

SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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March 24, 2024

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

11:30 am | Chrism Mass | St. Peter Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

TRIDUUM

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 Service | 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

ADORATION

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday | 3:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Monday | 8:30 am - St. Mary {LIVE}
Tuesday | 5:30 pm - St. Mary

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

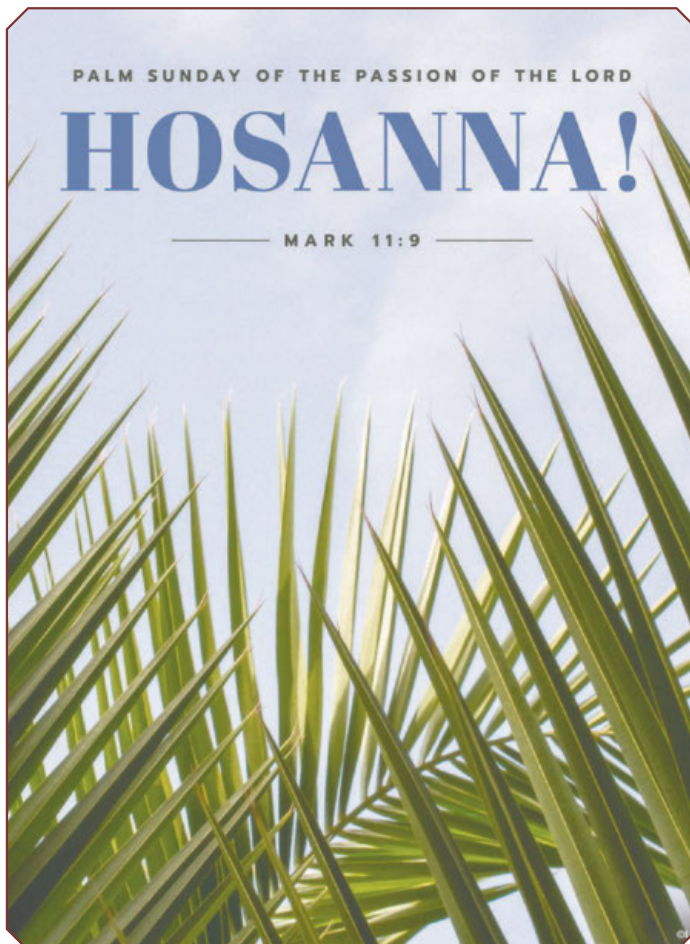
FATHER STEVEN PAUTLER OFFICE HOURS

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment)
Away from Parish

SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary Centralia

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



PALM SUNDAY

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. 23 Sat. 5:00 pm †Paul & †Mary Dickerson

Mar. 24 Sun. 10:30 am St. Mary Parishioners

Mar. 25 Mon. 8:30 am †Grace Aydt

Mar. 26 Tues. 5:30 pm †Darlene Franscavitch

Mar. 27 Wed. 8:30 am †Margaret Pautler

Mar. 28 Thurs. 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass

Mar. 29 Fri. 12:00 pm Good Friday Service

Mar. 30 Sat. 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Mar. 31 Sun. 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

DAILY READINGS

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

PRAYER LIST

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



Holy Rosary

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

Bereavement Group

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

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

April 5 - Debbie Young, Pat Butler, Joanna Franscavitch, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek

April 12 - Cindy Sloan, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Dottie Izard, Dorris Klotz, Anita Spotanski & David Spotanski

April 19 - Marien Leuty, Debbie Deters, Aletta Lawrence, Pat Panarese, Jan Rose, Paul Schuette & Ronni Zawila

April 26 - Cindy Montgomery, Bernie Dickneite, Mary Chambliss, Rose Rankin, Jim & Karen Rozycki, Rich Schafer & Mary Wayer

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday, March 30, 2024 | Easter Vigil

R1-Choir; R2-Melisa Camaione; R3-Pat Panarese; R4-Ron Kirsch; E1- Kendra Clark; E2-Karen Williams; E3-Chris Johnson; E4-Suzie Schmidt; E5-Cindy Sloan; E6-Ronan Kuberski; H1-Ann Farley; H2-David Farley; H3-Mel Gajewski; H4-Barb Gajewski; H5-Kevin Rettig; H6- ???; Of: closed; Servers: Ella, Kara, Patrick; Sacristan: Ayden Sloan; Camera: Beth Schrader

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | Easter Sunday with Benediction

R1-David Skorch; R2-Laura Skorch; E1-Mary Jo Adcock; E2-Tim Bain; E3-Anne Baker; E4-Butch Baker; E5-Pat Butler; E6-Ashlie Newcomb; H1-Kim Bridwell; H2-Steven Rapp; H3-Marty Simmons; H4-Mark Simmons; H5-Susan Hughey; H6-Donnie Mays; H7-Jeff Harrison; Office: Maggie;
Servers: John, Sam; Sacristan: Dcn. Steve; Camera: Ken Martinek

FROM THE DESK OF *Father Benny George*

Why do we need the Stations of the Cross?



"Therefore, doing the Stations of the Cross was still more laborious than consoling, and required a sacrifice. It was much the same with all my devotions. They did not come easily, and they very seldom brought with them a strong sensible satisfaction. Nevertheless, the work of performing them ended in a profound and fortifying peace: a peace, became more and more real, more and more sure, and finally stayed with me permanently" Thomas Merton.

As a child I was not sure why, during Lenten season, one should go for the Stations of the Cross. Even then it was a Passion within me to go from the school for the Stations and listen about the different actions and finally feel the sorrowful atmosphere when Jesus was crucified and feel angry with the soldiers who mistreated Jesus.

When in seminary I found it in a different way of devotion as we celebrated it every Friday of the lent. Now it has become something that I don't want to miss, and I often look at these stations placed on the Church walls, which seem to come alive only in the Lenten season. Other times they just stay there without anyone's attention.

While attending the Stations of the Cross and meditating on them, I feel different and started to think more about Jesus and the tremendous suffering He had to undergo on our behalf. Somewhere during the stations I always offered my sufferings and find lighter and in peace to walk home.

Where did the practice come from?

Along the Via Dolorosa (way of the Cross) Jesus' journey of about a mile from Pilate's court to Calvary, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is believed to have often retraced the sorrowful way her Son made on Good Friday.

The practice later originated in the mediaeval Europe, with pilgrims unable to visit the Holy Land. In 1342 the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the Holy Land. People received indulgences for praying at the following stations of the Via Dolorosa.

At the end of 17th century, the erection of the stations in the Churches became popular for those who could not make it to Jerusalem. Pope Benedict XIII extended the indulgences to all in 1726.

Pope Clement XII permitted Stations to be created in all Churches and fixed the numbers at 14, in 1742. Pope Benedict XIV exhorted the priests to enrich the Churches with the Way of the Cross.

St. Leonard of Port Maurice travelled the whole of Italy preaching about the Way of the Cross and inspired the people to learn the way of the Cross as an antidote against many vices and efficacious incentive for holiness of life. "The way of the Cross alone defeats sin, evil and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ's Resurrection and opens the horizon of a new and fuller life. It is the way of Hope, way of the future" Pope Francis.

CHILDREN'S *Liturgy* 10:30 SUNDAY MASS

APRIL 7 | APRIL 21
MAY 5 | MAY 19

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM AT THE KNIGHTS HOUSE
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Free Online Membership



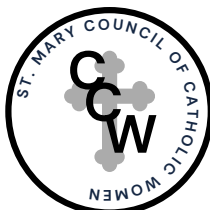
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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN?

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

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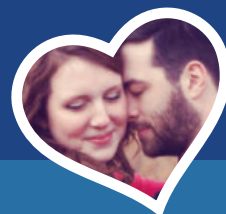
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Prepare the Way of the Lord

LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULES

HOLY WEEK MINISTRY LIST

Thursday, March 28, 2024 | Holy Thursday

R1-Lou Ann Morrison; R2-Paul Lynch; E1-Dean Dickerson; E2-Judy Dickerson; E3-Skip Fox; E4-Lori Kabat; E5-Robin Atkins; E6-Kevin Rettig; H1-Steve Shields; H2-Valerie Shields; H3-Vickie Bledsoe; H4-Bruce Morrison; H5-Lou Ann Morrison. Of: Karen Williams; Servers: Patrick; Sacristan: Volunteer Camera: Beth Schrader?

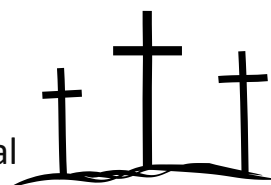
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PRAY AND WELCOME OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES INTO THE CHURCH.

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



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 29 | Good Friday
Church 3:00 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deacon Steve Eischens, DRE
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Anna Jukes, Interim Principal - St. Mary School
ajukes@stmarymtvernon.org

Susan Kusmer, Parish Secretary
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED March 28 & 29 and April 1

SUNDAY OFFERING

March 17, 2024

Sunday Envelopes..... \$6,384.00

Misc. Envelopes..... \$535.00

Loose..... \$620.86

Thank you!..... \$7,539.86

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 17, 2024 | \$241,053.32



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APRIL 2024

NOTE LOCATIONS:

Life Nights - Gym & Youth Group Room

Small Group Bible Study - Youth Room

APRIL 2024

Sunday, April 7th

Youth Mass (arrive by 9:45 am) 10:30 am

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

Sunday, April 14th

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

Sunday, April 21st

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

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

Sunday, April 28th

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

Youth Group Cusumano Produce Fundraiser starting April 12th!

SAVE THE DATE & Save your stuff!

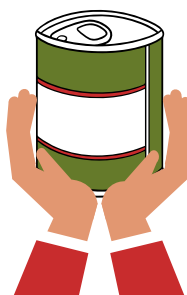
YOUTH GROUP YARD SALE - JUNE 21ST & 22ND!

MORE DETAILS TO COME

**ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING AND WANT TO DONATE YOUR ITEMS?
WE WILL GLADLY TAKE THEM!**

IF YOU WANT TO GET THEM OUT OF YOUR HOUSE NOW, WE HAVE A PLACE TO STORE THEM! PLEASE CONTACT A CORE TEAM MEMBER FOR DETAILS.

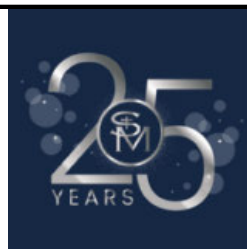
(Nick Schrementi, Kendra Clark, Mary Beth Mezo & Courtney Kabat)



WE CAN

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.



ST. MARY SCHOOL

2024 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$25,000: Janice Eischens, Salem, IL

\$3,000: Steve Lombardo, Sesser, IL

\$1,000: Tom Luedke, Argenta, IL

\$500: Dwight Dilg, McLeansboro, IL

\$500: Buster Leeck, Opdyke, IL

\$500: Kim Ratajczyk, Sesser, IL

\$500: Ricardo Crisostomo, Mt. Vernon, IL

\$500: Michael Roznowski, DuBois, IL

\$250: Marien Leuty, Mt. Vernon, IL

\$250: Barbara Kurtz, Nashville, IL

\$250: Sister Jane Hotze, Effingham, IL

\$250: Fr. Nick Junker, O'Fallon, IL

\$250: Kim Graziani, Mt. Vernon, IL

Thank you to all who bought tickets, sold tickets, donated items for baskets, donated silent auction and live auction items. Thank you to all who volunteered in any capacity. The raffle is only successful with the help of everyone!