

SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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March 17, 2024

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5 pm - St. Mary
Sunday | 10:30 am - St. Mary {LIVE}

DAILY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday | 8:30 am - St. Mary {LIVE}
Tuesday | 5:30 pm - St. Mary {LIVE}
Thursday | 8:30 am - St. Mary

ADORATION

Tuesday | 4:30 pm - St. Mary (for Vocations)
Wednesday | 9:15 am - St. Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent
Afternoon lead by St. Mary Students | 2:30 pm
Evenings lead by church groups | 6:00 pm
Good Friday | 3:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

{LIVE} Live-streamed on Facebook and posted on
www.stmarymtvernon.org

FATHER STEVEN PAUTLER OFFICE HOURS

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment)

Wednesday, March 20 | Away from Parish
Thursday, March 21 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary Centralia

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm - St. Mary Centralia
Sunday | 10:30 am - St. Mary Centralia



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME *Guests*

We warmly welcome you and invite you to sign in on the podium in the Gathering Space. By doing so, you enable us to keep you in our prayers, support you during your travels, and stay connected with you beyond your time with us. Your presence enriches our community, and we value the opportunity to extend our hospitality and friendship to you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar. 16	Sat.	5:00 pm	St. Mary Parishioners
Mar. 17	Sun.	10:30 am	†Joshua Hurst
Mar. 18	Mon.	8:30 am	†Donna Forsberg
Mar. 19	Tues.	5:30 pm	†Mary Margaret Hilmes
Mar. 20	Wed.	8:30 am	†Fr. Jose Ancheril
Mar. 21	Thurs.	8:30 am	†Peggy Kiselewski @ SSM Hospital
Mar. 22	Fri.	8:30 am	†Dottie Izard
Mar. 23	Sat.	5:00 pm	†Paul & †Mary Dickerson
Mar. 24	Sun.	10:30 am	St. Mary Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Bereavement Group

2nd Thursday of the Month
10:30 am or 5:30 pm
Philip Neri Room

Holy Rosary

Join the Knights every Tuesday
following Mass for recitation of
the Holy Rosary in the church or
online.

PRAYER LIST

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

We kindly request your assistance in ensuring the accuracy of our prayer list. If you have any prayer requests to add, please call our office. If you notice any names that can be removed, please inform us.

Parish Blog



Discover a wealth of insightful and engaging content by visiting our blog at stmarymtv.blogspot.com or conveniently access all of our blogs by scanning the QR code provided

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

March 8 - Cindy Sloan, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Dorris Klotz, Anita Spotanski & David Spotanski

March 15 - Marien Leuty, Debbie Deters, Aletta Lawrence, Pat Panarese, Jan Rose, Paul Schuette & Ronni Zawila

March 22 - Cindy Montgomery, Bernie Dickneite, Mary Chambliss, Rose Rankin, Jim Rozycki, Karen Rozycki, Rich Schafer, & Mary Wayer

March 29 - All Volunteers are needed, come to the church at 9am

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday, March 23, 2024

R1-Chris Johnson; R2-Ken Smith; E1-Lois Herzing; E2-Karen Williams; E3-Patrick Barrett; E4-Suzie Schmidt; E5-Barb Burke; E6-Janice Eischens
H1-Pat Panarese; H2-Zella Fitts; H3-Rose Rankin; H4-Jeff Schmidt; H5- Joe Schmidt; H6- Paul Sanders; Of: ??? Server: Maverick, Ella, Kara
Sacristan: Patrick

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday

R1-Ken Martinek; R2-Janice Eischens; Voice- Ron Kirsch; E1-Dorris Klotz; E2-Ronan Kuberski; E3-Heather Rawls; E4-Jean Jones; E5-Kay McCulley;
E6-Ashlie Newcomb; H1-Kim Bridwell; H2-Steven Rapp; H3-Marty Simmons; H4-Mark Simmons; H5-Susan Hughey; H6-Donnie Mays;
H7-Pat Butler; H8- Jeff Harrison. Office: Maggie; Servers: John, Sam, Michael; Sacristan: Ronan Kuberski; Camera: Dax Bridwell

FROM THE DESK OF *Deacon Dan Laquet*



As we hear in our first reading from Jeremiah, the themes of covenant that have been part of our scriptural journey this Lent are coming to a climax as we prepare to join with Jesus as he enters into Jerusalem. That journey will culminate in Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. The Lord God will reveal the promise of a new and perfect covenant, prepared for, and foreshadowed by the old covenants He made with His people. The new law given by Christ fulfills, refines, and surpasses the laws of the Old Testament, bringing them to perfection. This new law is directed at reforming the human heart, rather than providing written laws that must be followed. We still have God's commandments to guide us, but Jesus sums them up by telling us to love God with our all our mind, heart, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. We know from the covenantal

traditions in the Old Testament that every covenant must be sealed, and the most solemn ones were sealed with a blood sacrifice. Since Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promises and the new covenant by which He will perfect His previous ones, then what is the sacrifice required to seal such a covenant? Ultimately, it would be the suffering and death of Christ on the cross. Jesus makes this clear in John's Gospel reading this week, in which the main image is the necessity of wheat falling to the ground to die so that it might multiply into many stalks of wheat. The implications are clear, Jesus must go to the cross, die, and be raised again, so that we might receive the life of God's Kingdom. He is the paschal sacrifice that seals the new and eternal covenant. Jesus's divine and human nature exist together in unity. Jesus is the bringer of the covenant, and the symbol of its fruit. What Jesus is by nature, the Son of God, he invites us to become through grace, as adopted sons and daughters of God. This is why Sacred Scripture invites us to repent and be baptized through His Church. If we repent and surrender our lives to Jesus, and enter His covenant through Baptism, then His life takes root in us and helps conform us to Him. We have an opportunity to be part of that dynamic of surrender, of dying and rising, every time we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. Let us prepare ourselves then, so that when we say "Amen" before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, it becomes an intentional submission. The total surrender of our hearts, minds, and entire lives to the one who died so that we might live free from the encumbrances of our sins.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

YAM
Young Adults Ministry

MEETS EVERY MONDAY
6:00 PM | GATHERING SPACE
AGES 18 - 30ISH

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**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN
THE BULLETIN?**

Email Megan Schmidt
bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org

The bulletin is submitted each week on Tuesday at 4:00 pm.
Please have your request in no later than Tuesday at 8:00
am or it will be placed in the following week's bulletin.



**COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN**

MEETS THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM
ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME

LENTEN REGULATIONS

PRAYER: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558) During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

FASTING: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 14 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

ALMSGIVING: The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462). Particular Opportunities for Almsgiving during Lent: There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations to Church ministries for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including: Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, National Black and Indian Mission Collection, Catholic Relief Services Collection, Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Care for Christians in the Holy Land, CRS Rice Bowl.

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Prepare the Way of the Lord

LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULES

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

St. Mary - Mount Vernon
Parish Center Gym
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Help local charities while enjoying delicious cod,
pollock, shrimp, side dishes and desserts!

Friday, March 22 | JeffCo Fuller Center for Housing
(formerly Habitat for Humanity)

Dine In

Adult Dinner Includes:

\$12 Entree (Cod, Pollock, or Shrimp), 2 sides (Mac and Cheese, Fries, or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink

Child (Ages 11 and Under) Dinner Includes:

\$8 Entree (Cod, Pollock, or Shrimp), 1 side (Mac and Cheese, Fries, or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink

Carry Out

Dinner Includes:

\$12 Entree (Cod, Pollock, or Shrimp), 2 sides (Mac and Cheese, Fries, or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink

Everyday STEWARDSHIP

NURTURE A DEEPER PRAYER LIFE AS A FAMILY

-MEGAN SCHMIDT

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the importance of fostering a prayer life within our families.

One simple yet profound way to deepen our prayer life as a family is by incorporating prayer into our everyday routines. For instance, before every meal, take a moment to offer gratitude to God for the nourishment He provides. This simple act not only fosters a sense of thankfulness but also reminds us of our dependence on God's grace. Bedtime routines with two toddlers is an absolute must and the perfect time for us to have an opportunity to connect with our children in prayer. Whether it's saying goodnight prayers or reciting the Rosary as they drift off to sleep, these moments create a sacred space for bonding with our loved ones and inviting God into our lives.

Engaging our children in prayer doesn't have to be elaborate or time-consuming. It's about finding meaningful ways to incorporate prayer into our daily rhythms. Encourage your children to express their thoughts, feelings, and desires to God, let them develop trust in their relationship with Him.

Consider setting aside dedicated times for family prayer, such as gathering together to read Scripture, sing hymns, or share personal reflections. These intentional moments of spiritual communion strengthen the familial bond while deepening our collective faith.

As we strive to deepen our prayer life as families, let us remember that it's not about perfection but about the sincerity of our hearts. Embrace the messiness of life, knowing that God meets us in the midst of it all, guiding and sustaining us through prayer. Incorporating prayer into our family life is a powerful way to cultivate everyday stewardship, teaching our children the value of faith, gratitude, and connection with God. Let us commit to nurturing our prayer lives as families, enriching our journey of discipleship and stewardship together.

Join us!

LENTEN STUDY

The Chosen

Mini Series & Bible Study
Began February 4th & 6th

Adult Faith Formation

Three times to choose from!

Sundays after Mass

11:30 am (after Mass) - Fellowship Room

Contacts: Deacon Steve or Cindy Sloan

Sunday Evenings

5:00 pm - Fellowship Room

Contacts: Ken Martinek or Kim Bridwell

Tuesday Mornings

9:30 am - Fellowship Room

Contacts: Pat Butler



Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter Sunday. You may drop them off in the large rice bowl in the gathering space or the church office. You may also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Thank you for your support!



Hallow

Hallow the #1 Catholic Prayer App, made history on the first day of Lent by becoming the #1 spot on Apple's App Store.

Get Hallow Catholic Meditation App for \$1 - 40 Day Lenten Challenge. To join Hallow as part of the Parish Lenten program, which gives access to all premium app content for just \$1, scan the QR code or go to hallow.com/holyday. Type in your town, and follow the instructions on the screen.

PRAY AND WELCOME OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES INTO THE CHURCH.

Catechumens

The Berger Family -
Ray, Tarrah, Patrick,
Conner & Elle Rae
Bob Burgess
Lauren Carnes
Allison Frost & Oliver Frost
Kenleigh Mays
Mary Oehlert
Karley Ruiz
Emilea Wehrheim

Candidates

Russell Jukes
Justin Simmons
Cindi Waldman

Holy Week SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 am | Chrism Mass | St. Peter Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 am - 10:00 pm | Adoration | St. Mary - Mt. Vernon

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm | Holy Thursday Mass | St. Mary - Mt. Vernon
with removal of the Blessed Sacrament at the End of Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 pm | Good Friday Mass | St. Mary - Mt. Vernon

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 pm | Easter Vigil Mass | St. Mary - Mt. Vernon
We will begin outside at the Fire Pit at 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

10:30 am | Easter Sunday Mass | St. Mary - Mt. Vernon
Exposition and Benediction at the end of Mass



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

Afternoon lead by St. Mary Students
Evenings lead by church groups

Friday, March 22

School 10:30 am | Church 6:00 pm

Friday, March 29 | Good Friday

Church 3:00 pm



MARCH 2024

NOTE LOCATIONS:

Life Nights - Gym & Youth Group Room
Small Group Bible Study - Youth Room

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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SUNDAY OFFERING

March 10, 2024

Sunday Envelopes.....\$10,675.00

Misc. Envelopes.....\$1,131.00

Loose.....\$510.75

Thank you!.....\$12,216.75

These figures do include donations made online.

Due to early submission dates with the Bulletin for Easter, the Sunday offering numbers may be delayed for the next few weeks.

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Total to date\$7,183.00

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Donations thru March 10, 2024 | \$239,908.32



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MARCH 2024

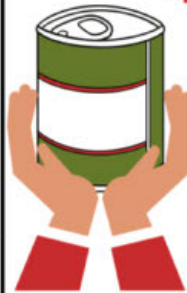
Sunday, March 17th

Small Group Bible Study 9:30-10:15 am

Youth Group Life Night 6:00-8:00 pm

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- MT. VERNON RESCUE MISSION



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FILL THE RESCUE MISSION

Each weekend, we ask PARISHIONERS to bring a non-PERISHABLE food item with them to Mass. Please place it in one of the blue bins at the entrance of church.

Prayer for VOCATIONS

Listening for the Lord's voice is an important part of making life decisions. What are ways that help us listen for the Lord's voice and understand what he is saying to us?

The Diocese of Belleville is offering a morning of recollection for young men, ages 16-32, interested in learning more about making life decisions from a Catholic perspective.

Please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, and Bishop Michael McGovern on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM at St. Nicholas Parish, 625 St. Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon, IL.

Our time will include Mass, three short inspirational talks, quiet time, discussion and lunch. This is an excellent spiritual opportunity for young men discerning their future paths, including the possibility of priesthood or religious life.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mrs. Judy Hoffmann by e-mail at: jhoffmann@diobelle.org or by phone (618) 722-5003 by March 15.

PSR

Parish School of Religion

ST. MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us in spreading love and support to families in need!

Throughout the month of **MARCH**, we request **FAMILIES** to contribute by **BRINGING QUARTERS, LAUNDRY SOAP, and DRYER SHEETS**. You have the option to donate these items either per child or per family. We understand that shopping may not be feasible for everyone, so we also welcome monetary donations.

On April 7, we will invite a member from Soap & Hope to PSR and donate these items!

Let's make a difference and show compassion to those who need it most. Your generosity will create smiles and bring hope to those facing challenging times. Together, we can make a positive impact on our community. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions text or call
Megan Schmidt 618.214.1601

