



SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

1550 Main Street
Mount Vernon, IL 62864
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 5 PM at St. Mary

Sun 10:30 AM at St. Mary [LIVE]

DAILY MASS

Mon, Wed, & Fri. 8:30 am

Tues, 5:30 pm

[LIVE] @ *St. Mary*

Thurs. 8:30 am @ *SSM Hospital
Chapel*

ADORATION

Tuesday 4:30 pm (*for Vocations*)

Wednesday 9:15 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PM
or by appointment

[LIVE] = live-streamed on Facebook and
posted at www.stmarymtvernon.org

SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary Centralia

Sat 4 PM in Centralia

Sun 10:30 AM in Centralia



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 22, 2023

through

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sat.	Dec. 30	5:00pm	†Jim & †Evelyn Davenport
Sun.	Dec. 31	10:30am	St. Mary Parishioners
New Year's Day Mass			
Mon.	Jan. 1	8:30am	†Francine & †Victor Barthelemy
Tues.	Jan. 2	5:30pm	†Anna Marie & †Louis Foureau
Wed.	Jan. 3	8:30am	†Darlene Franscavitch
Thurs.	Jan. 4	8:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving @ SSM Hospital Chapel
Fri.	Jan. 5	8:30am	†Mary Ann Foreman
Sat.	Jan. 6	5:00pm	St. Mary Parishioners
Sun.	Jan. 7	10:30am	†Diana Dickneite

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36,38
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

AA Meetings

Friday at NOON

KC House ~ 1408 Harrison St

For more info. call Dave at 618-214-0724
or 618-214-5262

Church Cleaning Volunteers

- **January 5** - Debbie Young, Pat Butler, Joanna Franscavitch, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek.
- **January 12** - Cindy Sloan, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Dottie Izard, Dorris Klotz, Anita Spotanski & David Spotanski.

Prayer List

St. Mary Parish

Jules Allali	Jack Heinrich	Elizabeth Rapp
Alan Anderson, Jr.	Stacy Helm	James Rapp
Delores Anderson	Becky Higgins	Sharon Rapp
Brian Barciszewski	Braxley Hodson	Sharon Rutherford
Dennis Bathon	Diana Hubler	Butch Schelter
Faye Bathon	Jeanette Ingram	Dale Schubert
Deborah Bopp	Dottie Izard	Judy Schurtz
Brenda Breeze	Dorothy Jenkins	Keri Sipe
Stacy Brischetto	Keith Johnson	Bill Smith
Deborah Buckman	Linda Johnson	Jane Smith
Melissa Camaione	Ruth Jones	Sean Stewart
Mary Carlyle	Thomas Jones	Clint Swisher
Judy Carroll	Russell Jukes	Madona Nabua
Rose Ellen Clancy	Matyi Kays	Syxiengmay
Donald Collier	Pat Kelly	Ruth Timm
Mike Collins	Alice Kreher	Anne-Marie Turner
Richard Czerwinski	Marlene Krmpotich	Susan Varney
Michelle DeBoer	Mark Leahy	Don Vonderheide
Carrie Fox	John Marasco	Pat Ward
Shay Fox	Margaret Marasco	Blake Wheeler
Skip Fox	Della Mauro	Bill White
Susan Fox	Gerald Miller	Kevin Witges
James Frey	Mark Miller	
Jackie Gill	Sharon Miller	Residents of all Long
Myles Harris	Mike Moehn	Term Care Facilities
Gary Hart	Carol Parks	
Robert Heck	Tina Pasquinnelli	
	Paula Powers	

Holy Rosary

Join the Knights every Tuesday at 6 pm for recitation of the Holy Rosary in the church or online.

Ministry List

Sat, Jan. 6, 2024 - 5 PM

R11- Mel Gajewski; R2-Kay McCulley
E1-Dean Dickerson; E2-Judy Dickerson; E3-Skip Fox;
E4-Suzie Schmidt; E5-Cindy Sloan; E6-Kevin Rettig.
H1-Steve Shields; H2-Valerie Shields; H3-David Farley;
H4-Ann Farley; H5-Jeff Schmidt; H6-Brad and Angel
Forsberg. Of: Karen Williams
Server: Ella
Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

Sun, Jan. 7, 2024 - 10:30 AM

R1-John Gleason; R2-Pat Panarese
E1-Mary Jo Adcock; E2-Tim Bain; E3-Anne Baker;
E4-Butch Baker; E5- Ed O'Rourke; E6- Janice Eischens
H1-Jeannie Baker; H2-Dorris Klotz; H3-Jeff Harrison;
H4-Kim Bridwell; H5-Dottie Izard; H6-Christina Kiefer;
H7-Pat Yates. Office: Maggie
Servers: Michael, Azlyn, Kara
Sacristan: Ronan Kuberski Camera: Beth Schrader

From the desk of Fr. Steven Pautler

As we stand on the brink of a new year, it is a sacred time for reflection, gratitude, and hope. The journey through the past year, with its unique trials and triumphs, has been a testament to the enduring strength of our faith and the unbreakable bonds of our parish community. As your pastor, witnessing the steadfastness of your belief and the depth of your compassion has been a profound source of inspiration and humility.

In this new year, I invite each of us to embrace resolutions that not only nurture our personal spiritual growth but also strengthen the fabric of our wider faith community. Let us commit to deepening our relationship with God through more fervent prayer, regular participation in the sacraments, and a dedicated study of the Holy Scriptures. These practices are the bedrock of our faith, offering guidance, solace, and connection with the Divine in our daily lives.

Our parish is a holy community, a family bound together by our shared belief and love for God. This year, let's reinforce these sacred ties by actively engaging in our church's life. Whether it's through joining ministry groups, contributing to parish events, or offering a listening ear and a helping hand to those among us who are struggling, every act of fellowship echoes the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthens our communal bond in Him.

Following the example of Christ, let us be ever more committed to serving others. This could take the form of organized charity initiatives, volunteer work, or even small, everyday acts of kindness. In doing so, we not only aid those in need but also embody the love and mercy that are central to our Christian faith.

In a world that can sometimes seem divided and uncertain, let us be ambassadors of God's peace and love. This means practicing patience, showing forgiveness, engaging in dialogue with kindness and respect, and always seeking to understand before being understood. Let's remember that every person is a child of God and treat them with the dignity and love that this recognition demands.

Finally, let us remember our sacred duty to care for God's creation. This year, may we be more mindful of our stewardship of the earth, engaging in practices that preserve and honor the natural world as a reflection of God's majesty and generosity.

As we embark on this journey through the new year, let us do so with hearts full of faith, eyes open to the needs of others, and hands ready to serve in God's name. May the peace, love, and joy of Christ be with you all throughout the year.

Father Steve



2024 OFFICERS



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WE CAN Food Boxes

These donations go directly to the local pantry for people here in Mt. Vernon. The Rescue Mission is greatly appreciative of all our donations, and is still in desperate need of non-perishable foods. If you wish to donate, please bring your donation to church and place in one of the "We Can" boxes at the entrances.

Bereavement Support Groups

All of us have experienced grief after the death of a loved one. Grief is not something that can be cured but it is a journey that we can grow through. St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish is here to support you along that journey. Bereavement support groups are offered on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 AM and at 5:30 PM. No matter where you are in your grief journey, we hope you will join us for fellowship and support.

Kroger Community Rewards - Don't forget to register your Kroger Card and donate to St. Mary School every time you use it! It is simple. To enroll, go to: **www.kroger.com/communityrewards**. Our number is: **MY926**

(It is under St Mary Immaculate Conception) Questions: Contact St. Mary School at 618-242-5353.

Msgr. James P. Burke Council &
Blessed Virgin Assembly
Cordially Invite You and Guest

Deceased Member Memorial Mass & Widows/Widowers Dinner

February 10, 2024

Mass 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Fellowship Room - Parish Center

St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic
Church

1550 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Widow/Widower/Priest—Paid by Assembly

Member/Spouse-responsible for meal- -\$15/person

Please R.S.V.P. by February 1, 2024 to

Butch Baker at

jabwlb1@gmail.com or call (618) 246-7986

Abuse Hotline Numbers

To report an allegation of abuse, please call: 800-640-3044, and Department of Children and Family Services hotline number is: 1-800-252 ABUSE (800-252-2873).

"WE CAN" Food Tubs

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As I reflect on the kindness and warmth shown to me this Christmas, I am deeply touched by your beautiful cards, thoughtful gifts, heartfelt messages, and warm phone calls.

Each of these gestures has brought a special joy to my heart.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness humble me. It's a true blessing to be part of such a caring and loving community. These expressions of kindness are a reminder of the strong spirit of fellowship and love that we share in our parish family.

Thank you for remembering me and for all the ways you contribute to our parish community. Your actions embody the true spirit of Christmas, and I am grateful for each one of you.

Many Blessings and Peace in the New Year!

Father Steven Pautler

Remembrance Candles

The candles from our November Remembrance Table are in the Parish Office. If you would like to pick up your loved one's candle, please pick it up in the office.

Mary's Table

Jan. 13 & 14, 2024

Come check out all the items for sale.

Since its inception, a total of \$10,000 has been donated to the St. Mary Church Building Fund from sales at Mary's Table, of which \$4,000 has recently been donated towards the "mortgage match challenge" to be doubled.

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St. Mary Website: www.stmarymtvernon.org

SUNDAY OFFERING

St. Mary

December 17, 2023

Amt.

Sunday Envelopes8,199.00
Misc. Envelopes 1,610.00
Cemetery 500.00
Loose614.00

Thank You! \$ 10,923.00

These figures do include donations made online.

St. Mary

December 24, 2023

Amt.

Sunday Envelopes 3,236.00
Misc. Envelopes 480.00
Loose 595.00

Thank You! \$ 4,311.00

These figures do include donations made online.

Bishop John C. Iffert Scholarship Fund

Total to date \$ 6,653.00

St. Mary

December 24 - 25, 2023

Amt.

Sunday Envelopes 995.00
Christmas Envelopes 6,301.60
Misc. Envelopes 1,035.00
Diocesan Needy Fund 545.00
Loose 1,688.00

Thank You! \$ 10,564.60

Building Fund Donations

Donations thru December 26, 2023

\$207,956.82

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our beautiful church, which we will have paid off before our 11th Anniversary.



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ST. MARY SCHOOL TO BENEFIT ST. MARY TEACHERS

St. Mary School 1416 Main St, Mt Vernon, IL

Saturday, Jan 6, 2024

Doors @ 6pm

Bingo @ 7pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: GLO-BINGO.COM/EVENTS

(\$2/TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE FEE)

OR TEXT ALAINA 618-231-0855

OR IN PERSON AT SCHOOL OFFICE AND CUSUMANO & SONS

VIP TABLE PACKAGES-CONTACT ALAINA

\$25 in Advance - \$30 at the Door

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, Glow Hat & Dauber (\$5 per additional 6 cards)

CASH BAR - FOOD SALES - 50/50 - BOOZE COOLER RAFFLE

CASH AND VENMO ACCEPTED AT EVENT



Paul & Beth Coats



Do you want to be more active in your Catholic faith?

If you want a great experience, sign up for the **Men's Cursillo February 15 - 18, 2024** (Thursday evening - late Sunday afternoon) at Our Lady of Snows Shrine / Kings House Retreat Center. Do so, before January 26, 2024. It is a great journey to grow in piety, study and action.

Questions: Contact - Deacon Mark Kabat, Ron Kirsch, or Dan Hoffman.

Belleville Diocesan Cursillo website:

www.bellevillecursillo.org