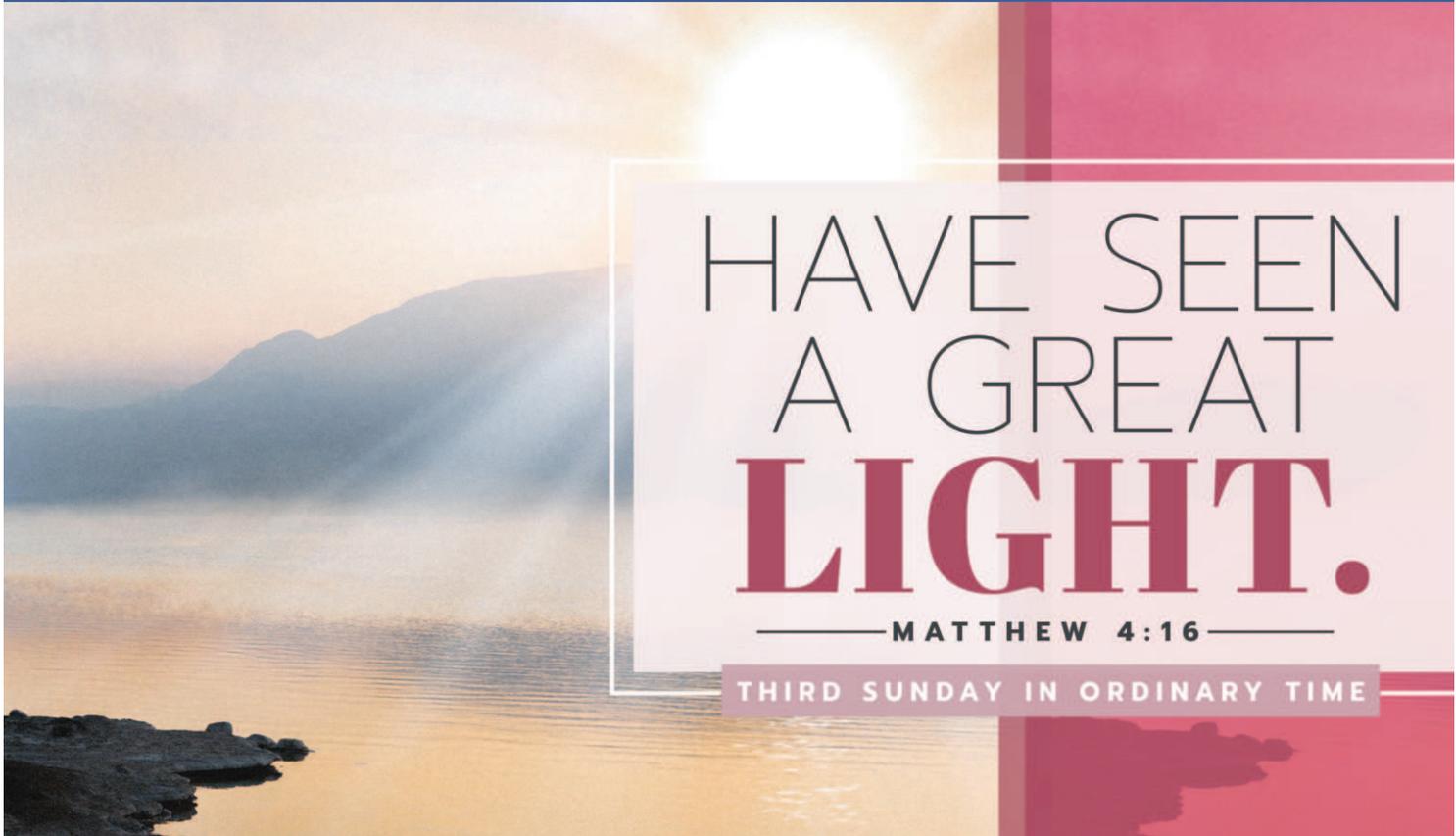




SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

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HAVE SEEN
A GREAT
LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 4:16 —

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:

Tuesday, January 27th: No Mass or Adoration

Wednesday, January 28th: No Hospital Mass

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24th | 5:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, January 25th | 10:30 am

†**Patricia Schafer**

†**Msgr. Dan Jurek**

Monday, January 26th | 8:30 am

Family Suffering & Hardships

†**Mark Leahy**

Tuesday, January 27th

No Mass or Adoration

Wed., January 28th

SSM Hospital Chapel

No Mass

Thursday, January 29th

No Mass

Friday, January 30th | 8:30 am

Grandparents

Saturday, January 31st | 5:00 pm

†**Robin Dodd**

†**Mark Von Hatten**

Sunday, February 1st | 10:30 am

Virginia Rubenacker

100th Birthday

†**John (Glen) Rubenacker**

VIRGINIA RUBENACKER

*100th Birthday
Celebration*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
OPEN HOUSE**

Fellowship Room

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Everyone welcome to stop
by and visit Virginia!*

Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Louis Vernell Mines	Keri Sipe	Rhonda Mooreland	Jackie Gill
Christopher Lee	Cassandra	Jeff Rennegarbe	Jeanette Ingram
Adcock	Contreras	Shiloh Burns	Ruth Jones
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	Tom Pomhirsch	Mike Moehn	Carol Parks
Wojtowicz	Maria Brown	Carol Niedbalski	Tina Pasquinelli
Ray Gluss	Terry Harris	Braxley Hodson	Elizabeth Rapp
Larry Hatton	Carrie Hoffhouse	Laura Cashman	Madona Nabua
Sarah Hart	Richard Czerwinski	Hunter Chambliss	Syxiengmay
Steve Thomas	Sylvia Czerwinski	Jules Allali	Ronni Zawila
Tina Birkhead	Kathy Williams	Anita Bochantin	James Frey
Jack Greene	Brenda McPherson	Brenda Breeze	Hilda Witges
Penny Mayberry	Deonna Schreiber	Rose Ellen Clancy	Meredith Nowland
Shirley Cusumano	David Bauman	Donald Collier	Residents of all
Cathy Kusmer	Gary Hart	Carrie Fox	Long Term Care
Micheal Thompson	Douglas Manne	Skip Fox	Facilities
Cassidy Meskil	Bob Heck	Susan Fox	FFF Ministry

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!

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

November 30th - December 11, 2026

Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez & Sue Huett Asbeck

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

Vocations Corner: Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men." He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee's sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with "abandoning our nets" and help each other to live the vocation we've each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on Feb. 2nd (observed in parishes Feb. 7-8). Please offer a prayer for all of them who have touched our lives.

SPOTLIGHT - RESPECT LIFE: MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Mary Parish to Attend the Springfield March for Life

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | Springfield, IL

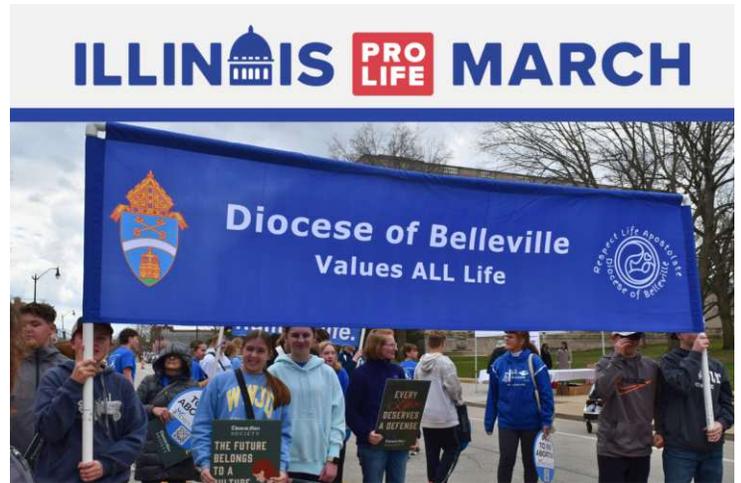
Our St. Mary Parish newly revived Respect Life Ministry is excited to announce that we are going to join our Belleville Diocese at the Springfield March for Life, as we come together in prayer and witness for the dignity of all human life.

Parishioners are invited to attend Holy Mass and the March. We will depart from the St. Mary Church West parking lot at 7:00 am. A return time will be determined closer to event.

Please RSVP by February 18th by signing up in the parish office. *Mass requires reservations & tickets. The diocese has a block held, but we have to have our final count submitted by February 18th.*

Event T-Shirts available to order: \$10 each.
Sign-up for shirts in office as well.

If you are interested in attending the March only, arrangements will be coordinated after the Mass reservation deadline.



Schedule of Events

Mass | 10:00 am
Exposition Hall, Illinois State Fairgrounds
Rally and March | 1:00 pm
Illinois State Capitol Complex

Additional Information

- Parking details will be shared closer to event.
- Please dress warmly. The Exposition Hall is not heated. Hats, gloves, warm coats, and hand warmers are strongly recommended.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2026
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

General Admission \$30
Includes Buffet Dinner catered by Smokin' T's BBQ

VIP PACKAGES

Table of 6 \$300	Table of 8 \$400
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RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

Reservations available in the school & church offices.
Pre-Payment is required. Reservations not confirmed until payment is made in full.

Cash, Check (payable to St. Mary School)
or *Venmo @STM-AUCTION

*When using Venmo please note in the "what's this for" section the following: "Raffle" followed by the names of your attendees.

This is a ticketless event. Reservations validated at entry.

We invite our parish family to please pray daily for the following Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, February 8th.

Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates

Almighty God, as these individuals prepare for their confirmation, we ask that You fill their hearts with wisdom and courage. May they feel Your presence guiding them through this significant milestone in their spiritual journey.

Grant them the strength to stand firm in their faith and the grace to embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, You are the giver of many gifts. Open the hearts and minds of those being confirmed, helping them to recognize and accept the goodness within themselves and the potential they have to follow Christ.

May they be filled with joy and the fruit of Your Spirit, enabling them to share Your love with the world. Amen.

Emanuel Jorge-Calcetto	St. Carlo Acutis	Sophia Coble	St. Carlo Acutis
Luke Heaney	St. Francis of Assisi	Cooper Chady	St. Andrew Kaggwa
Waylon Dudley	St. Joseph	Briley Levanti	St. Mary of Edessa
Raven Kirgan	St. Rita of Cascia	Ronald Kohlhaas II	St. Ansgar
Azlyn Kiefer	St. Brigid of Ireland	Drewbee Nguyen	St. Francis Xavier
Giuliana Romo	St. Monica		Truong Buu Diep
Holden Burge	St. Michael the Archangel	Caroline Simpon	St. Jerome of Stridon
Jake Bertschi	St. Luke the Evangelist	Xavier Simpson	St. Francis Xavier
Sam Talbert	St. Isidore	Griffin Knowles	St. Stephen
Cristiana Cheatham	St. Angela Merici	Turner Aydt	St. Andrew
Santos Castillo	St. Carlo Acutis	Callen Williams	St. Thomas Aquinas
Maria Baquero	St. John Paul II	Harper Schultze	St. Patrick
Juan Baquero	St. Sebastian	Nolan Wolfe	St. Francis of Assisi
Carter Broussard	St. Thomas the Apostle	Hunter Starr	St. Stephen
Stevi Jane Harrison	St. Anne	Elizabeth Hanson	St. Valentine
Zola Scribner		Madalynn Wethington	St. Mary Magdalene
Michael Steward	St. Peter	Aubrey Kuder	St. Abigail
Ella Jane McPhail-Essex	St. Sebastian	Charleigh Garren	St. Cecilia
Maybelle Joy Hopkins	St. Francis de Sales	Brylynn Gierten	St. Cecilia
Mia Rose Turner	St. Agnes Pro Cabrini	Shylaa Campbell	St. Cecilia
Hunter Boyd	St. Anthony of Padua	Audri Ceglinski	St. Ruth

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, January 27th
Fujiyama's | 6:30 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, February 3rd
Fellowship Room | 5:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP - LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, January 25th | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, February 22nd | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, February 1st | 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Wednesday, February 11th
Philip Neri Room | 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, February 8th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Check back for new series.

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, February 1st
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP - NEW!

Sunday, February 1st & 15th
Knights House | 9:00 am

MARY'S TABLE

Sat. & Sun, February 21st & 22nd

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

Reader: Lois Herzing, Sara Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: Dean & Judy Dickerson, Skip Fox, Karen Williams
Hospitality: Ann & David Farley, Zella Fitts, Bobby Herzing, Rose Rankin,
Volunteer

Office: Barb G.

Servers: Kara Butler, Pat Butler, Volunteer

Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - YOUTH MASS

Readers: Youth Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Bain, Anne Collier, Lori Kabat, Nick Schrementi,
Greg Sims, Ashlie Newcomb

Hospitality: Youth Volunteers please fill in where needed

Office: Carol Baril

Servers: Jaxon Spotanski, Connor McDonagh, Azlyn Kiefer, Giuliana
Schrementi, Eddie Klein

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 30TH - All volunteers welcome to help clean!

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS

JANUARY 18, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,437.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$335.00
Loose Collection	\$607.54

Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$6,379.54
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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

EDUCATIONAL & PARISH ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEETINGS
Fellowship Room | 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

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

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!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

CANDLEMAS - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Church | 8:30 am (celebrated with school Mass)
Candle procession beginning in Gathering Space

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

ANNUAL CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER
St. Charles, Borromeo | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

ST. MARY PARISH (CENTRALIA) REVERSE RAFFLE
Knights of Columbus Hall, Carlyle | 5:00 pm

SAT. & SUN., FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

FEAST OF ST. BLAZE - BLESSING OF THROATS
Church | After both weekend Masses

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Church | 1:00 pm (*Candidates arrive by 11:30 am*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

ASH WEDNESDAY - BEGINNING OF LENT
Morning Mass: 8:30 am
Afternoon Mass: 12:00 pm (*SSM Chapel*)
Evening Mass: 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

ST. MARY SCHOOL RAFFLE DINNER & AUCTION
Parish Center Gym | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
General Admission & VIP Table Reservations are open. Contact the school office to reserve!

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

SPRINGFIELD PRO-LIFE MASS & MARCH
Springfield, IL | Mass & March
*Sign-up in the church office by Feb. 18th.
Details on carpooling after we have a count.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

YOUNG ADULTS - BIBLES & BREW W/FR. JOEL
Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, Belleville | 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

HEARTS AFLAME - MARRIED COUPLES
Corpus Christi Church, Shiloh | 5:30 pm

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