



SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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THAT THE WORLD
MAY BELIEVE
THAT YOU
SENT ME.

— JOHN 17:23 —

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY, MT. VERNON

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am {LIVE}

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Thursday & Friday | 8:30 am {LIVE}

Tuesday | 5:30 pm {LIVE}

Wednesday | 12:00 pm - SSM Hospital Chapel

ST. MARY, CENTRALIA

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am

ADORATION

Tuesday | 4:30 pm (for Vocations)

Thursday | 9:15 am

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday | 6:15 pm (after Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm or by Appt.

OUR PARISH MISSION

"We are people guided by God, called to be a welcoming community, celebrating our Catholic Christian faith through continuing worship, education, and service within our parish and the world beyond."

PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY, JUNE 2ND | NO MASS, PRAYER SERVICE OR ROSARY

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 31st | 5:00 pm

†**Edie Hagene**

†**Betty Herzing Tanner**

Sunday, June 1st | 10:30 am

†**Raymond Etling**

†**Lois Ohley**

Monday, June 2nd | 8:30 am

No Mass, Prayer Service or Rosary

Tuesday, June 3rd | 5:30 pm

†**Edie Hagene**

Wednesday, June 4th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†**Irene McCarthy**

Thursday, June 5th | 8:30 am

†**Pope Francis**

Friday, June 6th | 8:30 am

†**Edwin O. Heierman**

Saturday, June 7th | 5:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, June 8th | 10:30 am

†**William Rapp**

Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Rachel Heck	Deonna Schreiber	Hunter Chambliss	Carol Parks
Msgr. David Darin	David Bauman	Jules Allali	Tina Pasquinelli
Cloena Kiselewski	Gary Hart	Faye Bathon	Keri Sipe
Very Rev. F.	Douglas Manne	Anita Bochantin	Elizabeth Rapp
William Etheredge	Bob Heck	Brenda Breeze	Madona Nabua
Faith Etheredge	Rhonda Mooreland	Rose Ellen Clancy	Syxiengmay
Brad Hails	Jeff Rennegarbe	Donald Collier	Ronni Zawila
Mary Kusmer	Shiloh Burns	Carrie Fox	James Frey
Tom Pomhirsch	Robert Jenkins	Skip Fox	Hilda Witges
Maria Brown	Pam Cummings	Susan Fox	Meredith Nowland
Terry Harris	Tom Berschied	Jackie Gill	Residents of all
Carrie Hoffhouse	Mike Moehn	Jeanette Ingram	Long Term Care
Richard Czerwinski	Carol Niedbalski	Ruth Jones	Facilities
Sylvia Czerwinski	Ray Gluss	Russell Jukes	
Kathy Williams	Braxley Hodson	Pat Kelly	
Brenda McPherson	Laura Cashman	Della Mauro	

*If you would like to add or remove a name on the prayer list, please email
bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org or call the church office. Thank you!*

You are cordially invited to attend
the Ordination of the
Reverend Mr. Levi K. James
to the
Order of the Sacred Priesthood

Saturday, June 7, 2025
10:00 am

Cathedral of St. Peter
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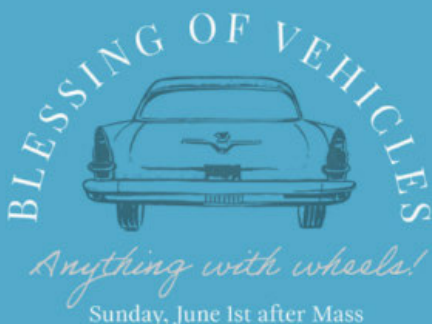
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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVE

At our final school Mass before summer break, I tossed out two simple questions to our St. Mary students: "What did you like most about school this year?" and "What are you doing this summer?" Now, if you think the answers were full of theological depth and saintly aspirations, well...grab a snow cone and think again.

Let's start with the first question—What did you like most about St. Mary School? The top responses? Recess, snacks, and friends—a holy trinity of childhood joy. But what warmed my priestly heart (and not just because someone again, turned the A/C thermostat to 80!) was this: student after student said, "My teachers." Over and over again. What a beautiful testament to the vocation of teaching! Right here at St. Mary's, faith isn't just taught—it's lived, modeled, and passed on. You could say we're building saints with glue sticks and grammar books.

Now, question number two—What are you doing this summer? Oh boy. We had it all: visits to "the Mouse" in Florida (Mickey, not a parish rodent—I

checked), swimming, camping, and even one proud soul who said, "I'm going to mow grass." A true suburban missionary. But the overwhelming winner? "Sleeping in!" Apparently the only bells they want to hear this summer are not from the 8:00 AM class bell. And hey, even Jesus told the disciples to rest a while—so who am I to argue?

Which brings us to this week's Gospel from Luke 24:46–53—Jesus blesses His disciples and is taken up to heaven. But before He goes, He gives them a mission: "You are witnesses of these things." That's our call too. As we step into summer, it's not just a vacation from math facts and spelling lists—it's a new season to live our faith in flip-flops and sunscreen.

So I'll ask you the same question I asked our students: What are you doing this summer? Sleeping in is fine. A little fishing? Perfect. Even trip to the Magic Kingdom—enjoy! But here's the real challenge: Does God get any extra time? Maybe it's ten minutes in prayer, a good Catholic book, a family rosary, or helping a neighbor. Because

the mission Jesus gave His disciples? It didn't end at the Ascension—it started there.

And if you're like me, you'll be spending part of the summer answering emails that begin with "Father, quick question..." and end somewhere around the Book of Revelation, trying to figure out who keeps resetting the church sign to say "Taco Tuesday," and dodging invitations to "just stop by for a minute" that mysteriously last three hours and involve moving furniture. It's the kind of pastoral cardio they never warned us about in seminary. Pray for your pastor—he's fueled by grace, coffee, and whatever baked goods show up in the office unannounced.

In all seriousness, our students remind us what joyful, authentic faith looks like. They laugh loudly, sing off-key, ask big questions, and hug hard. May we carry that same spirit into the summer—less stress, more joy, and yes, maybe a nap or two. After all, even saints need siesta.

Vocations Corner

"I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ.

However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase."

Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016, pg. 42.

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- Must be able to instruct, relate to, and supervise students
- Must have excellent organization and communication skills
- Ability to be flexible and work cooperatively and collaboratively with teachers and staff
- Perform other duties as assigned

APPLICATION DETAILS

Interested candidates should provide a cover letter, resume, and a minimum of three references with phone numbers and addresses.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidates will be notified by phone if they are selected to participate in the interview process.

BENEFITS

Competitive Benefits Package

CONTACT

For more information or to apply, please contact Tim Bain at tbain@stmarymtvernon.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Thursday, June 5th
Cedarhurst - TNL | 6:00 pm
Enjoy Music & Fellowship together!

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, June 10th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

CONFIRMATION & LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, June 1st
Gym | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Thursday, June 12th
Philip Neri Room | 10:30 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

OCIA CLASS

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

MARY'S TABLE

Saturday & Sunday, June 14th & 15th

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

Reader: Lois Herzing, Mel Gajewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Butler, Kevin Rettig, Sara Allen, Valerie Shields, Karen Williams, Beth Schrader
Hospitality: Bobby Herzing, Joe Schmidt, Steve Shields, Randy Schell, Vickie Bledsoe, Rose Rankin
Office: Barb Gajewski
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SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

Readers: G Cheatham,
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendra Clark, Nick Schrementi, Ashlie Newcomb, Tim Bain, Ronan Kuberski, Janice Eischens
Hospitality: Dax Bridwell, Ahna Coleman, Clara Manning, Jeff Harrison, Anne Collier, Christina Keifer
Office: Vickie York
Servers: Maverick, Ruby, Azlyn
Sacristan: Nick
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CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 6TH -Debbie Young/TL, Pat Butler, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek

HELP US MAKE THE CHURCH SHINE!

Do you have 1-2 hours to spare once a month? Join our Friday Morning Cleaning Crew for some cleaning, good company, and maybe even a few laughs!

It's a simple way to serve and keep our sacred space sparkling.

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Cindy Montgomery 618-315-6630

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

MAY 25, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,260.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$330.00
Cemetery Envelopes	\$2,135.00
Loose Collection	\$448.25
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$10,173.25

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund provides tuition assistance to students for Catholic Education at St. Mary School.

Donation total to Date \$42,750.00
(\$25,000 from the auction "Sponsor A Student")

ST. MARY SCHOOL LEGACY FUND (MT. VERNON)

Preserving the future of Catholic Education
For information contact:

Rex Cusumano	618-781-8755
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Ed Zawila	618-244-0281

To include something in the bulletin, email Kendra Clark at bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org. Deadline: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS (CHURCH & SCHOOL)

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 pm | 8th Grade Classroom

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
After Mass | Details to come!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

*DIOCESE HISPANIC YOUTH DAY
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH, 8TH & 9TH

ST. BARBARA VBS - GOD'S GOOD CREATION
St. Barbara Church | See flyer for details

Cursillo Upcoming Weekends

Women's Weekend #46

July 17th - 20th, 2025
Toddhall Retreat Center, Columbia, IL

Men's Weekend #41

August 7th - 10th, 2025
King's House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Applications may be picked up in the church office, or you may visit the Belleville Diocesan Cursillo website at www.bellevillecursillo.org

ST. MARY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 6 & 7

PREVIEW SALE & PUBLIC SALE

ST. MARY CHURCH - GYM

1550 MAIN ST., MT. VERNON, IL

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

PREVIEW SALE
\$5.00 ENTRY
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

PUBLIC SALE
FREE ENTRY
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS TO THIS SALE DROP OFF DATES ARE:
TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD - THURSDAY, 5TH 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deacon Mark Kabat

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Deacon Steve Eischens, DRE & Co-Principal

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Susan Kusmer, Parish Secretary

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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FR. STEVEN PAUTLER OFFICE HOURS

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Thursdays & Fridays

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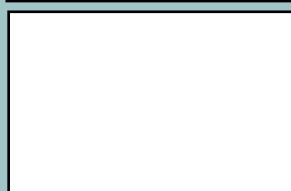
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