

SAT 4pm	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Servers	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown
Lector	Doug Brown	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Doug Brown Jason Wells	Mike Holland Justin Miller	Don Brown Doug Brown
Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosemary Holland Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel	Sara Roepke Don Brown Kathy Brown	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Donna Davis Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis
Gift Bearers	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family	Kathy Brown	Fred & Joe Dust
SUN 8am	Feb. 1	Feb. 8 Families in Faith	Feb. 15	Feb. 22 Families in Faith	March 1
Servers	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Shawn Buehler Gene Doedtman	Tom Doedtman Josh Miller	Justin Conder John Neu	Don Antrim Jason Vonderheide	Charley Vonderheide Larry Lieb
Ministers of Holy Communion	Timber Miller Linda Doedtman Lisa Thompson	Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme Trevor Floyd	Vanessa Floyd Shawn Buehler Linda Doedtman	Lisa Thompson Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd
Gift Bearers	Justin Conder Family	Deb Stremming	Wanda Ohnesorge	Lisa Thompson	Rodney Hoene Family
Greeters	Ed Leslie Kemme	John Karen Neu	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Barb Vonderheide
<b>Money Counters</b>	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Hackman Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Hoene
WED. 8am Lectors	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	March 4
	Linda Doedtman	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

Please remember to sign in in the sacristy before mass so we know all ministries are covered.

If anyone would be interested in being a **money counter**, please contact Fr. Adam or Donna Davis.

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  
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## Annunciation Church of B.V.M.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shumway, IL

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time February 16, 2026

### MISSION

*Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel and serving our neighbors with love.*

### VISION

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

### 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

### February Committee:

Katrina Davis, Theresa Roley,  
Kara Brown, Jamie Brown,  
Christy Brown, Donna Davis,  
Kathy Brown, Betty Gengler

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.



**LENTEN REGULATIONS** – Please share with your parishioners the following Lenten regulations:

- 1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. To disregard completely** the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

I apologize for my absence this past weekend, I was in Los Angeles for Gallifrey One, a Doctor Who convention. I wasn't expecting to be able to go; while I had purchased plane tickets a while ago, I was striking out with finding coverage for the weekend Masses. I had been planning on canceling my flights, so hadn't mentioned it to many people. Fr. Boniface, however, graciously said that he would be available and happy to cover. One of the things I had not expected to see while at the convention, was that there were two other priests there. They too were priests of a Springfield diocese, albeit the Diocese of Springfield, Missouri. It's possible there were more among the attendees, but they were the only ones I saw wearing their clerical clothing, on Friday. It's always good to know that I'm not the only priest who enjoys Doctor Who, or some other fiction material. Fr. Jayke White and I share a similar taste in books as well. It can serve as a reminder that no priest is a priest alone. First and foremost, we share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ; but, also, while I resisted the thought of priesthood in my high school years and until I was close to turning 22 because I wanted to be "normal", it's a reminder that as a priest, I still find the same genres of books and media enjoyable. While there is a fundamental change when a man is ordained to the Diaconate, the Priesthood, and the Episcopate (as a Bishop), it builds upon the man who was already there and already had been formed through his life and through school and seminary. I am still the me that I was when I was 22, albeit older (and hopefully a bit wiser).

While in LA for the weekend, I was present at Visitation parish, about a mile and a half away for their 8 am Sunday morning Mass. One of the beautiful things about being open to another deacon, priest, or bishop preach in the liturgy is not the "Well, I'm glad I don't have to prepare anything for the weekend." I love to prepare, I love to preach, and it's something that I continually want to grow in. Instead, it's being able to hear someone else's preparations and what they have been called to preach. It's being able to reflect, not just on what he preaches, but also how he preaches, his manner, his method, but also, what seems like he's comfortable preaching. It can show me where I can grow, what I can incorporate into my own preaching. It's a reminder that there is always room and possibility for me to grow. As one of my seminary professors said to us frequently, "You're never a done muffin." I need to always grow in love for God, the Church, my brother priests, and the parishioners where I serve. So, I pray that I may always remember that throughout my priesthood, throughout my life: the priesthood isn't a matter of self-imposed "solitary confinement", it's a gift; and, it's a gift that I need to continue receiving. I guess all that to say, whatever your vocation is, it's not meant to be stagnant, it's not a punishment. While we all have our crosses, the Lord assists us through the gifts He gives us and the people He surrounds us with. Let us not be afraid, for the Lord is with us. God Bless,  
Fr. Adam

**PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!**



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| David Childress    | Jerry Worman    | Steve Moore     |
| Elsie McKay        | Mardell Sheehan | Pat Kuhns       |
| Don Clark          | Hans Kollinger  | Bill Hamilton   |
| Kelly Myers Kocher | Kathy Miller    | Christie Dust   |
| Roger Thomas       | David Brown     | Helen Kollinger |
| Ron Harris         | Larry Nation    | Bill Nuxoll     |
| Lottie McCormick   | Beth Hewing     | Cinda Held      |
| Kenny Hille        | Jim Gordon      | Kathy Wakefield |
| Trevor Roy         | Don Kemme       |                 |
| Tony Bierman       |                 |                 |
| Tori Schairbaum    |                 |                 |
| Tom Laue           |                 |                 |

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

**Dear Padre** February 15, 2026

*My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?*

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. • Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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**Weekly Offering..... Feb. 8, 2026**

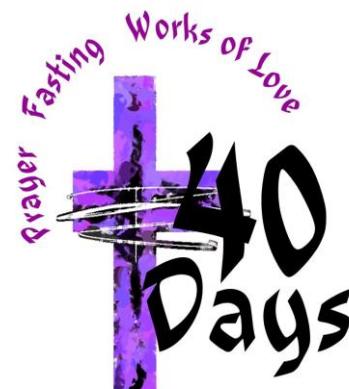
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Loose..... 327.00  
Catholic Times.....30.00  
**Total.....\$3454.00**  
**Parish Hall update \$156,843.47**  
**Masses \$30.00**



EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.

**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



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

**MONDAY**  
February 16  
Weekday  
Jas 1:1–11  
Mk 8:11–13  
**TUESDAY**  
February 17  
Weekday  
Jas 1:12–18  
Mk 8:14–21  
**WEDNESDAY**  
February 18  
Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12–18  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18  
**THURSDAY**  
February 19  
Thursday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Dt 30:15–20  
Lk 9:22–25  
**FRIDAY**  
February 20  
Friday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:1–9a  
Mt 9:14–15  
**SATURDAY**  
February 21  
Saturday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b–14  
Lk 5:27–32  
**SUNDAY**  
February 22  
First Sunday  
of Lent  
Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7  
Rom 5:12–19 or  
5:12, 17–19  
Mt 4:1–11

**SDCCW Lenten Retreat:** Heaven Meets Earth – A Journey through the Holy Mass – Step away from the busyness of life and enter more deeply into the mystery of the Holy Mass at the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s Lenten Retreat, “Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass,” held February 24–25 at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield. Led by retreat director Sr. Margaret Schreiber, OP, PhD, this retreat offers spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship, and time for quiet reflection. All women are welcome—bring your sister, your mom, or a friend. Registration forms with the cost and further information are available in your parish office or at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Deadline to register is February 14. For more information, contact Mary Ann Sullivan at 217-822-1928 or Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743, and watch for updates on the SDCCW Facebook page.

**World Youth Day Registration Extended -** Registration for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has been extended to May 15. The pilgrimage will include visits to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day, Busan, South Korea to see the Catholic sites there, and we will visit Catholic Japan in Nagasaki. It will be an exciting trip! Register here. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at [kholtgrave@dio.org](mailto:kholtgrave@dio.org) or Fr. Zach Samples at [zsamples@dio.org](mailto:zsamples@dio.org).

Everyone is welcome to attend **the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life** at Sacred Heart church in Lillyville on Tuesday February 17th. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr Hyland Smith will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A business meeting will follow in the parish hall with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

**Walking with You through Infertility** – We want you to know that you are not alone. Carrying a cross in a desert valley can seem very lonely at times, but sometimes, just around a corner, there is someone who really cares and wants to accompany you. Seasons of infertility and loss come to many couples, who do not take lightly the gifts of life and love. Springs of life and hope and love can be found, even in the difficult paths couples find themselves trying to navigate. To learn more, please go to [springsinthedesert.org](http://springsinthedesert.org) or contact Gracie Ortiz at the Diocese of Springfield [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217-321-1124.

**Sign up now for Illinois Pro-Life Mass and attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward – On Thursday, March 19,** deadline MARCH 2, 2026 to ride the bus Leave Effingham Event Center 7:30am on charter bus, \$20 each. Mass with Bishop Paprocki 10am at Sangamon Auditorium. Eat your sack lunch, 12noon Rally, Speakers, March at the Capitol 3 pm depart for Effingham 5pm arrive at Effingham Event Center Registration papers on the bulletin board. For questions call bus captain Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 or email at [dcruholl@hotmail.com](mailto:dcruholl@hotmail.com)

You are invited to **Lenten Day of Recollection in Springfield** – Through conferences and personal prayer time, this Lenten Day of Reflection on Sunday, March 22 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield will help you to contemplate on and to experience more deeply the infinite and tender love of Christ for all of humanity. It will also help you prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Arrival is at 2 p.m., and it concludes at 7 p.m. The day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the Rosary, confession, and dinner. The cost is \$25. Register by March 15 at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events).

† This symbol denotes-deceased.

 Saturday, Feb. 14 → Mabel Harris by Teresa Tegeler  
 Sunday, Feb. 15 – +Marita Kemme by Family  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17- +Sally Wakefield by Steve & Sharon Moore  
 Wednesday, Feb. 18 – 8am- +Jonathan Wernsing by Alice Richards  
 6:30pm-  
 Saturday, Feb. 21 - Parishioners of Annunciation Parish-St. Mary’s  
 Sunday, Feb. 22 - +Violet Pautler by Duane & Joyce Shadwell and  
 +Roger & Margaret Reynolds by Dan Angela Woods  
 Tuesday, Feb. 24 – +Sally Wakefield by Tim & Deborah Thoele  
 Wednesday, Feb. 25 - +Sally Wakefield by Steve & Sharon Moore and  
 Deceased Members of the Albert & Caroline Vonderheide Family  
 by Rosemary Vonderheide

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.

Happy Birthday



Anna Brown 2-14  
 Zoey Conder 2-14  
 Samuel Vonderheide 2-16  
 Jake Hoffman 2-17  
 Greg Spannagel 2-18  
 Teresa Miller 2-18  
 George Levi 2-19  
 Hannah Buehler 2-19  
 Henry Childerson 2-20

**Families in Faith**  
**Next class Feb. 22**

**Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway**  
 “A Journey Through Church History.”  
Next Meetings  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17 and  
 Wednesday, Feb. 25 @6:30pm



**Ash Wednesday-** Feb. 18 @ 8 am and 6:30pm  
 Stations of the Cross **every Friday** @ 6:30pm  
**Adoration/Penance Service** – Tuesday, March 24 @ 5-7pm (no mass)  
**Chrim Mass** – Tues. March 31 Springfield @ 6:30pm  
 Wed. April 1 – normal 8 am Mass  
**Holy Thursday** – April 2 -Shumway @5:30pm  
**Good Friday** – April 3 – Green Creek @ 5:30pm  
**Easter Vigil** – Holy Saturday – April 4- Shumway @ 7:30pm  
**Easter Sunday** – April 5 – 8 am Shumway  
 10 am Green Creek



Parishioners,  
did you receive the call from the church on Sunday,  
Jan. 25 about Sunday Mass being canceled?

If you did not, please contact Donna Davis.  
[parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryshumway.org) or 1-844-536-6514.

**Get Up for SonRise this Lent!**

We are now entering Lent and hopefully your Lenten journey will have a strong start. Men, wherever you are, we want to support each other in being successful! Join us this Friday at the St. Anthony's Parish Center for breakfast at 6:15 to 7:30 AM.

CCW Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3. We would like the March committee to please attend. All women of the parish are invited to the meeting.

**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

There are several different Lenten books at each of the entrances please help yourselves.



**Inner Healing Retreat**  
Fr. Michael Trummer will lead an Inner Healing Retreat from February 27th-March 1st at Immaculate Conception, Mattoon parish center. Friday from 6:00—8:30 PM, Saturday from 8:30 AM-8:00 PM, Sunday: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM. Scan below for details and to register. Cost is \$75.00



**Wednesday, March 25**

We will celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 6pm followed by a meal.

**St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper & Eucharistic Day of Prayer** The St. Isidore Youth Ministry will be hosting its annual soup supper in conjunction with the Eucharistic Day of Prayer on Sunday, February 15th. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 4-7pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. We will also be having a basket raffle.

**St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, IL will be hosting a Sausage Breakfast** on Sunday, February 15, 2026 from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N. 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donation will be accepted.

**Millions of Monica Prayer** group will meet February 16th from 6-7pm @ Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham. We invites all mothers to come pray with us. This is a group of mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers coming together to lift up their children (of all ages) in prayer. Following St. Monica's example of patience and perseverance, we pray for the joyful return of our children to full unity with the Catholic Church. For more information, visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com).

**Women's faith, wine, and chocolate night** – Women of the diocese are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith on Wednesday, March 25, at the Villa Maira Retreat Center on Lake Springfield in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., honoring Mary's joyful "yes" to God, followed by a relaxed and meaningful gathering featuring wine, chocolate (Lenten penances are not obligatory on solemnities), and guided discussion. The night ends at 9 p.m. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live as women after the model of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, growing in friendship with Christ, Our Lady, and one another. The cost is \$10. Registration deadline is March 20. Go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) to register.

St. Michael School, Sigel, IL  
**Swine & Dine Breakfast**

Sunday – February 22, 2026  
7:00 am – Noon



**DELICIOUS ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU:**  
Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Homemade Rolls, Breads, Orange Juice, Coffee and Milk.

Adults	Children 5 - 13 yrs
\$10.00	&Seniors
	\$7.00

All Proceeds Benefit St. Michael School.  
There will be a craft store, raffle items and mystery boxes.