



SUNDAY, JANUARY 04, 2026

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am {LIVE}

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am {LIVE}

Tuesday | 5:30 pm {LIVE}

Wednesday | 12:00 pm - SSM Hospital Chapel

ADORATION

Monday | 9:30 am (after Mass)

Tuesday | 4:30 pm (for Vocations)

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."

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3rd | 5:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, January 4th | 10:30 am

**Richard & Sylvia Czerwinski -
62nd Wedding Anniversary**

†Barbara Lappin (Julius)

Monday, January 5th | 8:30 am

Special Intentions

Tuesday, January 6th | 5:30 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Wed., January 7th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†Barney Trucker

Thursday, January 8th

No Mass

Friday, January 9th | 8:30 am

†Pat Schafer

Saturday, January 10th | 5:00 pm

†Monsignor Dan Jurek

Sunday, January 11th | 10:30 am

†Robin Dodd

Readings for the week of January 04, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt
3:13-17

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Matt Fauss	Cassandra	Shiloh Burns	Ruth Jones
Christopher Lee	Contreras	Robert Jenkins	Russell Jukes
Adcock	Zac Johnson	Pam Cummings	Pat Kelly
Gary Harvey	Rachel Heck	Tom Berschied	Della Mauro
Michael Capps	Mary Kusmer	Mike Moehn	Carol Parks
Teresa Bell	Tom Pomhirsch	Carol Niedbalski	Tina Pasquinelli
Rosemary	Maria Brown	Ray Gluss	Elizabeth Rapp
Wojtowicz	Terry Harris	Braxley Hodson	Madona Nabua
Ray Gluss	Carrie Hoffhouse	Laura Cashman	Syxiengmay
Larry Hatton	Richard Czerwinski	Hunter Chambliss	Ronni Zawila
Sarah Hart	Sylvia Czerwinski	Jules Allali	James Frey
Steve Thomas	Kathy Williams	Anita Bochantin	Hilda Witges
Tina Birkhead	Brenda McPherson	Brenda Breeze	Meredith Nowland
Jack Greene	Deonna Schreiber	Rose Ellen Clancy	Residents of all
Penny Mayberry	David Bauman	Donald Collier	Long Term Care
Shirley Cusumano	Gary Hart	Carrie Fox	Facilities
Cathy Kusmer	Douglas Manne	Skip Fox	Everyday Disciples
Micheal Thompson	Bob Heck	Susan Fox	Faith Formation
Cassidy Meskil	Rhonda Mooreland	Jackie Gill	Ministry
Keri Sipe	Jeff Rennegarbe	Jeanette Ingram	

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!



VOCATION CORNER

January 4, 2026

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did.

Perhaps we need to embrace the “night,” the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman, or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

SPOTLIGHT EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old Catholic devotion that invokes God's blessing on one's home and everyone who dwells within it or passes through its doors. With just a piece of chalk and a short prayer, families mark their homes as places where Christ is welcomed and honored.

The head of the household asks God's blessing upon the home, and a chalk inscription is written above the main entrance.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

The inscription follows this pattern:

The first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year (20+C+M+B+26)



The letters C, M, and B recall the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless this house."

This simple yet meaningful devotion is a powerful reminder that Christ is the center of our homes and our daily lives.

CHILI & SOUP POTLUCK!

Sunday, January 18th

Fellowship Room | 11:30 am (After Mass)



*Bring your favorite
chili or soup to share!*

Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

In Holy Communion, we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Because of the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Host is to be consumed immediately upon reception and not carried back to one's pew. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help their children understand that this moment is a personal encounter with Christ and to guide them in receiving Holy Communion with care and reverence. Thank you!

2025 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in our prayers.

Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, January 13th
Gathering Space | 6:30 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, January 6th
Fellowship Room | 5:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, January 13th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP - LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, January 11th | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 25th | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, January 11th - 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Wednesday, January 14th
Philip Neri Room | 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, January 11th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Check back for new series.

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, January 11th
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP - NEW!

Sunday, January 18th
Knights House | 9:00 am

MARY'S TABLE

Check back for dates.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Reader: Mel Gajewski, Gordon Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Sara Allen, Kevin Rettig, Dean & Judy Dickerson
Hospitality: Vickie Bledsoe, Janelle & Mike Heaney, Paul Sanders,
Volunteer
Office: Barb Gajewski
Servers: Manny Jorge-Calchetto, Luke & Mark Heaney
Sacristan: Volunteer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Readers: Hope Broussard, Melissa Camaione
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Cashman, Dorris Klotz, Ed O'Rourke, Cynthia
& John Sloan, Kathy Winchester
Hospitality: Anne Collier, Christina Kierfer, Steven Manning, Steven Rapp,
Mark & Marty Simmons
Office: Vickie York
Servers: Carter Broussard, Reid Burge, Azlyn Kiefer, Giuliana Zachman,
Jaxon Spotanski
Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 9TH - Cindy Sloan/TL, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Bob Herzing, Dorris Klotz, Anita & David Spotanski

Thank you!

Catholic Relief Services and Growing Hope Globally would like to thank everyone who purchased products from the Fair Trade Sale. Your generosity helped many small farmers and families in developing countries by purchasing their products. The proceeds from the sale will provide assistance to the people in Malawi who have encountered widespread devastation from Cyclone Freddy.

Thank you, again, for your support and generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS DECEMBER 28, 2025

Collection amounts will be in next weeks bulletin due to early printing deadlines. Thank you!

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Donation total to Date \$36,345.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

CHILI/SOUP LUNCHEON

Fellowship Room | After Mass (11:30 am)

Bring chili or soup to share!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Fellowship Room | 9:00 am

Breakfast & Fellowship at 8:30 am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF

Details to come!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

St. Mary Parish Gym | 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Followed by Mass at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

CONFIRMATION

Church | 1:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

ST. MARY SCHOOL RAFFLE DINNER & AUCTION

Parish Center Gym | Save the date!

Raffle tickets on sale now!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

YOUNG ADULTS - BIBLES & BREW

Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, Belleville | 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

SNOWBALL DANCE

KC Hall, Du Bois | Doors open 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

YOUNG ADULTS - BIBLES & BREW W/FR. JOEL

St. Andrew Rectory, Murphysboro | 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

PRE-CANA CLASS

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, Columbia

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Noon (12:00 pm), at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass for World Marriage Day.

A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.

All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.

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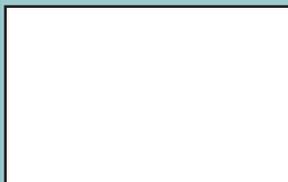
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