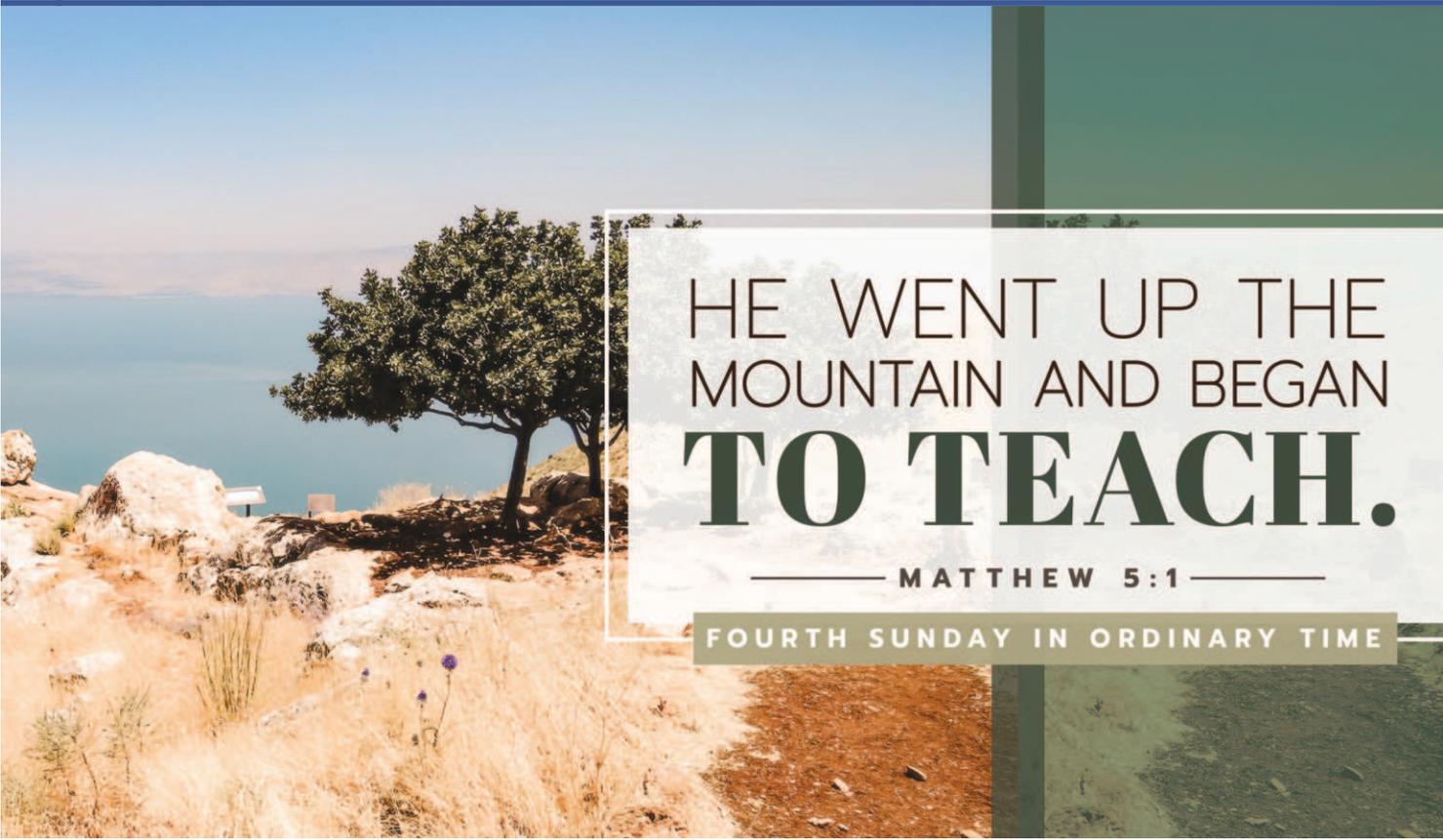




SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2026

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HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —

FOURTH 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."

VIRGINIA RUBENACKER "100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION" OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 1st | Fellowship Room | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit Virginia!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31st | 5:00 pm

†**Robin Dodd**

†**Mark Von Hatten**

Sunday, February 1st | 10:30 am

Vignia Rubenacker

100th Birthday

†**John (Glen) Rubenacker**

Monday, February 2nd | 8:30 am

St. Mary Parishioners

Tuesday, February 3rd | 5:30 pm

†**Barbara Fetch**

Wed., February 4th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†**Patricia Schafer**

Thursday, February 5th

No Mass

Friday, February 6th | 8:30 am

†**Mgr. Daniel Jurek**

Saturday, February 7th | 5:00 pm

†**Robin Dodd**

†**Derek Michael Halbin**

Sunday, February 8th | 10:30 am

†**Mark Leahy, †Tony Rapp,**

St. Mary Parishioners

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

7/31/2026 - 8/2/2026

Cape Girardeau, MO

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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.

VOCATION CORNER

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SPOTLIGHT - ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Preparing Our Hearts for Lent & Easter

Adult Faith Formation Small Groups will be starting up again as we prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons. This year, we will be using the FORMED program Into the Desert.

Into the Desert is a six-session series that prayerfully explores the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Group session start times:

Sunday, February 15th | 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, February 17th | 9:00 am
 Sunday, February 22nd | 11:30 am (After Mass)

Into the Desert

A Lenten Study on Prayer



If you plan to attend the session after Mass on February 22nd, please stop by the parish office or see Deacon Steve before Ash Wednesday to pick up your study materials.

All are welcome! Join us as we journey together into the desert this Lent.

Fish Fry

5-7 pm

Sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus
Council #2964

Join us to help local charities and organizations while enjoying delicious cod, pollock, shrimp, side dishes and desserts!

Friday, February 20th

to support

St. Mary Youth Group

Dine In	\$15	Adult Dinner Includes: Entree (Cod, Pollock or Shrimp), 2 sides (Mac & Cheese, Fries or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink.
	\$10	Child (Ages 11 & under) Dinner Includes: Entree (Cod, Pollock or Shrimp), 1 side (Mac & Cheese, Fries or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink.
Carry Out	\$15	Dinner Includes: Entree (Cod, Pollock or Shrimp), 2 sides (Mac & Cheese, Fries or Green Beans), Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink.

St. Mary - Mount Vernon Parish Center Gym

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend: February 7th-8th, 2026

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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-Calchetto	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 Simpson	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, February 10th
Gathering Space | 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, February 1st | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, February 22nd | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, February 8th | 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

Feb. 15th | 5:30 pm; Feb. 17th | 9 am
Feb 22nd | 11:30 am (after Mass)
Fellowship Room

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, February 8th
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP - NEW!

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

MARY'S TABLE

Sat. & Sun, February 21st & 22nd

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Reader: Mel Gajewski, Pat Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Lois Herzing, Kevin Rettig, Valerie Shields,
Pat Panarese

Hospitality: Janelle Heaney, Paul Sanders, Randy Schell, Paul Sanders,
Volunteer

Office: Barb Gajewski

Servers: Manny Jorge-Calchetto, Luke & Mark Heaney

Sacristan: Volunteer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Readers: Ron Kirsch, Paul Lynch

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Cashman, Dorris Klotz, Ed O'Rourke, Cynthia
& John Sloan, Kathy Winchester

Hospitality: Anne Collier, Christina Kiefer, Steven Manning, Steven Rapp,
Mark & Marty Simmons

Office: Vickie York

Servers: Emma Parkinson, Avery Robinson, Anna Coleman, Maverick
Zachman

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | Springfield, IL

Our St. Mary Parish is joining our Belleville
Diocese at the Springfield March for Life!

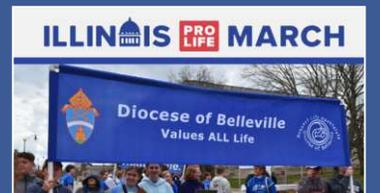
Parishioners are invited to attend Holy Mass and the March. We will depart
from the St. Mary Church West parking lot at 7:00 am. A return time will be
determined closer to event.

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.*



STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

JANUARY 25, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,592.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$160.00
Loose Collection	\$113.00

Total (Includes Online Giving) \$3,865.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY
Parish Center Gym | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Benefits St. Mary Youth Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Church | 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

RITE OF ELECTION
Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville | 2:00 pm
Candidates & Catechumens arrive by 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

ST. MARY SCHOOL RAFFLE DINNER & AUCTION
Parish Center Gym | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Contact the church or 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

SEMINARIAN GALA
Holy Trinity Church, Fairview Heights | 5:00 pm
Register at www.diobelle.org

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