

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Partnership of St. Mary, Centralia & St. Lawrence, Sandoval

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Weekdays

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL



The deadline to submit your requests for the Christmas Memorials is Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Return the form ASAP, or contact the Parish Office 532-6291

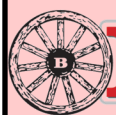


The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus made their annual donation to the scholarship fund of St. Mary School in Centralia. Those at the check presentation held after a recent Sunday Mass are Grand Knight James Nalewajka, St. Mary School Interim Principal Patricia Williams, District Deputy William Broda and St. Mary Pastor Father Steven Pautler.

The St. Lawrence Knights would like to thank everyone for supporting the Illinois Support Vocations Raffle. A total of 77 books of tickets were sold. \$6.00 per book (\$462.00) was forwarded to the Illinois State Council for seminarian and religious support. \$9.00 per book (\$693.00) was forwarded to St. Mary School for tuition assistance. Individual donations of \$150.00 and a donation from St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council of \$157.00 made a total donation to St. Mary School of \$1,000.00 for tuition assistance. The drawing for the raffle was originally scheduled for December 12, 2020. However, due to COVID circumstances it will now be January 16, 2021.



We are so thankful to Buchheit's of Centralia who donated \$500.00 of gift cards to our Parish. The gift cards can be used to raise money for our church and school. Part of their commitment is giving back to the community. Pictured is Father Steve receiving the cards from, Ashley Campbell, Cash Office Manager.



BUCHHEIT

Explore the Possibilities of a Simpler Life...

Unique times require "thinking outside the box"



Thinking outside of the box, in the case of Reconciliation is a reality. We want to keep everyone safe, including Father Steve. Weather Permitting, Father will offer, "Drive up Reconciliation," (to coin a senior member of the parish, "toot and tell.") on Sunday December 13th & Sunday December 20th. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. You may walk up or stay in your car. Remember reconciliation is a sacrament, and all Liturgical Norms will be followed, including only one person in a car at a time. Please do your examination of conscience before you enter the Courtyard. **Masks are required and social distancing.**

Due to rising infection rates in Centralia and Marion County, Mass will be VIRTUAL for the 3rd Sunday of ADVENT, December 13th

Schedule

Tuesday, December 8th (Holyday) **VIRTUAL**
 Thursday, December 10th **VIRTUAL**
 Saturday, December 12th **VIRTUAL**
 Sunday, December 13th **VIRTUAL**
 Thursday, December 17th - St Lawrence 8:30 am
 Saturday, December 19th - SMS Gym 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 20th - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday, December 20th - SMS Gym 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, December 24th - SMS Gym 3:00 p.m. (9 seats)
 Thursday, December 24th - St. Lawrence 5:00 p.m. (10 seats)
 Friday, December 25th - SMS Gym - 9:00 a.m. (60 seats)
For registration or questions call the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00 p.m. Virtual

†Mary White

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:30 a.m. Virtual

†Lloyd, †John, & †Joe Siegfried

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church (Virtual)

†Dave Schwartz †Pat Lackey; †Robert Schmidt

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00 p.m. Virtual

†Mary Louise Elliston

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:30 a.m. Virtual

†Roy Szatkowski; †Sherry Logullo

Prayer Intentions

Prayer requests will be listed for one month. To submit a prayer request, please contact, Rene' at the Parish Office.

For those who are sick, homebound, in the hospital or suffering in any way, especially: Ann Dunn, Natasha Lang, Susan McTall, Fr. James Margasan, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Father Joe Rascher, and Father Larry Lemay, and all Covid-19 patients.

For those in Care Centers, and Specialized Living Centers...May they stay safe and healthy.

For those serving in the Armed Forces or away at College...May the Holy Spirit guide them.



Thank you for your support of our Parish and School

You can support your Parish with your weekly envelope

Sign-up for Online Giving: stmarycentralia.org

Mail your gift to: St. Mary Parish, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801

ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT

Envelopes / Online Giving	33 / 10	\$3,430.00
Capital Improvements	2	\$45.00
Christmas Flowers	12	\$815.00
CCHD	1	\$6.00
School Scholarship	1	\$400.00
School Endowment	1	\$75.00
Other	2	\$115.00
TOTAL	62	\$4,886.00

MEMORIALS Dave Schwartz \$100 (SMS)

Pat Lackey \$50 (Chr)

Date	Time	Event/Contact	Details
Every Sunday	9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.	Vicki Laquet Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Check schedule for details of when individual classes meet in person and classroom location.
Every Sunday	Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Laquet, CRE Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Those interested in joining the Church or who seek information are invited to join us.
Every Monday	6:00 p.m. Until 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Class Pete Donnelly	Join us for discussion of Holy Scripture, Bible reading and more.
Every Monday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Quilting Sally Tiemann	St. Lawrence Parish Center, until further notice, contact Sally
December 11th		SMS Christmas Program	VIRTUAL
December 13 & 20	1-2pm	Advent Reconciliation	Courtyard (details to follow)

Message from Father Steve,

Tis the busy season for Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, and St. Nicholas,

We are all working hard to be Santa for those we love — or to be good enough for Santa to come down our chimney this Christmas with that perfect gift! We may be someone's Kris Kringle or "secret Santa" this Christmas: We may have chosen a member of our family or classmate or fellow worker for whom we will try to make this Christmas a little more special and happier. Being Santa or Kris Kringle can be challenging but fulfilling work; we can receive as much as we give in our Santa-playing. Every Advent, our Gospel readings center on this strange, wild, humorless character John the Baptist. The John of the Gospel is no one's idea of Christmas joy: subsisting on locusts and wild honey, clad in camel hair, baptizing at a riverbank. We happily take on the role of Kris Kringle, but no way do we see ourselves as John the Baptist.

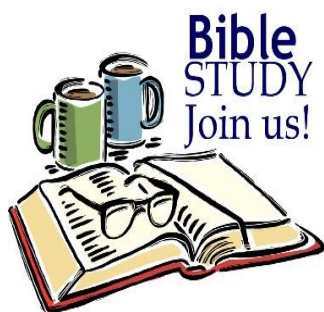
But that is precisely what Advent calls us to be. In our baptisms, we promised to become Baptizers along our own Jordan Rivers. Let's take on the work of the "Baptizer" this Christmas; let's become heralds like John as we go about our holiday preparations: May we give the gifts of "comfort" and joy . . . may every kindness and generosity we extend this Christmas mirror Christ's presence in our midst . . . may we joyfully take on the hard work of creating a highway through the rugged lands of deception and alienation . . . may the gifts and greetings and hospitality we extend proclaim the good news that God's compassion has dawned.

John the Baptist calls us to embrace our baptisms' meaning: compassion, forgiveness, justice, selflessness. This Christmas, let us take up John's Advent work: to straighten the crooked roads of our lives, to transform 'deserts' void of love into places of welcome and reconciliation, to gather up the lost and forgotten, to proclaim the coming of God's Christ in our midst.



CHILD PROTECTION CLASS REFRESHER.

NOTE: Those who have already taken the Initial Class, filled out paperwork and are on the "approved - compliant" listing will need to complete this school year's 2020-2021 Adult Education Refresher Course: <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/login/index.php>




*Join us each Monday
Evening at SMS School
for one hour of Bible
Study*

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Contact Pete Donnelly

Just a Thought or Two

The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the Church which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity." — *St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984*



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA

Instruction has begun, if you are interested please contact Vicki. If you know of someone who wants to join the Church this is the time!

Call Vicki Laquet 618-532-6291



December 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spanish Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, also called the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Virgin Mary appearance before St. Juan Diego in a vision in 1531. She holds a special place in the religious life of Mexico her devotion is worldwide.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary, and Mother of the True God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.



What Sort of Persons? In this Advent time of looking to the future while living in the now, Saint Peter's question is the right one: "What sort of person ought you to be?" Saint John the Baptist offers a good response and better example. He is not full of himself. He knows his minor place. He points to the One who is both with us now and is also coming.

- How will my waiting on the Lord make me more humble?
- What full-of-myself behaviors can I change, can I let go?
- Works of Mercy take the focus off me for the benefit of another. What will I do?




SMS CALENDAR WINNERS


COMING SOON!

Contact the School Office
For your 2021 SMS Raffle Calendar!





Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know would like Communion brought to their home. Father Steve or a minister will schedule a time. 618-532-6291



STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

the *Student Financial Assistance Fund*. Some of our families have been especially impacted by Covid-19. Your generous gift would assist School families at their time of need. If you need more information please contact Business Manager, Theresa Hacker or Father Steve at the Parish Office. **Thank you! Father Steve**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 13

Reading 1	Isaiah 61: 1—2a, 10—11
Reading II	1 Thessalonians 5: 16—24
Gospel	John 1: 6—8, 19—28

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor
Parish Trustees - Greg Schwartz & Patty Williams
Mrs. Patty Williams - St. Mary School Administrator
Theresa Hacker - Business Manager
Vicki Laquet - CRE
Rene' Aydt - Parish Secretary / Receptionist
Patty Williams & Tim Ferguson, School Administrators
Lynn Featherling - St. Mary School Secretary

—Pastoral Council—
Joan Beguelin, Pete Donnelly, Garrett Ford, Lisa Guthrie, Wayne Houser, Nancy Lukasik, Vicki Laquet, Manny Maco, Martina Maco, Mary Miller, Greg Schwartz, Nicole Sandahl, Mike Stock, Tina Suarez, and Patty Williams.

—Finance Council—
Greg Schwartz, Patty Williams, Dr. Jerry Beguelin, Louis Curl, Tom Feig, Jack Graham, Sue Gherardini-Pas, Steve Schwartz, Theresa Hacker.

MASS SCHEDULE
LIVESTREAM on the
St. Mary Catholic Church – Centralia, Illinois
FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM/>
Thursday 8:30am 65 + Older at St. Lawrence Parish Center
Saturday (vigil) Mass, St Mary 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass, St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass, 10:30am
Sunday Mass will be UPLOADED to our FB Page

Sacraments & Preparation

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Covid-19 has impacted our way of life, and St. Mary School is not immune. We are working on a comprehensive reopening plan. St. Mary School provides outstanding education for the students. If you are considering making a gift, endowment, memorial or one-time pledge to St. Mary, I'm asking that you consider

RESPECT LIFE

"Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands." In Isaiah 63, the First Reading, Catholics around the world mark Advent with a fervent prayer for a restored relationship with God. We call out to God amidst our concerns with our health and safety during the pandemic knowing that He makes our return to Him a source of blessing. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God. He never leaves our side, it is our perspective that changes as sin clouds our vision of faith. Yet God has already poured His grace into you. He has given you every spiritual gift imaginable as you wait for Jesus to reveal himself to you this Advent season. Be hopeful and know that God is calling you this Advent season into fellowship with His Son. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Let's pray together to experience this season and what it is all about. "Father, help us to experience your blessings as we wait and watch this Advent season. Help us to prepare by spending time with you in prayer and thanking you for your faithfulness to us. Amen."

"If we truly care for earth
we must learn to respect
and love all life on earth."

Anthony Douglas Williams - Inside the Divine Pattern

In Loving Memory

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE MONTH
OF DECEMBER BURNS IN MEMORY OF:



Bill Nall Family

*May their souls and all the souls
of the faithfully departed
through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen*



WAY of LIGHTS

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

November 20 – December 31, 2020

The lights are on...Come Drive Through! Can't Come Inside but take a Ride... Camel Ride, Carriage Ride or ride in your own car. Experience the beauty of over one million white lights and take a Journey to Bethlehem.

More information...Snows.org/wayoflights

*Happy 100th
Birthday to:*

Martha Petrea

*She is celebrating
this milestone on
December 7.*

*Due to covid-19, a
celebration is not
planned!*



She would enjoy receiving cards!

**PO Box 191,
Hoffman, IL 62260.**

In Remembrance of:

Sanctuary Candle, Monthly Memorial

January, Robert L. & Lorene Langenfeld & Fish Marcum
February, Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March, Elliston & Garnier Families
April, Schwartz Family
May, Virobik, Held, Cozadd
June, Harold "Bud" Miller
July, Joe Marcum & Hope "Marcum" Harbin
August, Carolyn Meador & Gene Miller
September, Gene Uhls
October,

PLEASE CONTACT RENE' AT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.



Curious Kitty Meows From Sister Gracie

Second week of Advent already...where has the time gone? Not being in church really gets my claws out. Well, at least we are doing what we can to stay as safe as possible.

Vicki fixed me up with a new collar for the holidays...blue with tiny snow people...I look quite fetching if I must say so myself. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Wrapping? Don't forget the Giving Tree and the Nursing Home residents.

There is a deadline you know. You must read the entire bulletin, not just Sister Grace's words of wisdom(?).

Always remember, there is caring in sharing.

Meow!
Sister Grace

ST MARY PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE GIVING TREE

How to Donate: Drop in the Collection Basket, Mail or Drop Off at St. Mary Parish, 424 E Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801 or Email theresa@stmarycentralia.org or call the office (618) 532-6291

Please make selection (s)

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**FOR THE SENIOR MEMBERS
OF OUR COMMUNITY**

_____ Adult Items - For Residents of Nursing Homes and Care Centers.

Non-perishable item ONLY! They must be wrapped and labeled, with the contents. Items not labeled will not be accepted. You may drop them off at Church or bring them to the Parish Office.



ST. MARY SCHOOL COOKIE TRAY SALES ❖ PRE-ORDER FORM

How to Order: Drop in the Collection Basket, Mail or Drop Off Order Form to St. Mary School: 424 E Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801 or Email theresa@stmarycentralia.org or call (618) 532-6291

Please make selection (s)

_____ Large Tray	\$50	5-6 dozen mixed cookies and candies
_____ Medium Tray	\$25	2-3 dozen mixed cookies and candies
_____ Small Tray	\$15	1 dozen mixed cookies and candies

From: _____ Phone: _____

To: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ I prefer to pick up my tray curbside at St. Mary School Friday, December 11th after 3 PM

Personalized Christmas Note: _____

Check Enclosed Payable to "St. Mary School" Amount: _____

Please place orders by Friday, December 4th.



Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for your organization and the people that matter most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.



Your purchase benefits St. Mary School.
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St. Mary Parish Bulletin Supporter

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Mass will be **LIVESTREAMED** Check the bulletin for times.



Please indicate your preference and return this form to the Parish Office. OPTIONS: You may place it in the Sunday Collection Basket, drop it off at the Parish Office during business hours, or send it by USPS, St. Mary Parish, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801 or St. Lawrence Parish, 311 W. Missouri Avenue, Sandoval, IL 62882. For further information contact: St. Mary 618-532-6291 or St. Lawrence 618-247-3300.

DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS MASS REGISTRATION IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020



If you do not register in advance we cannot guarantee there will be room at the "Inn!"

Please notify us if your plans have changed!

CHRISTMAS MASS OPTIONS

St. Mary Church

☐ 3:00 p.m. St. Mary Christmas Eve,
_____ (number attending)

☐ 9:00 a.m. St. Mary Christmas Day
_____ (number attending)

St. Lawrence Church

☐ 5:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Christmas Eve
_____ (number attending)

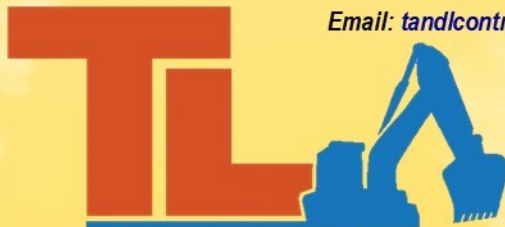
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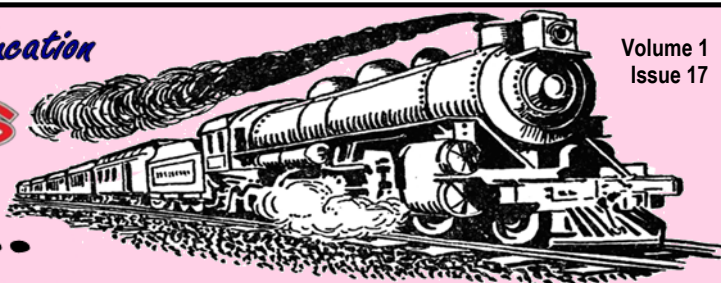
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Congratulations to Kylie, daughter of Nick and Farin, Charlotte Daughter of Katrina and Cooper, son of Jason and Carrie, the winners of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council "Keep Christ in Christmas," Poster Contest. Their posters will be featured in future Parish Bulletins.

WE STILL NEED BAKERS!

COOKIE BAKING TIME HAS ARRIVED!

- We are asking families, church members, & friends to bake 6 dozen of their favorite holiday cookies and/or candies. (This is one of the required PTO fundraisers for SMS families)

Please complete the bottom of this page and return to the school by Tuesday December 1st

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

Name: _____ PHONE: _____

Yes! I will bake _____ (type of cookies or candies).

Please bring cookies to school by Friday, December 11th, 8 am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

Any questions please contact: Sarah Alton 618-322-6459



Annual COOKIE SALE

Attention St. Mary's Elves, if you are baking cookies or candy for the Cookie Sale, please deliver them by 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, to the School. We will be assembling the trays and delivering them! We are still in need of volunteers, contact Sarah Alton if you can help 618-322-6459!