



SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

1550 Main Street, Mount Vernon | 618-244-1559 | stmarymtvernon.org



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."

PLEASE NOTE:

SSM Hospital Eucharistic Ministers: Christmas gifts from SSM are in the office for pick-up.
All Souls Day Remembrance Candles are also available for pick-up in the parish office.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10th | 5:00 pm

†**Monsignor Dan Jurek**

Sunday, January 11th | 10:30 am

†**Robin Dodd**

Monday, January 12th | 8:30 am

For The Homeless

Tuesday, January 13th | 5:30 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Wed., January 14th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†**Patricia Schafer**

Thursday, January 15th

No Mass

Friday, January 16th | 8:30 am

†**John Robinson**

Saturday, January 17th | 5:00 pm

**For Msgr. David Darin, Deacon
Steve Eischens & Deacon Mark
Kabat**

Sunday, January 18th | 10:30 am

†**Cloena Kiselewski**

St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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 11, 2026

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning his public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His "call" from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us "with whom I am well pleased."

In Sympathy

We extend our prayerful condolences to the family and loved ones of Tommy Joe Francois, who recently passed away on Sunday, January 4th.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him, May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

There will be no services held. Memorials may be made in Tommy's honor to the Jefferson County Historical Society.

SPOTLIGHT RESPECT LIFE - 9 DAY NOVENA

Join our Belleville Diocese and thousands of Catholics across the nation in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, taking place Friday, January 16th through Saturday, January 24th.

9 Days for Life is a prayerful novena dedicated to the protection and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Each day includes a specific intention, a brief reflection, and a simple suggested action to help us grow in awareness, compassion, and commitment to building a culture of life in our homes, parish, and community.

This novena is an easy and meaningful way for individuals and families to unite in prayer and take small but powerful steps in defense of life. Participants can receive daily intentions, short reflections, and helpful resources delivered directly by email or text message.

To sign up visit 9daysforlife.com



CHILI & SOUP POTLUCK!

Sunday, January 18th
Fellowship Room | 11:30 am (After Mass)



Bring your favorite chili or soup to share!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Sunday, February 8, 2026

12:00 pm

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.

2025 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

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

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, February 3rd
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 18th - 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, January 11th & 25th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Check back for new series.

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, January 18th
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 17TH

Reader: Anna Jukes, Cynthia Sloan

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Hapeman, Pat Panarese, Jerry LaLumondier, Valerie Shields

Hospitality: Zella Fitts, Barb Gajewski, Mel Gajewski, Rose Rankin, Steve Shields, Volunteer

Office: Karen Williams

Servers: Evelyn & Cora Helm, Javier & Karly Ruiz

Sacristan: Ayden

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Readers: Ed Zawila, Ronni Zawila

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne & Butch Baker, Barbara Burke, Janice Eischens, Ken & Sharon Martinek

Hospitality: Jeanne Baker, Ahna Coleman, Ann Collier, Jeannette Hart, Darryl McClellan, LouAnn Morrison

Office: Maggie Hoerler

Servers: Jake Bertschi, Jase Bertschi, Michael Gleason, Kayden Harrison

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 16TH - Marien/TL Leuty, Aletta Lawrence, Pat Panarese, Jan Rose, Paul Schuette, Deanne Weatherford, Kathy Winchester

Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, and shared their time in support of this year's Box of Joy and Giving Tree ministries. Because of your generous hearts and your response to Christ's call to serve those in need, our parish was able to ship 86 Boxes of Joy, provide Christmas gifts for 108 children in our local communities, and distribute 38 food baskets to families in need.

Your kindness and compassion truly made the joy of Christ's love present this Christmas season. May God bless you abundantly for all you do. - Pat Butler

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 24/25 & 27/28, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,373.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$7,162.00
Diocesan Needy Fund	\$536.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$475.00
Loose Collection	\$2,241.00
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$16,787.00

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

DEC. 31, 2025 & JAN. 1, 3, 4, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$18,037.00
Solemnity	\$1,841.50
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$1,182.00
Loose Collection	\$855.50
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$21,916.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

CHILI/SOUP LUNCHEON (*Bring chili or soup to share*)
Fellowship Room | After Mass (11:30 am)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN - PRAYER SERVICE
Church | Time & Details to come

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
Fellowship Room | 9:00 am (*Breakfast at 8:30 am*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF
Parish Center Gym | After Mass (11:30 am)
Annual Kids vs Parents Basketball Game & Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
St. Mary Parish Gym | 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Followed by Mass at 5:00 pm

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

VIRGINIA RUBENACKER 100TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE
Fellowship Room | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Everyone welcome to stop by and visit Virginia!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

SACRAMENT OF 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!

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

SPRINGFIELD PRO-LIFE MASS & MARCH
Springfield, IL | Save the date!
More details coming soon!

AA MEETINGS

EVERY FRIDAY at 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus House
1408 Harrison Street.

For info call Dave at 618-214-0724
or 618-214-5262

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)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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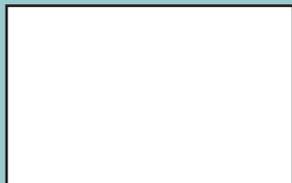
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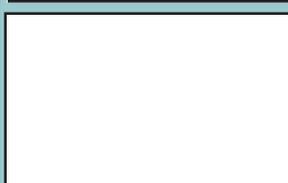
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