

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Weekdays

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St. Mary School
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1953

How about a little Christmas from the past? Here is a picture published in the 2007 St. Mary's Sesquicentennial Book. It is the earliest known color photograph from St. Mary's history. It shows the sanctuary as it appeared in 1953 before renovations began the following year. Recognize anyone?

Remember St. Mary Parish This Christmas

**TITHES
& OFFERINGS**

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE.

Thank You For Your Support!



Congratulations to St. Mary's Second Grade Class who received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion, this spring. May God's blessing and spirit be with them as they prepare for Holy Communion.



Please remember to contact the Parish Office and register for the Mass you plan to attend. With our move back to our Church building, space is limited. We are also in need of individuals to assist with sanitizing after Mass. Please call the Parish office by Wednesday of each week to register!



618-532-6291

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00 p.m. St. Mary's Gym

†Florence3 Garner; †Linda Bauer

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Gym

†Jane Clark, †Shirley Merrell

Thursday, December 31, 2020

4:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - St. Lawrence Church

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Gym

† Bill Nall, † David Schwartz

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00 p.m. Epiphany of the Lord - St. Mary Gym

†Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:30 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord - St. Mary's Gym

† Lloyd, †John and † Joe Siegfried

Schedule

Thursday, December 31st- St. Lawrence 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Friday, January 1st - SMS Gym - 9:00 a.m. **REGISTER**

Saturday, January 2nd - SMS Gym - 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 3rd - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 3rd - SMS Gym 10:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Thursday, January 7th - St. Lawrence 8:30 p.m. **OPEN**

Saturday, January 9th - St. Mary Church- 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 10th - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 10th - St. Mary Church 10:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Thursday, January 14th - St. Lawrence 4:00 p.m. **OPEN**

Saturday, January 16th - St. Mary Church - 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 17th - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 17th - St. Mary Church 10:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Thursday, January 21st - St. Lawrence 4:00 p.m. **OPEN**

Saturday, January 23rd - St. Mary Church - 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 24th - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, January 24th - St. Mary Church 10:30 a.m. **REGISTER**

For registration or questions call the Parish Office

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: **Waylon Vick, Ann Dunn, Natasha Lang, Susan McTall, Fr. James Margasan, Fr. Gary Gummertsheimer, 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

Total of all collections	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	41 / 8	\$4,040.00
Capital Improvements	6	\$280.00
Christmas Flowers	6	\$115.00
Christmas Giving	9	\$555.00
Diocesan Needy	3	\$155.00
New Year's / Solemnity of Mary	2	\$30.00
Loose		\$54.00
TOTAL	75	\$5,229.00

Please call Blanche Flanigan, if you have a prayer intention needing to be added to the prayer chain, phone **618-532-1153**. The prayer chain also needs more prayer warriors if you can volunteer.



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 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

Message from Father Steve,

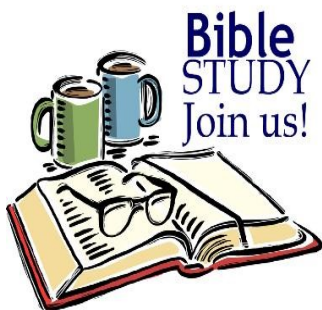
We are not yet halfway through our celebration of Christmas, and a brand-new year is upon us. The birth of Jesus signals a turning point in history, a new beginning of sorts. Similarly, the New Year prompts us to reflect on the past and thank the Lord for his many blessings he has bestowed upon us in this past year. It is also a time for new beginnings. While many are focused on what might be the politically correct thing to say during this beautiful Holiday, we focus upon Christ and his birth! So, with that in mind, let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas as, once again, we as a church family celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We live in a politically divided and polarized nation and a world with vast differences separating people. Even issues that concern Christians can be viewed through a different lens or perspective. However, there is one issue that we, as people of God, must agree upon if we impact this world for Christ. We must be clear that Jesus Christ came into this world to "seek and save that which was lost."

How fitting that the new year should fall just days after we celebrate the birth of Jesus! While we enter this New Year with thanks to God, we also meditate upon the new beginning that is won for us. As Paul writes to the Corinthians: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Cor. 5:17) And as Jesus himself reminds us: "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5) Our God is not a God who stands idly by. He is living and active in our world. He works through his people to bring about his will, and we participate in his making and sustaining of all things. As we enter this New Year, let us always be reminded that while we may do the planting and the watering, it is God who gives us the growth. Let us continue to come and be nourished by his word. Let us rejoice in the birth of our savior. May God's blessings be with you during this New Year, may the Light of Christ shine through you.



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>



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

PRESENTLY ON HOLD
*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

Consecrated Religious Brother: A member of a men's religious order who is not in Holy Orders but engages in the work of the order. Members typically take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Consecrated Religious Sister: A member of a religious order or congregation of women devoted to active service or meditation. Members typically take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA
**RCIA AND 2ND GRADE PSR
WILL RESUME CLASSES ON
JANUARY 3, 2021**
Call Vicki Laquet 618-532-6291

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Mass will be recorded and archived on our YouTube page so it can be accessed at any time. Parish members can also check local listing for Masses broadcast on EWTN, Spectrum Channel 100 and DirecTV channel 370. Weekly envelopes may be mailed directly to the parish office. **St. Mary Parish, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801** You may drop off your gift in the mail box at the front office door. Or use the online portal:

[stmarycentralia.org](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st424184) or at:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st424184>

Don't Get Left Out in the

Cold

618-532-6291

Register for Masses for the weekend of
December 19/20, for Christmas Day,
and December 26/27.





This Child. Every parent knows a child is a blessing who is filled with innocence and wonder and grace. Grandparents know this, too, perhaps in renewed and deeper ways. It is their hope that every child will grow strong, be wise, and be favored.

- How will I care for a child today even if not related to me?
- How can I help children be holy?
- How will I be holy because of the blessedness of children?



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

Dec 7

Noah James – Centralia
Rene Aydt – Centralia

Dec 28

LeeRoy Roper – Sandoval
Betty Taylor - Centralia

Dec 14

Stephanie Roper – Sandoval
Jack Graham – Centralia

Dec 21

Pearl Fark – Centralia
Tai Kasban – Ashley

Congrats!



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 JANUARY 3

Reading 1 Isaiah 60: 1—6
Reading II Ephesians 3: 2—3a, 5—6
Gospel Matthew 2: 1—12

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one parent must be a registered active & practicing member of the Parish. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Please contact Vicki Laquet, CRE or Father Steve for information about joining the Church

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Father Steve or a neighboring Priest. Anointing is also available the First Friday of each month following the Chapel Mass, and the First Sunday, (every three months), following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary and 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence.



Curious Kitty Meows From Sister Gracie

Well, the spa day was not at all what I expected...let's just say I won't be painting my nails EVER!!!

Curses on the tall cats...I must have scratched one too many of their things. I am spending my recovery time with Vicki. She and the tall man cat are pretty nice and do lots of cuddling but there is a lot of making up to do says me.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. We here at the office would like to thank you for your most generous responses to our requests for what is needed (i.e. BCMW, nursing home, cleaning supplies, etc.). This has been a trying year for all, and as always we have been able to count on you. Sister prays that you are blessed in 2021 and that the new year is soooooo very much better than last year.

And never use the phrase "that really gets my claws out"

Meow!

Sister Gracie



WAY of LIGHTS

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

November 20 – December 31, 2020

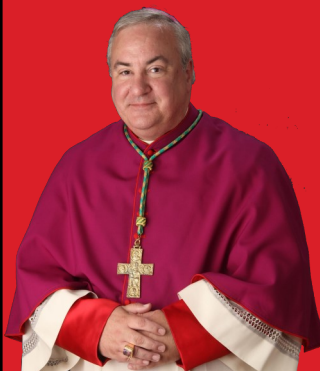
The lights are on...Come Drive Through! Can't Come Inside but take a Ride... Camel Ride, Carriage Ride or ride in your own car. Experience the beauty of over one million white lights and take a Journey to Bethlehem.

More information...[Snows.org/wayoflights](https://www.snows.org/wayoflights)

Bishop McGovern provides a weekly reflection on his Facebook Page. You can find it at the link below. He has inspirational Advent and Christmas messages to share.

Please visit:

www.facebook.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern



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*



Thank you, James Burris and the St. Lawrence KC's for donating ornaments for the PSR and SMS students and RCIA candidates. They are beautiful!

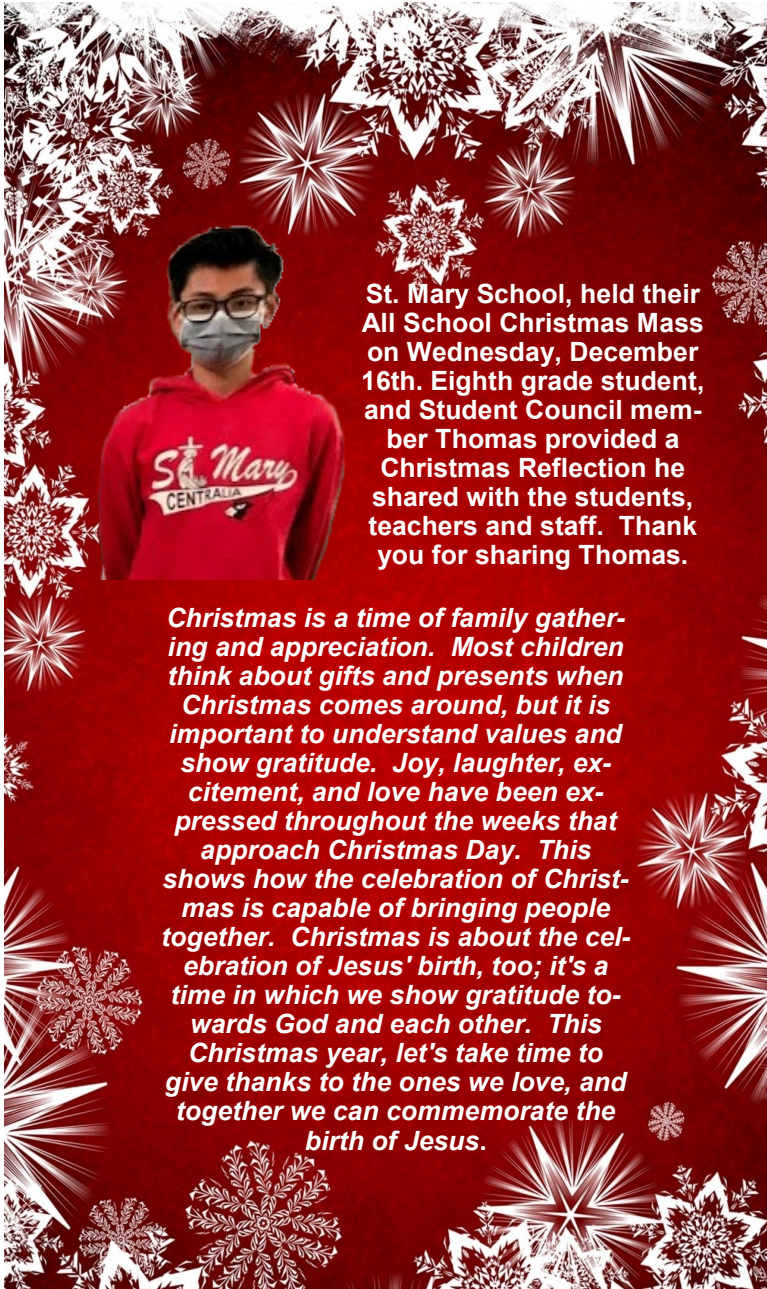
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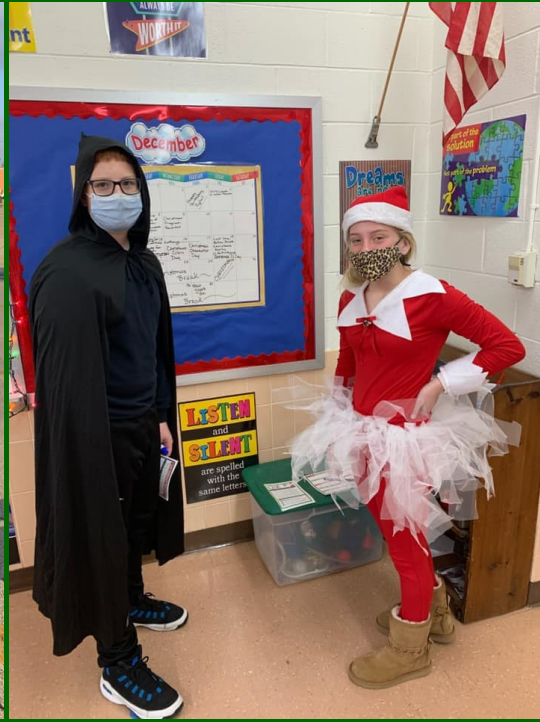
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Christmas is a time of family gathering and appreciation. Most children think about gifts and presents when Christmas comes around, but it is important to understand values and show gratitude. Joy, laughter, excitement, and love have been expressed throughout the weeks that approach Christmas Day. This shows how the celebration of Christmas is capable of bringing people together. Christmas is about the celebration of Jesus' birth, too; it's a time in which we show gratitude towards God and each other. This Christmas year, let's take time to give thanks to the ones we love, and together we can commemorate the birth of Jesus.





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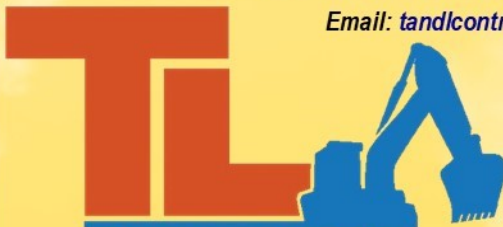
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RESPECT LIFE

In Luke's Gospel, Simeon while near death, anxiously awaits his chance to meet the Christ Child in the presentation of the Lord in the Temple. He amazes Mary and Joseph in the temple, with his enthusiasm and words proclaiming Jesus as the salvation of Israel. He holds Jesus in his arms and gives thanks to God that he has seen His salvation. Simeon, the prophet and Anna, the prophetess, provide a voice to the shepherds visiting the manger in humble homage. Jesus's arrival is herald as the savior who calls men and women for God's Kingdom more than two thousand years ago and today. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Mary and Joseph were rich in love for each other and their son, Jesus, but poor in material goods. The couple offered two pigeons in the temple, instead of a lamb, as they dedicated the Christ Child. Many women want to be good mothers in our community, but lack resources. How can we take the good news of Christ's arrival to those who have very little? Donating gently used maternity clothing, toddler clothing, diapers, formula to a pregnancy care center near you is a good way to start thinking of those in need. Consider praying at The Fence of Planned Parenthood and offering words of hope and encouragement to those searching for answers. By praying to the Holy Spirit, we will all find the ways God is calling us to serve His son and one an-

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