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SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14, 2021

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

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

For those who do not feel comfortable attending our Ash Wednesday Services, blessed Ashes will be available this weekend. You may take them home with you. Please follow the guidelines when signing someone with the ashes.

After use, disposal guidelines are listed. You may bring unused ashes back to church.



ASH WEDNESDAY

LENTEN DISCIPLINES: FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

For these Forty Days we are conscious of how we must sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the Reign of God. We are, above all, aware of those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death. We died to sin and evil and began a new life in Christ. The waters of Baptism wait at Lent's end for the catechumens, but we are called to renew our Baptism as well. The Church asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms.

Receiving Ashes during the Pandemic
Reception of Ashes will be offered at Mass on
Wednesday February 17, 2021.

St. Mary Church - 12:00 p.m.
St. Lawrence Church 6:00 p.m.

Please call the St. Mary Parish Office
to reserve a seat **618-532-6291**

Open Seating at St. Lawrence
There is no need to register

For those who do decide not to attend, Ash Wednesday Mass, or if you are homebound, there will be small bags of blessed ashes that you may take home, after Mass this weekend.

Prayer to Saint Valentine



O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, Look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021
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EMERGENCY NEED



Blood donations are going to hospitals as quickly as they come in.

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13, 2021

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

†Sr. Suzanne, CSSF; †Fred LaGiglia

Sunday, February 14, 2021

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

†Joe Marcum; †Roy Sztkowski

†Bud Miller and †Lawrence & †Agnes Goebel

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

***8:30a.m. St. Mary Church *SMS STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY**

†Shirley Merrell; †Ima Mae Braun

+ 12:00p.m. St. Mary Church

†Joe Lukasik; †Lola Friedrich; †Pete Pelaez

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

†Fish Marcum; †Gerald & †Mary Koesterer

†Clinton McDaniel & †Diane Stone

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

†Shirley Merrell; †Mike Steinmann; †Salvador Bartolo Garcia

Lent & Spring Schedule

Wednesday, February 17 - St. Mary Church—Noon **REGISTER**

Wednesday, February 17 - St. Lawrence Church - 6 p.m. **WALK IN**

Saturday, February 20 - St. Mary Church - 4:00 p.m. **REGISTER**

Sunday, February 21 - St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m. **WALK IN**

Sunday, February 21 - St. Mary - 10:30am **REGISTER**

****No need to register for Mass at St. Lawrence, sufficient room is available.**

Registration for St. Mary 618-532-6291

65 and OVER MASS THURSDAY 8:30 A.M.



St. Lawrence Parish Center
No need to pre-register!

Sunday Liturgy and Missal
**This Mass satisfies your
Sunday oblation

RESUMES FEBRUARY 18

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 Gummersheimer, Father Joe Rascher, Mary Williams, 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 2/7/21	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	65 / 10	\$7,094.00
Loose		\$18.00
Capital Improvements	11	\$457.00
School Support	8	\$635.00
Altar Society	5	\$80.00
The Messenger	11	\$280.00
TOTAL	110	\$,8,564.00

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN HONOR OF:

MARY MANN \$90, JO DENE NALL \$90,
MIKE STEINMANN \$69, BERNICE SCHMITT \$95.



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

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 HAS RESUMED 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,

I was the self-declared "mother advocate" during my three years in the seminary. I would inquire among my fraters, "when last did you call your mom?" If it were more than one month, they would get the "call your mother" lecture from me! Keeping in contact is essential. My American brothers didn't see the need to call home; I was always inspired by those from Vietnam, Mexico, Colombia, and other countries, who used social media to stay in touch. I called my mom frequently and would always inquire, "what's new?" Mom would usually respond nothing much. Then, I would say, did you hear about (insert name) dying? Mom would say, NO! When did she die? Where did you hear that--she would ask? FACEBOOK, I would respond. I have concluded, today in scripture, we hear about the beginning of FACEBOOK, Jesus says, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly."

Social media has drawn us together, but yes, it does have its downfalls. During this last election cycle, it became a place of contention, even among friends. A few months ago, I conducted an experiment. I seldom share posts, but in this case, I shared an article about a Cardinal's statement that some took issue with. Within minutes, just like hornets, there were both positive and negative comments. One comment even said, "I never liked him!" It was at that moment I decided to stick to posting my Sunday night dinner! Sometimes it's just better to stay quiet, and as the old cliché says, "smell the roses."

In today's Gospel, Mark includes the short but essential detail that Jesus, amid his demanding preaching and healing, seeks out a "deserted," out-of-the-way place to pray. We all need that deserted place in which we reconnect with God and the things of the heart. That "deserted" place may be a set time for prayer every day, a walk in the woods, a quiet corner of the house or apartment, or even a bathrobe -- whatever keeps us aware of God's presence in our life and renews within us a sense of gratitude for the blessings of that presence. Close those apps, and open a good book, the Bible preferably. But mostly, "call your mother!"



Altar Society Meeting in the cafeteria
Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm
Masks are required!



Homebound
Ministry

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

LENT

Friday, February 19th
- Friday, March 26th

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Mark Your
Calendar



Just a Thought or Two

What advice would you give a man considering a vocation to the priesthood?

DO NOT BE AFRAID! What do you fear? Being transformed into Christ? My friend that is the goal of the Christian life! Do you fear that He will take something from you that you desire? Brother, what He would take from you is that which harms you, but He does so only so that He can give you a share in His divinity and what is better than God! Do you fear the future? Do you think that the Providential God who is love and goodness itself will abandon those who give their life to Him? Do you fear your past? Let me tell you, you are not the sum total of your failures and mistakes but rather you are the sum total of the Father's love for you, and your capacity to become an image of the Son. Become intimate with the Person of Jesus through the Sacraments. Find a Saint who inspires you and ask for their help, also ask Our Lady to help you hear Jesus' voice. Come to the Andrew Dinners and various events in the diocese that Fr. Matt and the vocation team puts out, and ask for a priest to be a spiritual director so as to help discern the Lord's action in your life. There's nothing to be afraid of! *Joseph Moynahan, St. John's Seminary, 4th Year Theology*

Don't Get Left Out in the
Cold 618-532-6291

PLEASE REGISTER FOR MASS
AT ST. MARY PARISH!





Making Clean. Jesus was not afraid to touch the untouchable leper today. Jesus was unafraid to be cleaning and healing and teaching – right and good behaviors. Saint Paul makes a clear implication for all of us. Our task: imitating Christ. Our task: doing all things for the glory of God.

- What mercy works of cleaning and healing can I do this week?
- What will I do, seeking not my own benefit but that of another?
- How will I be like Christ today? Tomorrow? Next Week?

Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community.

WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrance to St. Mary Church the 1st Sunday of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

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 FEBRUARY 21

Reading 1 Genesis 9: 8—15

Reading II 1 Peter 3: 18—22

Gospel Mark 1: 12—15

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Parish Trustees - Greg Schwartz & Patty Williams

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Lynn Featherling - St. Mary School Secretary

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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, and Patty Williams.

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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

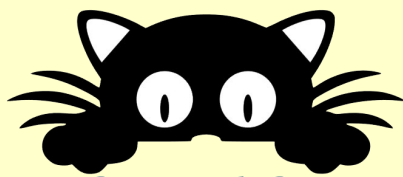
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Anointing of the Sick: Contact Father Steve or a neighboring Priest. Anointing is also available the First Friday of each month following the Chapel Mass, and the First Sunday, (every three months), following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary and 8:30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

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 the



Curious Kitty Meows From Sister Gracie

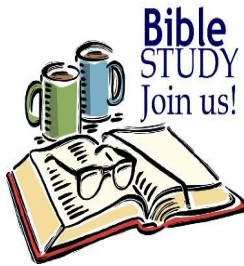
Well, he left without me and enjoyed the warm, how dare him! He didn't know I was in charge in his absence...I got things ship shape before he got back, Sister promises you that. Ashes have been bagged up (see cover page) and I got out of the way of that, no telling how I might have gotten involved?? The school and office staff were able to receive their first Covid-19 vaccine (thank you all for being proactive)...I don't want to catch the cat covid, no way no how. I am still washing my paws, wearing my mask when required, and definitely social distancing as all felines are purrone to do. As you prepare for the Lenten season, Sister prays that you are able to persevere in your Lenten intentions, and use those small sacrifices to draw closer to God. Blessings,

Sister Gracie



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/>



**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

STARTING FEBRUARY 7TH

SYMPATHY



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Don Dreas who passed away on Friday, February 5, 2020, and was buried from St. Mary on Thursday, February 11. Eternal rest grant unto him O, Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

In Loving Memory

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE MONTH
OF FEBRUARY BURNS IN MEMORY OF:**

**Alan & Rosalie
Thomas**

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

Amen.



Lenten Message from Bishop McGovern,

The Season of Lent will begin with the ancient practice of marking the baptized with ashes as a public and communal act of penance. Ash Wednesday will be slightly different in this year when we have had to adapt our ways of worshipping and praying. Instead of ashes being traced on our foreheads by the hand of a priest (which could impact our health) we can receive ashes that are sprinkled on the top of our head. This is permitted by our rites and is an ancient biblical image. This is a fitting and safe way to continue receiving ashes as we begin Lent this year. May this be a season of grace, mercy and conversion as the Lord leads us to the celebration of His passion, death and resurrection in Holy Week.

Bishop McGovern's Message can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern>





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IT'S BOTTLE TIME!**

**PLEASE RETURN
FILLED BOTTLE BY:
Valentine's
day**

**Fill a bottle,
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**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
BABY BOTTLES**

Due to COVID we were unable to give bottles out Mother's Day to Father's Day in 2020. The new plan was Thanksgiving to Christmas but with the holiday chaos that did not work for us here at St. Mary. Thanks to those who took a bottle when they were set out. The insert says December 20, 2020, but please return by **February 14, 2021 to the basket in church or the parish office.** As always fill with change, cash or check. Thanks for your generosity.

We presently have candidates for the Principal Position for SMS. If you know of anyone who would like to apply, inform them of the opening. Candidates must be willing to assume the responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the school as well as assist in developing long range goals. Candidates should possess excellent communication skills and an enthusiasm for developing and maintaining relationships. Ability to grow an academic program and Catholic identity is a must. A minimum of five years educational experience or equivalent, and a commitment to pursue a certification as a School Administrator, is required. Send resume to: **Father Steven Pautler, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801** or email: fr.steve@stmarycentralia.org.

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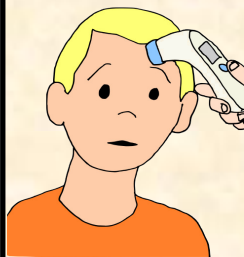
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PLEASE NOTE: During cold weather, the digital thermometer is showing **low temperature**. This is due to your skin being exposed to the cold air. **Please check your temperature before you arrive for Mass.** Remember to contact the Parish Office and 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!



**TO REGISTER:
618-532-6291**

Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance. The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, February 17, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1, inclusive.

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.
4. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
5. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



February 17...Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - St. Mary Church, Centralia

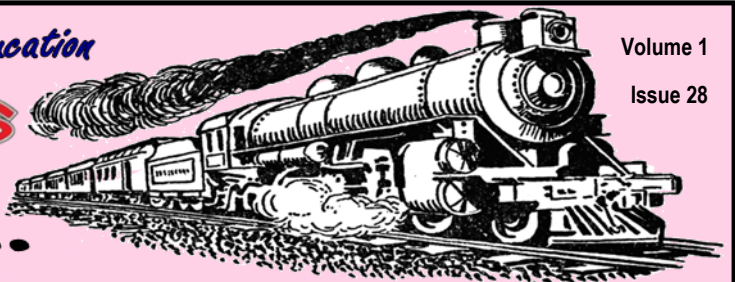
6:00 p.m. - St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

(note: ashes will be placed on the top of your head)



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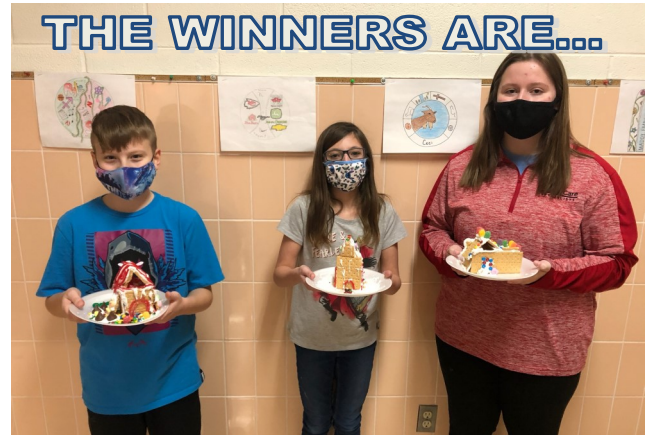


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February

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Feb 8

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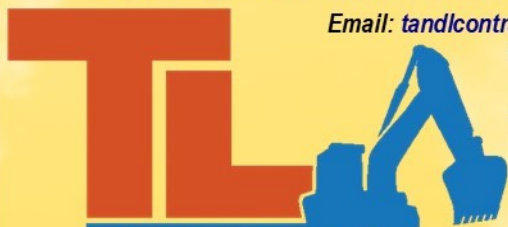
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Sprehe Scholarship applications are available for members of St. Mary Parish at the Centralia Branch of the US Bank Wealth Management for the 2021 – 2023 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2021 – 2022 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate

applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. You may contact Pam Prather at the US Bank at her direct line 618-545-1219 or by e-mail pamela.prather@usbank.com to make arrangements for receiving an application. The Bank Lobby may be closed. All applications are to be returned to Pam Prather at the US Bank in Centralia no later than Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Applications may be dropped off at the Drive-Up Facility. If the envelope is too bulky, the application can be placed in the Night Depository. The envelope must be clearly marked to Pam Prather's attention.

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