. Also assistance if you have a golf cart or SxS to assist in transporting patrons to their cars following shopping.

If interested and have an hour or 2 to give reach out to Vicki at 217-868-5293. Please give them a call.

They do have pantry dates in Oct if you can help in anyway on October 7 & 8 along with 14th & 15th. Then on Oct 25 which is also Dress for Success. They won't just put you anywhere, let them know what you are comfortable doing.(cooking, serving, just ask them) A wonderful way to be a part of the giving back in the community.

Upcoming DeColores Fall Weekends:

Men's Weekend: October 16-19; Lay Leader: Tim Hodge. Call or Text him at 217-821-0113

Women's Weekend: October 23-26; Lay Leader: Sandy Deters. Call or Text her at 217-259-2417

The weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott south of Effingham (Must sign up prior to attending.) Call or text for an application.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.



Saturday, Sept. 13- †Larry Ferguson by Kathy Ferguson Sunday, Sept. 14 – †Marita Kemme by Lucy Westendorf

Tuesday, Sept. 16 -

NO MASSES -Fr. Adam will be out of town.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Saturday, Sept. 20 – Parishioner of St. Mary's

Sunday, Sept. 21- †Ken & Linda Westjohn by Rodney Terry Hoene

Tuesday, Sept. 23 –

Wednesday, Sept. 24- Special Intention 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.

Happy Birthday



Callie Holland 9-14
Theresa Roley 9-15
Angela Woods 9-16
Terry Hoene 9-18
Dave Stremming 9-18
Helen Levi 9-18
David Brown 9-18
Kathy Worman 9-20

Happy anniversary

JUDY & DAVID CATFOLL 9-14-1968 57 YEARS

George & Diana Conder 9-19-1981 44 years

ROBER & JUDY Zacha 9-19-1987 38 years

Attention Ushers!! Father Adam would like to have a brief meeting with all current ushers and those who would like to be after mass on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5

Families in Faith

Starts this Sunday, Sept. 14 after mass. This year we will have a class for high school students that is separate from youth group. Also remember that there is a class also for all adults in the parish. You don't have a child in a class to participate!!! If you have any questions, contact Leslie Kemme 217-

Calling all 7th -12th grade students! Join us for youth group on Sunday, September 21st from 6-7:30pm. We'll start downstairs and then move outside for some fun (weather permitting). Never attended before? That's okay - We would love to welcome you! Contact Katrina with any questions 217-240-4291.

Saturday, Sept. 27 @ 9am there will be server training. This for current servers and anyone one else who would like to serve (need to have made your first communion).

We will honor our newly baptized and young at heart after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5. There will be refreshments in the basement and parishioners are asked to bring a favorite bread, fruit, etc.

All ladies of the parish you are invited to St. Anthony CCW annual fall soup supper on Oct. 6 @ 6pm.

SonRise Fridays are BACK! - All Men Invited

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast has returned to St. Anthony's Parish Center for men of all area parishes. Last week we saw how failed male leadership is at the heart of a societal crisis. This coming Friday, we'll explore how this issue has deep roots and how strong leadership in the family – through the roles of husband, father, provider, and protector – can bring lasting peace, joy, and even financial stability. It's all about shaping a stronger future, starting at home!Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Calling all men juniors in high school and above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 21 at Little Flower in Springfield. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7 or email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org We hope to see you there!

Millions of Monicas celebrates one year in the Effingham Community Monday, September 15 at Sacred Heart Church. Join us for pray from 6:00-7:00pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the church narthex. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and Godmothers are invited! Even if you have never been before, please come check it out and celebrate with us! Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful, and struggling world. This prayer group is a way we can come together as believers and lift up our children in prayer. Millions of Monicas meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

The 35th annual Family Camp will be held September 20-21 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. This fun and relaxing weekend is for those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, along with their family and friends. Registration forms are available at www.sheff.org or by contacting Elaine Vonderheide at 217-821-1995.

EFFINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARITIES--We are having an ice cream social on our parking lot on Tuesday, September 23 from 2-6 PM! We are asking that attendees bring a food item for our pantry/mobile food pantry. Suggestions would be ground meat, eggs, butter, or cooking oil. We will have ice cream with toppings donated by Homewood Grill, music by DJ Zach Bierman and fun games for the kids! Stop by, enjoy some ice cream and have fun!

Come hear Catholic comedian and radio host, Josh Harris, LIVE at the T-Town KC Hall on Thursday, September 25. Doors open at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry fee. The opening act is oldies band, Solid Gold, performing from 6:00-7:45pm. Josh Harris will perform from 8:00-9:15pm. Event sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat, September 27-28, Villa Maria Retreat Center -"Sons of the Father, Men in Christ." Visit dio.org/events for a more detailed schedule and to register. The cost is \$150 and includes overnight accommodations (single occupancy), meals, and retreat materials. Deadline--September 22. Contact events@dio.org with questions.

Men's Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 18,2025 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville. Register at dio.org/events. Cost: \$30. Includes materials/food and drink. Deadline to register is Oct. 1. Contact: Gracie Ortiz, Director of Marriage and Family Life at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124 for questions.

Fr. Adam and Jesse Davis are offering OCIA this year. What is the OCIA? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is designed for non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church.

The OCIA process explores the meaning of faith and how Catholics express that faith in the community and in the world. It offers a chance to ask questions, raise doubts, acquire information, share, learn and grow. What's the commitment? First of all, you're not making a commitment to join the Catholic Church. You won't be pressured into making any decisions; you can stop attending the meetings at any time. You will continue to be welcome at the meetings and in the parish no matter what your decision.

You might want to share this information about the OCIA with anyone to whom you wish to offer an invitation. Perhaps to give them support and encouragement, you might offer to accompany them to one of the meetings.

If you have any questions or an interest, please email Fr. Adam at aprichard@dio.org or Jesse at Jrdavis6698@gmail.com or call the parish office and leave a message."

One of my friends, sometime last month, asked me if we were living in Purgatory and if not, could I explain why I would say that we're not. I said to her that we are not living in Purgatory, because Purgatory is there so that we may be purified in order to enter into the presence of God. Purification isn't always pleasant, but it is for our good. I compared it to her preparation for her job: the schooling necessary for her job, the on the job training for her job was certainly not always pleasant, but it was worth it in order to do her job and be good at it. And I was safe in this because while her job is difficult and challenging at times, I know she loves her job. And, while at some point, all analogies fall apart, we can liken that to Purgatory: if we enter into the state of Purgatory, we know that our destination is Heaven. And why is Purgatory a good thing? If we believe that only perfection can exist in Heaven, can exist in that presence of God, and we examine the lives of others, or perhaps even ourselves, we can, perhaps acknowledge, that almost 100% of people very likely aren't in a state of perfection when they die. God didn't just give us the promise of new life, just so we could be stopped at the gates of Heaven because we haven't been completely purified, leaving us just to exist in an in between state. He has established the avenues so that we may be in His presence forever.

Another aspect that I shared is that, again, as Purgatory is preparation to enter the presence of God, the purification that happens there is only for our good. If we were living in Purgatory, if Earth was Purgatory, the tragic, evil, and hateful things that have taken place throughout history wouldn't have happened. Political and social commentators wouldn't be assassinated, school shootings wouldn't happen, terrorist attacks, genocides, ethnic and racial cleansings, intentionally driving others into suicidal feelings or actions, anything immoral, etc., etc., etc., none of that would happen. No one can convince me that any of these things are for the good and intended to purify our souls. Now, I also believe that God can and does accompany us through these events, that we are able to come to a greater appreciation and understanding of the dignity of each and every person, that we can grow in understanding of how, in everything, we're called to cling to Jesus more and more. And as much as we can look at atrocities and tragedies, I also believe that we are not in Hell. While we acknowledge, and don't ignore atrocities, tragedies, and injustices, we are not to ignore the beauty and good that there is in this world. People serving one another: those who are sick, imprisoned, and neglected. The beauty of nature and creation. The joy of family and friends sharing a meal and time together, setting aside differences and disagreements and just enjoying one another's company. Coming together in prayer and worship, and sharing in partaking the Eucharist. There are terrible things that happen, but there are also great, beautiful and wonderful things. We are not in Purgatory, but we are not in Hell. We are on Earth. We need acknowledge the terrible and confront it with hope, with Jesus Christ, and pointing to Him as the source of true peace, love, and truth.

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office (1-844-536-6514) 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.

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 (1-844-536-6514).

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John



13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

Friday

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday

September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1-8 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Lk 7:31-35 Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday Thursday September 16 September 17

Weekday 1 Tm 3:14-16 1 Tm 4:12-16 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 7:36-50

September 18 Weekday

Saturday

September 20 September 19 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Weekday Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Lk 8:1-3 Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16

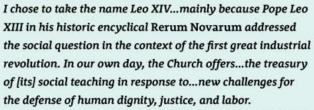
Lk 8:4-15

September 21

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

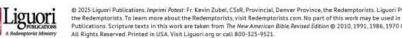
Sunday

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, **ROME, MAY 10, 2025**





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Our Parish

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

s he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. .

Reflect-

What emptying am I experiencing? Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?



Prayer Campaign for LIFE Sept. 24 – Nov. 2

We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide during the "Prayer Campaign for Life", 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. This will take place from Sept. 24 to Nov. 2. Please consider participating in all 3 parts of this pro-life campaign:

- Part 1: Commit to an hour of prayer on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 7. Come to the church for an hour or pray at home if you can not get to church. 4-5pm each of those days is our normal hour for adoration with mass afterwards.
- Part 2: Commit to fast for an end to abortion (no sign-up required).
- Part 3: Choose an hour or more to volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham. Choose any hours between 9 am 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to get on the schedule. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon!!!

St. Charbel's First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October – A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlouf, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women—including St. Padre Pio, St. Carlo Acutis, the three Fatima children, and a piece of the True Cross—will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more information, visit OSMM.org or email KeckVanessa7@gmail.com.

EIU Newman Center Annual Gala Are you an alumni, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Consider attending this year's Newman Night Gala, October 25th, as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future of our catholic student community and center here at EIU. For more details call 217-348-0188, visit our website eiunewman.org/newmannight or email John Johnson at development@eiunewman.org



