



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2026

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —

FIFTH 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

Sunday | 10:00 am (before Mass)

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."

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

After both weekend Masses

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 7th | 5:00 pm

†**Robin Dodd**

†**Derek Michael Halbin**

Sunday, February 8th | 10:30 am

†**Mark Leahy, †Tony Rapp,**
St. Mary Parishioners

Monday, February 9th | 8:30 am

†**Patricia Schafer**

Tuesday, February 10th | 5:30 pm

†**Mark Leahy**

Wed., February 11th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

St. Mary Parishioners

Good Samaritan Hospital

Thursday, February 12th

No Mass

Friday, February 13th | 8:30 am

†**Mmgr. Daniel Jurek**

Saturday, February 14th | 5:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, February 15th | 10:30 am

Ray & Tarah Berger

†**Garry Adcock**

Youth Group Life Nights & New Confirmation Prep Class

Kick-off

February 22, 2026

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fellowship Room

Parent meeting at 5:15 pm
for all parents of new confirmation
students (now 7th graders)

Food, Games & Fellowship

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt
5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Wish Sims	Keri Sipe	Jeff Rennegarbe	Ruth Jones
Bob Jilek	Cassandra	Shiloh Burns	Russell Jukes
Louis Vernell Mines	Contreras	Robert Jenkins	Pat Kelly
Christopher Lee	Zac Johnson	Pam Cummings	Della Mauro
Adcock	Rachel Heck	Tom Berschied	Carol Parks
Gary Harvey	Mary Kusmer	Mike Moehn	Tina Pasquinelli
Michael Capps	Tom Pomhirsch	Carol Niedbalski	Elizabeth Rapp
Teresa Bell	Maria Brown	Braxley Hodson	Madona Nabua
Rosemary	Terry Harris	Laura Cashman	Syxiengmay
Wojtowicz	Carrie Hoffhouse	Hunter Chambliss	Ronni Zawila
Ray Gluss	Richard Czerwinski	Jules Allali	James Frey
Larry Hatton	Sylvia Czerwinski	Anita Bochantin	Hilda Witges
Sarah Hart	Kathy Williams	Brenda Breeze	Meredith Nowland
Steve Thomas	Brenda McPherson	Rose Ellen Clancy	Residents of all
Tina Birkhead	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.

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SPOTLIGHT - VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

Holy Hour for Marriages & Engaged Couples

National Marriage Week is a time to celebrate, support, and pray for the gift of marriage. The Church invites us to honor the sacred vocation of married life and to encourage couples to grow in love, faith, and commitment.

In celebration of National Marriage Week, our parish will host a Holy Hour for Married and Engaged Couples on Saturday, February 14th, at 4:00 pm, prior to the 5:00 pm Mass. This Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, guided prayers, and time for silent reflection, offering couples a peaceful opportunity to place their relationship before the Lord.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and pray for all married couples, engaged couples, and those discerning marriage!

Holy Hour for Marriage & Engaged Couples

Saturday, February 14th

4:00 pm (before Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers, Silent Reflection



“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Feb 14th & 15th: Sweets for Your Sweetie!

CCW will be selling fudge & other sweets after both weekend masses

Into the Desert

A Lenten Study on Prayer



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.

Group session start times:

Sunday, February 15th | 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 17th | 9:00 am

Sunday, February 22nd | 11:30 am (After Mass)

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.

Fish Fry

5-7 pm



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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

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, February 10th
Gathering Space | 6:30 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, March 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 22nd | 6-8 pm
Parent meeting at 5:15pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, February 22nd | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, March 1st | 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, February 22nd
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)

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, February 15th
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 14TH

Reader: Gordon Roberts, Cynthia Sloan
Eucharistic Ministers: Mel Gajewski, Suzie Schmidt, Beth Schrader, Robin Atkins

Hospitality: Vickie Bledsoe, Janelle & Mike Heaney, Jeff & Joe Schmidt, Volunteer

Office: Karen Williams

Servers: Evelyn & Cora Helm, Margaux & Ellis Brown

Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Readers: David & Laura Skorch

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne & Butch Baker, Barbara Burke, Anna Jukes, Ken & Sharon Martinek

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

Office: Maggie Hoerler

Servers: Elsie Talbert, Sam Talbert, Giuliana Romo, Valery Romo

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY 13TH - Cindy/TL Sloan, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Bob Herzing, Dorris Klotz, Anita & David Spotanski

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | Springfield, IL

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

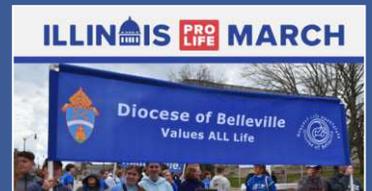
Parishioners are invited to attend Holy Mass and the March. We will depart from the St. Mary Church West parking lot at 7:00 am. A return time will be determined closer to event.

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

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,813.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$839.00
Loose Collection	\$771.25

Total (Includes Online Giving) \$9,423.25

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - 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

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 | 2:30 pm (School led) & 6:00 pm

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Church | 10:00 am

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.*

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

CCW ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER
Fellowship Room | Save the date!

FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 1ST

QUEST - FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES
St. Augustine Parish, Belleville
Sign-up at www.belleville-tec.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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