

SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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March 31, 2024



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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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 - SSM Hospital Chapel

ADORATION

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

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)
Away from Parish

SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary Centralia

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

EASTER 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. 30 Sat. 5:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Mar. 31 Sun. 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

April 1 Mon. 8:30 am †Daniel Spotanski
April 2 Tues. 5:30 pm †Floyd Brookman
April 3 Wed. 8:30 am †Teresa Morgan
April 4 Thurs. 8:30 am †Rozan Kuenz
@ SSM Hospital Chapel
April 5 Fri. 8:30 am †Mary C. Carlyle

April 6 Sat. 5:00 pm St. Mary Parishioners
April 7 Sun. 10:30 am †Grace Aydt

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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.

PRAYER LIST

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

April 5 - Debbie Young, Pat Butler, Joanna Francavitch, 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, April 6

R1- Mel Gajewski; R2-Kay McCully; 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

Sunday, April 7

Readers: Youth; E1- Kendra Clark; E2- Nick Schrementi; E3-Anne Baker; E4-Butch Baker; E5- Ed Rourke; E6- Janice Eischens Youth or H1-Jeannie Baker; H2-Dorris Klotz; H3-Jeff Harrison; H4- Kim Bridwell; H5-???; H6-Christina Kiefer; H7-Pat Yates; Office: Maggie; Servers: Michael, Azlyn, Kara
Sacristan: Ronan Kuberski; Camera: Beth Schrader

FROM THE DESK OF *Deacon Steve Eischens*

Greeting to my Sisters and Brothers in Christ!



We are in the midst of the Easter Season. We had a glorious Holy Week starting with our Palm Sunday celebration and ending with the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the grave. The Easter Vigil was filled with beautiful readings, music, and preaching, and saw 18 women, men, and children come into the Church. With all of this going on, did you happen to notice the Paschal candle (the Easter Candle)? The candle was lit from the Easter fire and lead the procession into the Church at the Vigil. It was used to spread “the light of Christ” throughout the church and was used to pass the light of Christ to the newly baptized. It will be used throughout the year as a reminder of the paschal promises of God at baptisms and funerals. Why funerals? The Paschal Candle is placed next to the beloved dead at the funeral to remind us that at baptism we die to sin, and at the end of our lives it testifies to the risen Jesus and the promise that the faithful will never die but are destined live in eternity with God and all of his angels and saints.

This Paschal Candle is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Catholicism. The candle, which represents Christ himself, is made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ. The wick signifies Christ’s humanity, and the flame His Divine Nature. It is adorned with Christian symbols: the cross to represent His redemptive sacrifice; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - Alpha and Omega – to signify that He is the beginning and the end; sometimes there will be wheat and grapes or a chalice and host for the Eucharist, and many other symbols such as the Good Shepherd, the Lamb, the Sacred Heart, or the Risen Christ. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ’s body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and head. All of these symbols are there to remind us of the love of God and the promises he has made.

The Easter Candle originated in the earliest days of Christianity, when evening prayer began with the lighting of a candle. Historical references mention the Lucernarium, the evening prayer rite with which the early Christians began each Sunday vigil. The lighting of the candle dispelled the darkness and represented Christ – the Light of the World.

This solemn rite was carried out with even greater reverence during the Easter Vigil. In the time of Constantine, we are told by the historian Eusebius that the emperor “transformed the night of the sacred Easter Vigil into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the whole city pillars of wax, so that this mystic vigil was rendered brighter than the brightest daylight.” 1

Initially, in the early Church, the candle was broken up after the Easter Vigil and fragments were given to the faithful. Over the centuries, the candle grew in size and splendor and preserved throughout the year, to be replaced at the next Easter Vigil. Because of its special place in our worship, the “old” candles cannot just be thrown away. Sometimes they have been broken into pieces and given to the poor to provide for their celebrations throughout the year. Sometimes they are buried or burned. In our parish we have begun the tradition of having the old Paschal Candle melted down and recast as smaller candles which are used in our celebration of the dead in November.

The word “paschal” is derived from the Aramaic *pashā* and Hebrew *pesah*, meaning the passing over. In the Old Testament it refers to the night when God struck the houses of the Egyptians but left the Israelites untouched, thus “passing over” or sparing them. With Christianity the word “paschal” took on a new meaning, referring to Our Lord’s passion, death, resurrection, and glorification. These events stand at the center of our faith. God’s saving plan for us was accomplished by the redemptive suffering and death of Jesus. His resurrection and glorification are our assurances of eternal life - if we follow His words and His way. When you see the Paschal Candle in our church, may you too think of its long and sacred past, the death and resurrection of Our Lord which it represents, and the faith, hope and eternal life it means for all of us.

Deacon Steve

1 <https://www.zieglers.com>)



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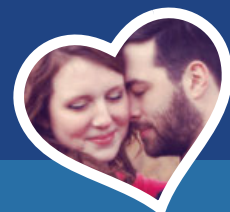
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Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters 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.



MARY'S Table

April 6 & 7

Before & After Mass

All proceeds will benefit Children's Liturgy, LifeTeen and YAM (Young Adults Ministry)



Divine Mercy Sunday

PRAYER SERVICE

APRIL 7 | 3:00 PM

CHILDREN'S Liturgy

10:30 SUNDAY MASS

APRIL 7 | APRIL 21
MAY 5 | MAY 19

Bishop Michael McGovern and
the Diocese of Belleville invite you to

Emmaus Days



Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life,
as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the
Eucharistic Revival.

Sunday, July 7 – National Shrine of Our Lady
of the Snows

Monday, July 8 – Cathedral of St. Peter

YAM
Young Adults Ministry

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

Spring is here. Soon the contract mowers will start cutting the grass at the cemetery. While it is wonderful to see the graves adorned with flowers and such, it makes it difficult to keep the cemetery maintained. When you are bringing your tribute to your loved one's grave please be aware what looks nice now (but not attached) can blow off in a high wind. Some things are not appropriate to leave at the grave site, ie alcoholic beverages and hunting adornments. Too many things on the site or around the tombstone will either not allow proper cutting or can be ruined as the contract lawn mowers cut them up or these items are picked up and thrown in the trash. In the next few weeks please look over your loved one's site to remove or spruce up things as you want them. There is dumpster for faded flowers or items that need to be disposed. If you see something which needs attention on our grounds please tell the church office. Thank you



CRS Rice Bowls

Together we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl 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!

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



Use Code: BlessedMcGurny



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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED April 1

SUNDAY OFFERING

March 24, 2024

Sunday Envelopes..... \$6,128.00

Misc. Envelopes..... \$871.00

Loose..... \$590.81

Thank you!..... \$7,589.81

These figures do include donations made online.

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Total to date \$7,183.00

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Donations thru March 24, 2024 | \$242,043.32



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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!

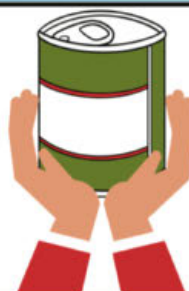
YOUTH GROUP YARD SALE - JUNE 21ST & 22ND!

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.

PSR

Parish School of Religion
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Thank you to all the families that brought in items. We will have a
representative join us next weekend during PSR to give them all of
the items!

There is still time 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.

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



Congratulations,
EMILEA WEHRHEIM!

SHE HAS BEEN NAMED THE PRINCIPAL OF
ST. MARY SCHOOL, STARTING JULY 1, 2024.