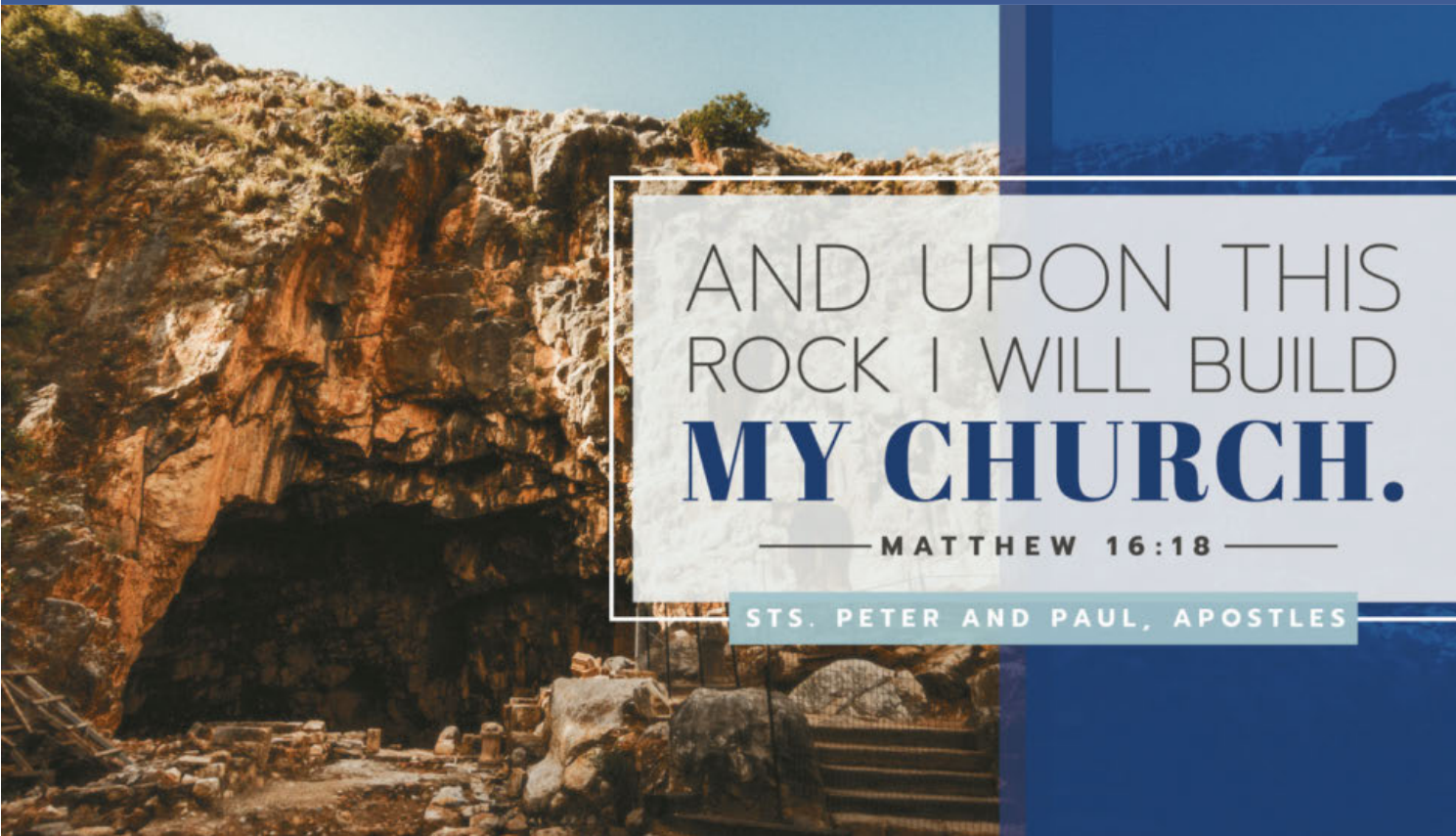




SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

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AND UPON THIS
ROCK I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.

— MATTHEW 16:18 —

STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

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 30TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 4TH - NO MASSES

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 28th | 5:00 pm

†Christi Burns

†Garry Adcock

†Betty Herzing Tanner

Sunday, June 29th | 10:30 am

†Melvin Kabat

St. Mary Parishioners

Monday, June 30th | 8:30 am

No Mass

Tuesday, July 1st | 5:30 pm

No Mass

Wednesday, July 2nd | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

No Mass

Thursday, July 3rd | 8:30 am

No Mass

Friday, July 4th | 8:30 am

No Mass

Saturday, July 5th | 5:00 pm

†Betty Herzing Tanner

Sunday, July 6th | 10:30 am

St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-2

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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!

Vocations Corner

June 29th:

"When I was 15, my father died suddenly; it's a low point in my life, but also a turning point. My mom, who had converted to Catholicism several years earlier, encouraged me to speak to our parish priest. I quickly saw a transformation within myself and began to think, "If God is helping me through this Catholic priest, there must be something to this Catholic Church." After my confirmation, the Lord said to me in prayer, "Anthony, you see what I've done for you through the priesthood; now go and do likewise." I was ordained in June 2018, and I wake up every morning thanking God for allowing me to be his servant.

Fr. Anthony Stewart; Diocese of Nashville; Columbia Magazine Feb. 2021

Peter's Pence Collection - June 28th & 29th

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy see through which Pope Leo governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo and be a sign of mercy; support the Peter's Pence Collection.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

January 15-20, 2026 | Cost: \$2994

Host: Catholic Relief Services Diocese of Belleville

Registration Deadline: June 30, 2025

Join us for a 6 day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, Cheryl Sommer, Diocese Animator for Catholic Relief Services, Sue Huett Asbeck, retired Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of Belleville.

Register at gocatholictravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Sommer-2026-Mexico-Brochure.pdf or email crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVE

Dear Parishioners and friends,
This weekend brings a flood of emotions as I prepare to step away as your pastor. I will miss all of you. It has truly been an honor and a joy to walk with you during these short years we've shared together. Though brief, they have been some of the most meaningful and grace-filled of my life. From baptizing your children to sharing quiet moments in the confessional, from laughter at parish gatherings to tears at funeral Masses—I've been blessed to stand beside you in the holiest moments of your lives. Over the past few weeks, as I've begun the work of packing and letting go, I've spent time in prayer—honest prayer. And if I'm being honest, I don't want to go. I've felt so welcomed here, so loved, and so at home. But I'm reminded of how Jesus journeyed from town to town, not because He didn't love where He was, but because He was always open to the Father's call to go where He was needed next. That's the example I'm

trying to follow. Like our Lord, I go not because I desire to leave, but because I desire to serve. When I left my hometown of Evansville, Illinois at age 54, I truly thought that was the hardest thing I'd ever do. I had fully expected to live there all my life, work, pray, have fun, retire, and eventually find my place among six generations of family at St. Boniface Cemetery. But God had other plans. I embraced His will, and He led me to people and places I could never have imagined. He brought me to you. And in doing so, He reminded me that home isn't just where you were born, it's where you are loved. One of the great surprises of priesthood is how love multiplies. I may be leaving this assignment, but the love I carry for you doesn't get packed up in a moving box. It stays with me. You've left a mark on my priesthood and on my soul. I'll carry your stories, your names, and even your quirks (you know who you are!) with me wherever I go.

And don't be surprised if I show up now and then for a fish fry or a school activity, I'm only a few miles away, after all. You will be in good hands. Msgr. Darin is a faithful shepherd, and I know he will lead this parish forward with great heart and vision. Please welcome him as you welcomed me. And please keep me in your prayers, as I will most certainly keep you in mine. We may no longer share the same pews, but we still share the same Church, the same mission, the same Eucharist. Although I will no longer be your pastor, I will still be in residence at the St. Mary Parish Rectory in Centralia. If you need me, I'm not far:
Reverend Steven Pautler
645 S. Lincoln Blvd., Centralia, IL 62801
Email: spautler@stmarycentralia.org
Phone: 618-532-6291 x307 (which rolls over to my cell). Thank you for letting me be part of your lives.
With love and deep gratitude,
Father Steve

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 7, 8 & 9 M, T, W 5-7 PM

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IN HONOR OF

Fr. Steve

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH
11:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Lunch will be served



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Amelia Rapien & Emma Burris
- Mr. Dennis Litteken, Mater Dei Principal

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, July 1st
Yellin Helen's, Dix | 7:00 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, July 8th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP

July 18th - 20th
Steubenville Youth Conference

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Check back for future dates
Summer Break

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Thursday, July 10th
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

September 6th & 7th

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

Reader: Lois Herzing, Mel Gajewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendra Clark, Kevin Rettig, Karen Williams, Beth Schrader, John and Cindy Sloan
Hospitality: Bobby Herzing, Joe Schmidt, Randy Schell, Ryan Schmidt, Pat Butler
Office: Barb Gajewski
Servers: Volunteer
Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

Readers: Michael Gleason, John Gleason
Eucharistic Ministers: Ashlie Newcomb, Tim Bain, Janice Eischens, Ronan Kuberski, Ken and Sharon Martinek
Hospitality: Dax Bridwell, Jeff Harrison, Anne Collier, Christina Keifer, Jim Rozycki
Office: Carol Baril
Servers: Kayden Harrison, Azlyn, Jaxon
Sacristan: Volunteer
Camera: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

JULY 4TH - Debbie Young/TL, Pat Butler, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek

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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!

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Cindy Montgomery 618-315-6630**

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

JUNE 22, 2025

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Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$1,800.00
Loose Collection	\$652.75
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$8,257.75

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

Donation total to Date \$43,750.00
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To include something in the bulletin, email Kendra Clark at bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org. Deadline: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS (CHURCH & SCHOOL)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH & 10TH

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS WEEKEND

Church | After both weekend Masses

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

ST. BARBARA VBS - GOD'S GOOD CREATION

St. Barbara Church | See flyer for details

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

ST. BRUNO PARISH PICNIC & POLKA MASS

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ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBERS: 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 Steve Eischens

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Susan Kusmer, Parish Secretary

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Cursillo Upcoming Weekends

Women's Weekend #46

July 17th - 20th, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 4th

Toddhall Retreat Center, Columbia, IL

Men's Weekend #41

August 7th - 10th, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 25th

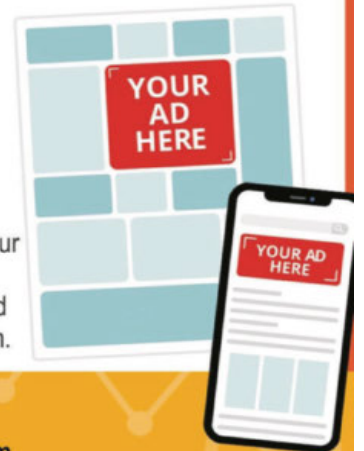
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