



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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HIS FACE SHONE LIKE
THE SUN.

— MATTHEW 17:2 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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)

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."

Please Note: Adoration with Exposition will no longer be held before Mass on Tuesdays. **You are still invited to spend time in prayer (Adoration) with Our Lord** before any Mass, or throughout the week (8:30 am - 3:30 pm) as **He is truly present in the Tabernacle.**

A new schedule of Adoration with Exposition will be available soon.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28th | 5:00 pm

†**Nichole Lynn Sauer**
St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, March 1st | 10:30 am

†**Garry Adcock**

Monday, March 2nd | 8:30 am

†**Poor Souls**

Tuesday, March 3rd | 5:30 pm

St. Mary Parishioners

Wed., March 4th | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†**Patricia Schafer**

Thursday, March 5th

No Mass

Friday, March 6th | 8:30 am

Holy Face of Jesus

Saturday, March 7th | 5:00 pm

Safety to Haitian Immigrants

Sunday, March 8th | 10:30 am

†**Patricia Schafer**

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Sr. Patricia Peters	Cassidy Meskil	Rhonda Mooreland	Jeanette Ingram
Dave Farley	Keri Sipe	Jeff Rennegarbe	Ruth Jones
Wish Sims	Cassandra	Shiloh Burns	Russell Jukes
Bob Jilek	Contreras	Robert Jenkins	Pat Kelly
Louis Vernell Mines	Zac Johnson	Pam Cummings	Della Mauro
Christopher Lee	Rachel Heck	Tom Berschied	Carol Parks
Adcock	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!

NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Saturday, March 14, 2026
2:30 pm
Church Worship Space

We will be having training for any members of the parish who are in full communion with the Church and eighteen years old or older who would like to distribute Communion at Mass as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is primarily for new ministers, but our current ministers are welcome if they wish a refresher. The training will be March 14th at 2:30 PM in the church worship space.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Next weekend our parish and others throughout the diocese will have an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to serve thousands of people in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal at Mass next weekend; every contribution – large or small – is truly needed and appreciated. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the in-pew envelopes that will be available. Thank you so much for your consideration.

SPOTLIGHT - CRS RICE BOWL CAMPAIGN

What is CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through this program, we are invited to journey through Lent with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, focusing on those experiencing hunger and poverty around the world and here at home. Each Rice Bowl comes with a Lenten calendar to guide daily prayer and reflection throughout the 40 days of Lent.

Why participate?

Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving: Deepen your Lenten journey by encountering Christ in prayer and standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need.

Making a Real Difference: 75% of donations support CRS international relief and development programs, and 25% stays in our local diocese to assist hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

How to take part:

Pick up a Rice Bowl: Available in the gathering



space, church office, or school. Return it on or around Easter Sunday.

Mail a check: Payable to St. Mary's Church, 1550 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. Include "Rice Bowl" in the memo. You may also drop a check by the church office or place it in the collection basket (note "Rice Bowl" in the memo).

Online donation: Visit www.crsricebowl.org. Click Donate in the upper right corner and follow prompts.

Thank you for your support!

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

Afternoons led by St. Mary students

Evenings led by Church Ministries

Friday, February 27, 2026

School 2:30 pm | Church 6:00 pm

Friday, March 6, 2026

School 2:30 pm | Church 6:00 pm

Friday, March 13, 2026

Church 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20, 2026

School 2:30 pm | Church 6:00 pm

Friday, March 27, 2026

School 10:30 am | Church 6:00 pm

School - Living Stations

Reconciliation

Reconciliation Service

Scripture Readings, Prayer & opportunity for Reconciliation. 4 priests available.

Monday, March 16, 2026

Church | 6:00 pm

Every Saturday

Church | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Vigil Mass | 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Mass | 10:30 am

Procession with Palms

Holy Week & Easter

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mass | 8:30 am

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville

Chrism Mass | 11:30 am

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

The Lord's Supper Mass | 7:00 pm

Adoration until all depart (9:00 pm)

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

The Lord's Passion | 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil | 8:00 pm

Begin outside at fire pit 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord | 10:30 am



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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, March 10th
Gathering Space | 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, March 8th | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 22nd | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, March 8th | 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, March 8th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Mar. 1st | 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Mar. 3rd | 9 am

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, March 8th
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP - NEW!

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

MARY'S TABLE

Sat. & Sun, March 21st & 22nd

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

Reader: Mel Gajewski, Gordon Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Sara Allen, Kevin Rettig, Dean & Judy Dickerson
Hospitality: Vickie Bledsoe, Janelle & Mike Heaney, Paul Sanders,
Volunteer
Office: Barb Gajewski
Servers: Manny Jorge-Calchetto, Luke & Mark Heaney
Sacristan: Volunteer

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

Readers: Youth Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Bain, Anne Collier, Lori Kabat, Nick Schrementi,
Greg Sims, Ashlie Newcomb
Hospitality: Youth Volunteers fill in where needed
Office: Carol Baril
Servers: Kasen Cantrel, Anna Coleman, Kimberly Jacinto,
Maverick Zachman
Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

Vocations Corner

As we continue our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel Jesus "transfiguring" Himself to the Apostles. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Those powerful words remind each of us to "listen" to our call of vocation in life. Encourage each other to live our vocations, especially those considering a choice of religious life.



STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,548.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,038.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$900.00
Loose Collection	\$594.75
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$7,080.75

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, MARCH 6TH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY
Parish Center Gym | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Church | 2:30 pm (School led) & 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

PARISH MEN'S BASKETBALL GROUP
Gym | 7:00 am

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING
Church | 2:30 pm
**See details inside bulletin*

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 & Rally

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

WURSTMARKT - OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Parish Hall, Posen Rd, Nashville | 11am - 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN
St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Featuring Sr. Karolyn Nunes!

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PSR & SCHOOL
Church | During 10:30 am Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

CCW ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER
Fellowship Room | Save the date!

JUNE 7TH - JUNE 12TH

TOTUS TUUS - SUMMER PROGRAM
Church Campus | Details coming soon!

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 Reserved Seating 8 - Drink Tickets 6 - Basket Raffle Tickets 6 - Door Prize Raffle Tickets	Table of 8 \$400 Reserved Table 8 - Buffet Dinners 8 - Drink Tickets 8 - Basket Raffle Tickets 8 - Door Prize Raffle Tickets
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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.

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