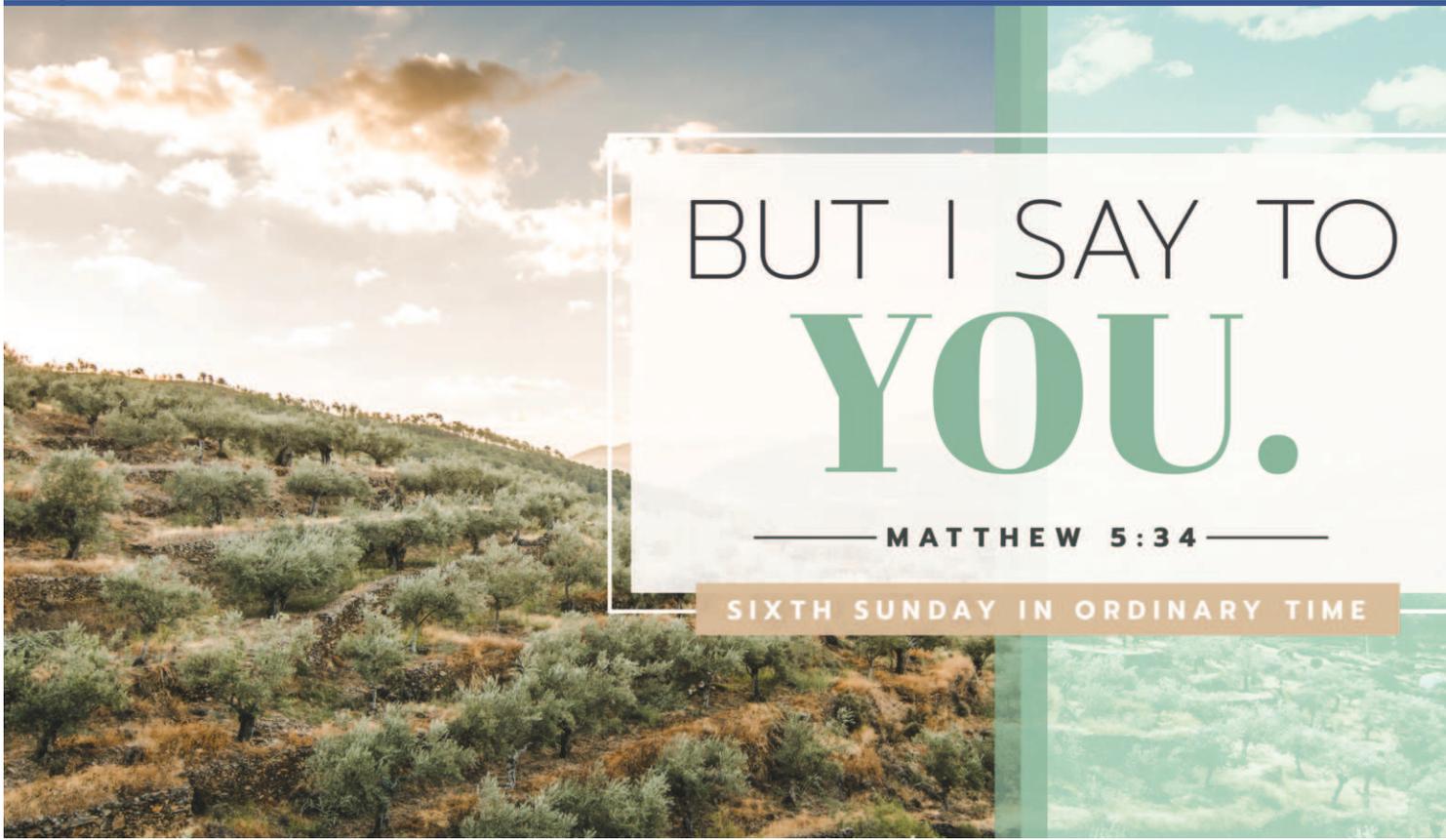




SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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BUT I SAY TO
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

SIXTH 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."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH - NO MASS OR ADORATION & PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED.

ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Morning Mass: 8:30 am | Afternoon Mass: 12:00 pm (SSM Chapel) | Evening Mass: 6:00 pm

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14th | 5:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, February 15th | 10:30 am

Ray & Tarah Berger

†**Garry Adcock**

Monday, February 16th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17th | 5:30 pm

Families Suffering Hardships

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed., February 18th

Morning Mass | 8:30 am

Teachers & Students

Afternoon Mass | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

Patients at Hospitals

Evening Mass | 6:00 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Thursday, February 19th

No Mass

Friday, February 20th | 8:30 am

†**Jim Butler**

Saturday, February 21st | 5:00 pm

†**Jim Dolwick**

†**Fred Barva**

Sunday, February 22nd | 10:30 am

St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Dave Farley	Cassidy Meskil	Rhonda Mooreland	Jeanette Ingram
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	

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!

2026 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Campaign

This Lent our parish is participating in the CRS Rice Bowl where we are connecting our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. The Rice Bowl Campaign is CRS' largest fund raising event each year.

Please pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space, church office, or school and return it on or around Easter Sunday.

Mail a check payable to St. Mary's Church, 1550 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IL, 62864, and note Rice Bowl. If easier, drop a check by the church office or place in the collection basket (note: Rice Bowl in the memo) during Mass.

Online: Go to www.crsricebowl.org. Click Donate in the upper right corner and follow the instructions.

This fundraiser helps impoverished people throughout the world to not only feed and clothe their families, but also trains them with sustainable skills. Additionally, 25% of all funds raised stay in Jefferson County to help our families in need. Thank you for your support!

SPOTLIGHT - ENTERING LENT TOGETHER!

As we approach the holy season of Lent, we want to share not only our schedule for Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and Fish Fry's, but an invitation to walk these forty days with renewed hearts and deeper faith.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and continues through the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2nd. This sacred time calls each of us to conversion through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us, during Lent "we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting." These practices help us open our hearts more fully to God and to one another.

While many of us associate Lent with abstaining from meat on Fridays, the Church encourages us to embrace fasting and abstinence more broadly as a way of deepening our spiritual discipline. This might include setting aside habits

that distract us from God, such as gossip or unnecessary noise, and intentionally making room for silence, prayer, and reflection.

Through almsgiving, we respond to Christ's call to serve, expressing our care for those in need and strengthening our solidarity with our brothers and sisters. Together, these pillars guide us on a shared journey of conversion, renewal, and hope throughout the Lenten season.

Let us walk together with Christ through this season of penitence and renewal, opening our hearts to the transforming power of God's love. May this Lent be a blessing for you, your families, and our parish community.

A complete schedule for Lent, Holy Week & Easter will be coming soon.

- St. Mary Parish

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th

Morning Mass with Ashes
All School Mass
8:30 am

Afternoon Mass with Ashes
SSM Hospital Chapel
12:00 pm

Evening Mass with Ashes
6:00 pm



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

February 20th & 27th
March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

2:30 pm

Led by St. Mary School

*No school stations on Friday, March 13th

6:00 pm

Led by Church ministry groups



Fish Fry

5-7 pm



Sponsored by:
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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

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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, February 24th
Fujyama's | 6:30 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, March 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, March 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

Saturday, February 21st | 5:00 pm
Rite of Sending during Mass

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 21ST

Reader: Ken Smith, Beth Schrader

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Panarese, Dean & Judy Dickerson, Skip Fox

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

Office: Nancy Wilson

Servers: Mark & Luke Heaney, Volunteer

Sacristan: Volunteer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Readers: Pam Smith, LouAnn Morrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed & Ronni Zawila, Pam Smith, Dorris Klotz, Kathy
Winchester, Nick Schrementi

Hospitality: Donny Mays, John Talbert, Pat Yates, Steven Manning, Steven
Rapp, Volunteer

Office: Volunteer

Servers: Azlyn Kiefer, Delia Winthrow, Giuliana & Violet Schrementi

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY 20 TH - Marien/TL Leuty, Aletta Lawrence, Pat Panarese,
Jan Rose, Deanne Weatherford, Kathy Winchester

HELP US MAKE THE CHURCH SHINE!

Do you have 1-2 hours to spare once a month? Join our Friday Morning Cleaning Crew for some cleaning, good company, and maybe even a few laughs!

It's a simple way to serve and keep our sacred space sparkling.

Interested? Please contact
Cindy Montgomery 618-315-6630



STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$9,072.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$635.00
Loose Collection	\$577.25

Total (Includes Online Giving) \$10,284.25

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Donation total to Date \$36,445.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

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

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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

SPRINGFIELD PRO-LIFE MASS & MARCH
Springfield, IL | Mass & March
Sign-up in the church office by Feb. 18th.

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

CCW ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER
Fellowship Room | Save the date!



2026 Youth Group & Confirmation Prep
Kick-Off
Food FUN & Faith!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fellowship Room

Join us for a fun night filled with food, games & fellowship!
Newly Confirmed 8th graders will begin joining the High School Youth Group.

New Confirmation Prep Parent Meeting
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Fellowship Room

Informational meeting for parents of new Confirmation students (current 7th graders). We'll walk through expectations, upcoming dates, and answer questions before the kick-off begins.



Mary's Table
FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND
AFTER BOTH WEEKEND MASSES
GATHERING SPACE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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