

SAT 4pm	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
Servers	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust	Abby Brown Madalyne Brown Adeline Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Fred Dust
Lector	Alaina Miller	Sarah Roepke	Donna Davis	Doug Brown	Christy Brown
Usher	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Justin Miller	Mike Holland Don Brown	Jason Wells Doug Brown
Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Brown Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Kathy Brown Donna Davis Katrina Davis	Sarah Roepke Don Brown Beth Spannagel	Mike Holland Rosemary Holland Kathy Brown	Donna Davis Sarah Roepke Don Brown
Gift Bearers	Kathy Brown	Don Brown Family	Joe & Fred Dust	Jason Wells Family	Doug Brown Family
SUN 8am	Oct. 12 Families in Faith	Oct. 19	Oct. 26 Families in Faith	Nov. 2	Nov. 9 Families in Faith
Servers	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Hunter Buehler	Olivia Vonderheide Rory Miller Wylie Miller	Daisy Miller Gracie Jo Miller Wade Conder	Zoe Conder Jacob Vonderheide Garrett Hoene
Lector	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams
Ushers	Roy Waldhoff Trevor Floyd	Dennis Koester Joe Conder	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
Ministers of Holy Communion	Lisa Thompson Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Vanessa Floyd Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide	Trevor Floyd Leslie Kemme Timber Miller	Roy Waldhoff Lisa Waldhoff Lisa Thompson	Vanessa Floyd Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide
Gift Bearers	Barb Vonderheide	Josh Miller Family	Jason Pruemmer Family	Don Marcella Antrim	Roy Lisa Waldhoff
Greeters	Joe & Kay Conder	Tom Helen Doedtman	Ed Leslie Kemmer	Jim Mary Miller	John Karen Neu
Money Counters	Waldhoff Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales, Richards, Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell
WED. 8am Lectors	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12
	Mike Holland	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Alice Richards	Mike Holland

An updated ministry list with phone numbers is posted on the bulletin boards and has been emailed to the emails I have on file. Phone numbers are listed for those who are willing to sub. If you are not willing to sub, please mark your phone number off. If anyone would like to be added to the ministry list or taken off, please mark off or add your name to the list or contact Donna Davis 1-844-536-6514 or stmarysshumway@gmail.com.

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).



+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
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

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

October Committee:
Teresa Tegeler, Brittany Nuxoll, Christine Niebrugge, Alyssa Pruemmer, Barb Vonderheide, Kay Conder

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL
Fr. Adam Prichard, Pastor
aprichard@dio.org
PO Box 96, Shumway, IL 62461
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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.

October 19, 2025
The Power of Persistent Prayer

On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the Gospel highlights the power of persistent prayer through the parable of the persistent widow. This story teaches us that even when we feel like our prayers are unanswered, we should continue to pray and trust in God’s timing. The widow’s determination in asking the unjust judge for justice is a powerful example of how we should approach prayer with persistence and faith.



The early Christians believed that the “Day of the Lord” would come soon, ending their struggles under Roman rule. This expectation, rooted in Jewish tradition, anticipated a new world led by a king from the line of David. Jesus, however, teaches that this new world requires patience and trust in God’s timing. The persistent widow’s actions remind us that we should not lose heart when answers to our prayers are delayed.

Sometimes, we may feel discouraged when our prayers seem unanswered. It can be tempting to think that God is not listening. However, the Gospel reassures us that God hears every prayer, even if the response is not immediate. Like the widow, we must continue to pray and trust that God will bring about justice and peace in His perfect time.

(This article is continued on pg. 7) (youngcatholics.com)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we hear the message in the scriptures to trust in God. We see a few different ways we need to trust God. First, from Exodus 17:8-13, we need to trust God as our guardian and helper, our defender. Next, in St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy, we are reminded that God’s word is true, and we are to put our trust in what God has revealed to us in Sacred Scripture. Likewise, we hear from the gospel of Luke, Jesus is teaching the importance of prayer and to trust that God will hear our prayers and answer them.

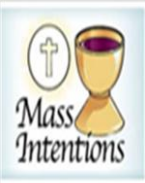
Trust, this is one area that is hard for us to really do, mainly because when we trust another person, we are open and very vulnerable to being hurt. We’ve heard the saying that trust is earned, not just given, and that trust has to be built and is easily broken. I think that our experiences of trusting others in our relationships that end broken and cause us to hurt can be a hindrance to our ability to trust in God and build our relationship with him. God knows this, and he has continued to reassure us throughout history that we can trust him. Another stumbling block for us to trust is “control”. We sometimes find it hard to let go of our control of a situation and to trust that God has a plan for us.

Building trust is relational, and it's precisely why Jesus points us to prayer. Prayer is a conversation with God. And it's through this continued conversation that we build a relationship and, in turn, can trust God.

As we reflect on these scripture readings this weekend, we should ask ourselves, “Do I fully trust God?” If not, what am I holding on to that is preventing me from that trust? And how is my prayer life? Do I speak to God regularly and let God speak to me? If I don’t, what is keeping me from building a better relationship with God?

Please know of my prayers for you all.

In service to Christ, in service to you,
Deacon Candidate
Jesse R Davis



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

- Saturday, Oct. 18 – Catholic Daughters of the Americas by Court #720
- Sunday, Oct. 19- †David Worman by George & Diana Conder
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 – †Carolyn Moran by Teresa Tegeler
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 - †Ron Kabbes by Duane Joyce Shadwell
- Saturday, Oct. 25 – †Charlotte Ruholl by Tim & Patty Kessler
- Sunday, Oct. 26- †Mike Brummer by George & Diana Conder
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Catholic Daughters of the Americas by Court #720
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 - †Howard Rentfrow by Alice Richards

To schedule a mass intention please use a mass intention envelope. They are in the cry room in the “mailbox” outside the bathroom. There is also a calendar there with available dates. Drop your intention in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis @1-844-536-6514.

The Role of Community and Patience (cont. from cover page)

The First Reading highlights the importance of community support in our spiritual journey. In this reading, Moses needed help to keep his hands raised in prayer, and Aaron and Hur supported him. This story shows that we cannot sustain our faith alone; we need the support and encouragement of others in our community.

When we face difficulties or feel tired in our spiritual lives, it is important to lean on our faith community. Just as Aaron and Hur helped Moses, our friends and family can help us stay strong in faith. Being part of a community offers support, encouragement, and accountability, which are essential in maintaining our spiritual growth and perseverance.

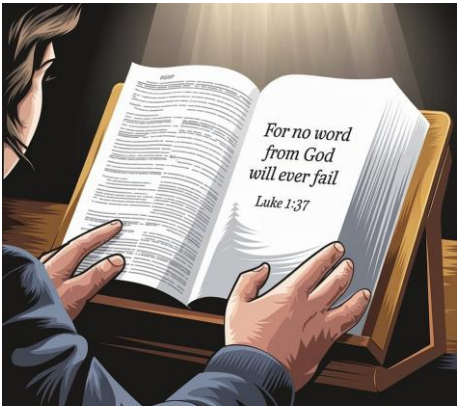
Patience is another key theme in these readings. Often, we want quick solutions, especially when facing injustice or suffering. However, God’s timing is different from ours. We are called to trust that God is at work, even if we cannot see immediate results. This trust requires patience and faith, knowing that God’s plans are for our good.

Scripture, Action, and Hope

The Second Reading from 2 Timothy emphasizes the role of scripture in guiding our lives. Scripture is described as useful for teaching, correcting, and training in righteousness. It provides us with the knowledge and wisdom needed to navigate life’s challenges and live according to God’s will. Engaging with scripture helps us understand God’s desires for us and strengthens our faith.

The readings also remind us that prayer should lead to action. The persistent widow in the Gospel did not just pray; she actively sought justice. This teaches us that while prayer is crucial, we must also be willing to act on our prayers. We are called to work for justice, peace, and goodness in our daily lives, inspired by our faith and the teachings of scripture.

We are encouraged to maintain hope and persistence in our faith journey. Even when we face challenges or delays, we can trust that God is with us and is working for our good. This hope sustains us, helping us to persevere in prayer, action, and tr



peace. As we reflect on the lessons, we are reminded of the importance of patience, community, and scripture in our spiritual journey. These readings call us to persistent prayer and active faith, trusting that God hears and responds to our needs. Let us carry these lessons with us, remaining hopeful and faithful as we navigate life’s challenges.

Reflection How does scripture help you in your daily decisions and actions? What role does your faith community play in your spiritual journey?

Weekly Offering.....	10-12-25
Adult.....	\$2340.00
Loose.....	355.00
Total.....	\$2695.00
Masses	\$130.00

Parish Hall update \$130,344.97

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday – October is Mission Month and World Mission Sunday is October 26. Be part of this global mission of hope—pray and give generously! There is an envelope in your offering box or there are extra at each entrance.

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

Effingham Area Right to Life invites you to join us on Monday October 20 from 8 am - 12 noon at Hope Clinic in Granite City, IL as part of the 40 Days for Life event. We will depart at 6 am from the Effingham Event Center parking lot. To join our carpool, please text Diann at 217-663-2056. Babies are saved when we show up to pray.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery **Prayer Vigil for Life** to Pray for the Protection of All Life at the EIU Newman Center in Charleston on **Tuesday October 21**. Praying the rosary will begin at **4:30 pm**. Fr Michael Berndt will be the celebrant for the **5:00 pm** Mass. A business meeting will follow.

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their annual Soup Supper, Sunday October 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. All proceeds will go ALIS of Altamont for maintaining and repair of the facilities at the school.

December Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat – Step away from the noise of daily life and renew your soul at the Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat, led by Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem. at the beautiful Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield. Father Herman Joseph will present his series, “Sons of the Father, Men in Christ,” guiding participants into deeper prayer, reflection, and brotherhood. The retreat will include talks, personal prayer, Rosary, Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, group discussion, Holy Mass, and time for rest and silence. Saturday, Dec. 13 – Sunday, Dec. 14; \$150 (includes single-occupancy room, meals, and materials); Register by Nov. 21 at events@dio.org.

The Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group has begun meeting every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:10 at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. There is no commitment - come when it works for you. Introduction and prayer sheets are available. Please join us - everyone is welcome! www.flameoflove.us.

Millions of Monicas meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. This prayer group is a way we can come together as believers and lift up our children in prayer. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com. The next meeting is Monday, October 20.

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



TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE 12 Days: April 13-24, 2026 Hosted by Fr. R. Dean Probst Visiting Venice, Florence, Assisi, Monoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotundo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Sorrento, Pompeii, Monte Cassino, Rome with Papal Audience..\$5299 from St. Louis. Contact Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or rdprobst@gmail.com for more info or brochure.

Happy Birthday



Mary Slifer 10-18
Tricia Holland 10-19
Kara Brown 10-24

Happy Anniversary

JOE & CHRISTIE DUST 10-18-2008
17 years

JUSTIN & HILARY CONDER 10-21-2005
20 years

GEORGE & HELEN LEVI 10-22-1983
42 years

Richard Waldhoff’s 85th birthday party will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 1-3pm at the Effingham Park District, 1906 S. 4th St. The family invites you to stop by and wish him a happy birthday, share some memories, and enjoy light refreshments and good company.

Families in Faith
Next class Sunday, Oct. 26
If you have any questions, contact Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES...
PRE-K THROUGH ADULT!!!!**

Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway
“A Journey Through Church History.”
We will meet again on Oct. 22. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis 217-690-2640.

The parish family extends its sympathies to Dan and Angela Woods on the passing of Angela’s mother, Margaret Reynolds.



May she rest in peace.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wed. Oct. 22, 2025, at St. Mary’s, Shumway. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wed. Oct. 22, 2025, at Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham. A private burial will be held at St. Mary Cemetery in Mokena, IL at a later date.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Steve Fritts
Kenny Hille
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
Marita Elson

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



St. Mary's Youth Group presents

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26th

Food - Candy - Fun

307 S 4th St, Shumway, IL 62461

5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Don't want to dress up? Decorate
your trunk & come for great
fellowship!**

**Contact 217-240-4291 with
questions**

Our neighbors, Faith Lutheran will also be having a trunk or treat the same evening. So let's come out and make this a community event.

FORMED-Catholic Streaming Service To sign up follow these directions.

1. Go to Formed.org
2. Click on Find your Parish Subscription
3. Enter 62461 in the find your parish box
4. Click on St. Mary's and Next and create your account

Date Night for Engaged & Married Couples-Oct. 26, 2025 @ Sacred Heart, Effingham.
4pm talk by Scott & Tracy Brummer on "The Journey: Faith, Love, & Family"
5pm Dinner Child care is provided.
RSVP by 10/19
\$30 per couple
tinyurl.com/OctoberDateNight2025



Fall BREAKFAST

hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Youth Group - Shumway

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

7:00am - 11:00am

Shumway Kluthe Community Building
199 Front St, Shumway, IL 62461

FREE WILL DONATION

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRUIT, SWEET BREADS, MILK, & COFFEE
GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SEEK CONFERENCE IN JANUARY, ALONG WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Contact Katrina Davis with questions! 217-240-4291

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited!

Men, this one's for you! This week is about action!

It is nice to talk about God abiding in marriage and family life, but we must take concrete actions to do so. Our actions must be in harmony with our clarity of thought for us to be men of integrity. Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM – 7:30AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

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. 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."