



SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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CUT BRANCHES AND
STREWED THEM ON
THE ROAD.

— MATTHEW 21:8 —

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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."

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28th | 5:00 pm
St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, March 29th | 10:30 am
†**Jim Friedmann**
†**Msr. Daniel Jurek**

Monday, March 30th | 8:30 am
†**John Allen**

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31st | 11:30 am
St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville
No evening Mass

Wednesday, April 1st | 12:00 pm
SSM Hospital Chapel
†**William Rapp**

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd | 7:00 pm
For The Holy Faces of Jesus

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd | 3:00 pm
The Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4th | 8:00 pm
For the Candidates & Catechumens joining St. Mary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th | 10:30 am
For all Catholics

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Easter: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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



SPOTLIGHT - ENTERING HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Catholic Church—a week of deep reverence and reflection as we observe the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It marks the final days of His earthly life, from His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Each day of Holy Week invites us into a deeper encounter with Christ:

Palm Sunday - Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem.

Reflect on beginning your Holy Week pilgrimage with Christ, placing yourself in the crowd and asking what God is saying to you through His sacrificial love.

Monday of Holy Week - Jesus clears out the temple with a whip.

Reflect on what needs purification in your life, especially anger, resentment, or anything that keeps you from worshiping God with a clean heart.

Tuesday of Holy Week - Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives.

Reflect on gratitude and devotion, recognizing how Jesus values tender love and calling you to live with a heart full of thanksgiving.

Spy Wednesday - Jesus is betrayed by Judas.

Reflect on betrayal and trust: consider where you've been hurt or where you might have turned away from God, and invite His mercy into those places.

Holy Thursday - Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden, and is arrested.

Reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and Jesus' example of humble love—offered to you so you can be strengthened in your own life.

Good Friday - Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross.

Reflect on Christ's sacrificial love and how His suffering invites you to examine what you place at the center of your life.

Holy Saturday - Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell.

Reflect on the quiet waiting and the fears or doubts in your own life—trusting God even when you feel His presence seems distant.

Easter Sunday - Jesus rises from the dead.

Reflect on the joy of the Resurrection and the new life Christ brings you—hope restored and mercy made new.

How will you make this Holy Week a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal?

Resources from Dynamic Catholic

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Diocesan Administrator, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

St. Joseph Ministry

Knights of Columbus & Parishioners
St. Mary Immaculate Parish - Mt. Vernon

Mission: To provide household and property maintenance, inspection and assistance to parishioners in need.

Examples include:

- Small plumbing jobs
- Small electrical jobs
- Changing light bulbs
- Moving furniture & appliances
- Carpentry repairs
- Lawn & Landscape maintenance
- Tree limb removal
- Clean gutters
- Check smoke detectors
- Furnace filters
- Clean A/C units
- Other

Labor will be furnished at no charge. Repairs or maintenance cost will be up to the parishioner.

Note: This is not a weekly mowing or cleaning service.

Initial contact people: Please leave a message with name and phone number.

Glenn York: 618-237-0411
Ron Kirsch: 618-214-5903
Mark Benefiel: 618-214-3615

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, April 7th
Gathering Space | 6:30 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, April 7th
Fellowship Room | 5:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, April 14th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP - LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, April 12th | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, April 26th | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, April 12th | 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Wednesday, April 8th
Philip Neri Room | 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, April 5th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Mar. 29th | 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, March 29th
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP

Sunday, April 19th
Knights House | 9:00 am

MARY'S TABLE

Sat. & Sunday, April 18th & 19th

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

R: Laura Cashman, Josie Hooten
E: Cindy S, Pat Butler, Ed O'Rourke, Valerie Shields
H: Steve Shields, Steve Rapp, Barb and Mel G, Zella F, Pat P, Lori K
SR: Javier & Karley R, Maverick (maybe)
O: Volunteer
SC: Aydin S

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

R: Pat Butler, Lindy Hudson
E: Beth Schrader, Cindy S
H: Jim R, Pat P, Lindy H, Vickie B, Volunteer, Volunteer
SR: Evalyn & Cora H, Javier & Karley R
SC: Dcn. Steve

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

R: Choir, Cindy S, Melissa C, Laura C, Melissa, Pam S, Melissa, Ron Kirsch.
E: Sara A, Lindy H, Tim B, Karen W, Lori K
H: Rose R, Pat B, Pat P, Zella F, Bobby H, Volunteer
SR: Volunteer X 5, Maverick (Maybe)
SC: Dcn. Steve

EASTER - SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

R: Hope Broussard, Pam S
E: Brenda H, Dorris Klotz, Ed O'Rourke, Ann C, Ashlie N, Kathy Winchester
H: Christina Kiefer, Steven Manning, Steven Rapp, Mark & Marty
Simmons
SR: Carter B, Reid B, Azlyn K, Giuliana S
O: Vickie York
SC: Bill and Sandy

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 3RD: Debbie/TL Young, Pat Butler, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek

Thank you to all who participated in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl this Lent. It is now time to return your Rice Bowl. Please place them in the large Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space or in the church office by Easter Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

MARCH 22, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,240.00
Miscellaneous Envelopes	\$1,020.00
Loose Collection	\$493.75
Total	\$5,206.00

(Includes Online Giving)

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

ST. MARY SCHOOL LEGACY FUND (MT.VERNON)

Preserving the future of Catholic Education

Rex Cusumano	618-781-8755
Bob Herr	618-237-7101
Ed Zawila	618-244-0281

UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

PALM SUNDAY MASS (including Saturday Vigil Mass)
Begin in Gathering Space to process in with Palms

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

NO EVENING MASS
Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral at 11:30 am

THURS., APRIL 1ST - MON., APRIL 6TH

ST. MARY PARISH OFFICE - CLOSED
See Holy Week Schedule inside bulletin

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

ST. MARY PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT
Meet in Gymnasium | 10:00 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Church | 2:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

YOUTH GROUP "BOWL-A-THON"
Youth Group kids will be collecting pledges!

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

ST. FELICITAS CHICKEN DINNER
St. Felicitas, Beaver Prairie | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

SEMINARIAN GALA
Holy Trinity Church, Fairview Heights | 5:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

10TH ANNUAL MOMMARITA
Save the date! Details coming soon!

JUNE 7TH - JUNE 12TH

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



JOIN US FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY CCW
ANNUAL
Appreciation Dinner
All ladies of the Parish 18 & up are welcome!
TUESDAY, MAY 5TH | 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP ROOM
PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1ST
Call or text Suzie Schmidt at 618-214-8985.



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- July 12-17 | St. Stephen/Holy Rosary, Caseyville

OPEN TO GRADES 1-12

GRADES 1-6 DURING DAY M-F
GRADES 7-12 EVENINGS SUN-THUR

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Susan Kusmer, Parish Secretary
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish Phone: 618-244-1559

Website: stmarymtvernon.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL

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tbain@stmarymtvernon.org

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