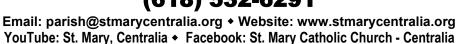
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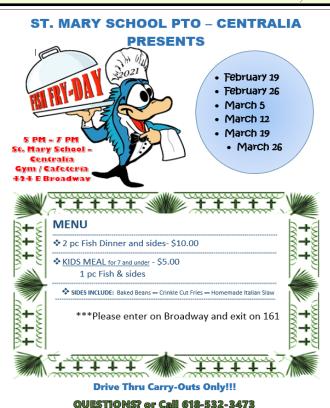
Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Begins

EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline for Easter flower memorials is Wednesday, March 24. There is an envelope in your monthly packet. Please include the names of those you wish remembered.

Office Hours 9am - 4 pm





RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - ST. MARY CHURCH
NO PRAYER SERVICE - WALK-IN ANYTIME





With the Apostolic Letter, Patris corde ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. The pope wrote Patris corde, according to an article from Vatican News, against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.





Saturday, March 13, 2021

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

†Margie & †Dale Gehrke

†Alma & †Carol Gettinger

†Clinton McDaniel & †Diane Stone

Sunday, March 14, 2021

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

†Roy Szatkowski

†Bud Miller and †Lawrence & †Agnes Goebel

Tuesday March 16, 2021

12:00 p.m. Hospital †Joseph & †Bernice Chudzik

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church †Barb Steele †Anna & †Lamberto Bertini †Linda Bauer

Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church † Tony & †Sally Rugowski †Jane Clark

65 and OVER MASS

THURSDAY 8:30 A.M.

HAS RESUMED



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

Sunday Liturgy

This Mass meets the requirements for your Sunday Obligation.

Prayer Intentions

<u>Prayer requests will be listed for one month.</u> 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, Fr. Joe Rascher, Fr. Dale Maxfield, 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.



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ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT			
Total of all collections 3/07/21	#	AMOUNT	
Envelopes / Online Giving	96 / 9	\$7,404.00	
Loose		\$48.00	
Capital Improvements	17	\$785.00	
School Support	16	\$865.00	
Catholic Relief Services	3	\$155.00	
The Messenger	1	\$25.00	
Easter Flowers	12	\$195.00	
Altar Society	1	\$25.00	
MEMORIALS Bernice Schmidt \$100 (SMS); Don Dreas \$850 (SMS)	155	TOTAL	



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 join- ing the Church or who seek information are invited to join us.
Every Mon- day	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 Mon- day	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	Quilting Sally Tiemann	St. Lawrence Parish Center, until further no- tice, contact Sally

Message from Father Steve,

I want to express my thanks to everyone who has endured this last year. On March 13, 2020, we received news that we needed to "lock-down," because of a virus spreading rapidly throughout the world. Both of our parishes felt the impact of covid-19, with the untimely death of longtime parishioners. We were introduced to new terms; social distancing, mitigations, virtual learning, and virtual Sunday Mass. We hunkered down, and now there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon. This past week St. Mary Parishioners received a mailing. Inside there was a document asking you to reaffirm your time and talents for the parish. Sister Marlene made a special announcement at St. Lawrence, asking for the same. As we move closer to the day that we can celebrate in a pre-COVID-19 format, let us know that you are still available to serve your parish family. Jurassic Park's Dr. Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) is best remembered for the famous line "Life finds a way." This is so true, and it will find a way back into our world!

We have reached a pivotal stopping point on our journey to Easter. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also called Laetare Sunday. "Laetare" in Latin means, "rejoice!" In the middle of Lent, we are invited to rejoice. It may seem somewhat unusual since we have heard words like fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These words dominate our Lenten journey. Even my vestments change in color to Rose this weekend. Laetare Sunday also takes its name from scripture, found in the Introit at Mass, "*Rejoice, O Jerusalem.*" Today, in John's Gospel, we hear the words, from scripture, that most Christians can recite immediately; that of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." You can find them printed on shirts, coffee mugs, invitations, and countless other things. They are the words given to us by God that summarize who we are as faithful believers and followers of Jesus' commands. This one sentence forms the inseparable connection between human existence and the divine. They give us hope; they inspire us to deeper faith; they provide the pathway to eternal life with Jesus. We should rejoice this Sunday as we hear the words to the foundation of Christianity. John received a divine spark that allowed him to hear God's words and pass them on to us in his Gospel.

In the words of St. John of the Cross, "The Blessed Trinity inhabits the soul by divinely illumining its intellect with the wisdom of the Son, delighting its will in the Holy Spirit, and absorbing it powerfully and mightily in the unfathomed embrace of the Father's sweetness." The world needs to walk with wisdom, delight, and embrace the Trinity's that St. John so eloquently speaks of; so that God's light can drive back darkness to reveal the truth of love. It does not stop with John 3:16; it continues! "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." This is the truth of God's love for us; let us rejoice. Rejoice this Laetare Sunday; the light has come into our world.



Sanctuary Candle Monthly Memorial In Loving Memory of our

April 2021 Schwartz Family

May 2021 Virobik, Held, Cozadd

June 2021

Harold "Bud" Miller

July 2021

Joe Marcum & Hope "Marcum" Harbin

August 2021 Carolyn Meador & Gene Miller

September 2021 Gene Uhls

October 2021
Dave Schwartz

November 2021 Harold "Pete" Aydt

December 2021Nall, Hollern & Duty Families

January 2022 OPEN

February 2022
Alan & Rosalie Thomas

March 2022 OPEN

PLEASE CONTACT RENE' AT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

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



Elliston & Garnier Families

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

Amen.

Happy St.Patrick's Day

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

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.



This Is the Verdict. The gospel declares the Light of Christ came into the world. The choice is either to prefer darkness or live by the truth revealed by that Light. The Letter to the Ephesians declares that we are saved not by our own works (though good works we still need to do), but by God's gift and grace.

- •What darkness will I move out of so I may stand in the Light?
- •What good works will I continue doing to acknowledge God's gift and grace to me and to all?
- •How can I live this truth: we are saved as a people by God's grace?

RESPECT LIFE

For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world. but that the world might be saved through Him." In the holy Gospel according to John, 3:14-21, the Gospel of Truth highlights the promise of God's love and the suffering and darkness that transforms it into life giving salvation for the world. By gazing on a crucifix of Christ crucified, we are reminded that we are freed from a death we deserve. Instead, we are called into the light of God's love and made new. May we die to ourselves this Lenten season, so that we too may be made whole and rise with Him. Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-Sunday is the Lord's day with the Eucharist at the heart of the Church; many graces are received by attending Mass. Who in your life has fallen away from the faith.? In supportive prayer, offer for them to attend Mass with you or help them find a Mass online and pray that they too feel the peace and joy of having a relationship with Christ, experiencing the love He has for us all.





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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 21

Reading 1 Jeremiah 31: 31—34 Reading II Hebrews 5: 7—9 John 12: 20—33 Gospel

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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



Mar 15

Mary & Roger Morton, Bellevue. NE

Mar 22

Sarah Harrison-Nashville, IL Mar 8

Mar 29

Kelly Capps - Centralia

Sharon Blakey - Humble TX

Lent 4: Laetare

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together, all you that love her!

Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow, that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. Isaiah 66:10-11

I rejoiced when they said unto me, "we shall go into the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

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.



100 countries.



Update on Father Dale's Health

Please remember Father Dale in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. As of the bulletin publication date, we have not received word of his condition. He would really appreciate a note from you and a few words to cheer him up.

You can send correspondences to:

Reverend Dale Maxfield 200 N. Third Street New Baden, IL 62265

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN-UP

Easter Triduum



Our Lenten observance ends with Holy Thursday. Please make reservations now to attend the Triduum Services at St. Lawerence and St. Mary Parishes. You can find online registration at: stmarycentralia.org or call the office 618532-6291.

St. Lawrence, Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. St. Lawrence, Good Friday, April 2, 2021 - 3:00 p.m. St. Mary, Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021 - 8:00 p.m. St. Mary, Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 - 7:00 a.m. St. Lawrence, Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 - 8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: We have added a Easter Sunrise Service at St. Mary - 7:00 a.m. Weather permitting it will be in the Courtyard, otherwise in the Church.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lou Logullo who passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, and was buried from St. Mary on Wednesday, March 10. Parish family includes his daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Joe (Tracy Logullo) Francois and family, and his brother, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Logullo, and brother-in-law, Orland Bauer. 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. AMEN.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 Dispensation Granted

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is commemorated on March 19 and, this year, that celebration falls on a Friday. What is more, last December, Pope Francis announced a special "Year of St. Joseph" to be celebrated from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Some of the faithful have asked me to dispense the diocese from abstinence from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021. I am happy to grant that dispensation to all as part of the celebration of this Solemnity during the Year of St. Joseph. Bishop McGovern



ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR MASS IS NOW AVAILABLE

With the recent launch of our new webpage format, registration for Mass has gotten much easier. You can sign-up for Mass, and secure a seat a week in advance. Simply go to stmarycentralia.org and click the "Mass Registration Tab" you can also email us at: (www.parish@st.marycentralia.org)

However, cut off for online Mass registration is Friday at Noon; that is when Vicki leaves for the day and she does not check it from home. After noon, and until 4pm, you will need to call the office. Please remember that we are not open on the weekend, so Monday through Friday 9 to 4 are the only options to register. Thank you. Within the next few days you will be sent a "Easter Mailing" for registration for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Mass.

(Note: Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m. is 95% full) The 7:00 a.m. & Saturday Vigil have plenty of room



Each morning this big noisy tin can rolls up to where I sleep. A big cat gets out and throws a wadded up paper at the door and runs off! Well I had enough of it; I mean I need my beauty sleep! So I headed out the kitty door to offer a Sister Gracie meow and maybe a few scratches from my hind legs. By the time I got to the front door all that was left was a cloud of smoke that smelled terrible. So, I explored this bundled up paper, and guess what? There I was, YES, Sister Gracie made the Morning Sentinel News! Father Steve thinks it was all about him, but its obvious who the celebrity is. Life hasn't been the same for me, now that I am the talk of town. It was just a matter of time that I would receive the recognition I deserve. In the words of Gloria Swanson, "I'm ready for my close-up



Mr. Demille" Sister Gracie!

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.



Monday
Evening at SMS
School for one
hour of Bible
Study

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Contact Pete Donnelly

VOCATIONS CORNER

This week is the feast of St. Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24) "It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:2d2d)." (The Word Among Us)

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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

Lenten Message from Bishop McGovern,

This Lent we cannot go to Jerusalem and walk where Jesus walked to Calvary. But we can retrace the saving steps of Jesus in our churches and in our homes, in our hearts, minds and souls. Please take time to be united with Jesus making the way of the cross, so that we may grow in faith and gratitude to Jesus. Together may we declare: "We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, for by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

Each of us needs a personal and intimate friendship with the Lord, in which we discover more deeply the love in our Lord¹s heart. By establishing times and places for silence, stillness and solitude, we establish the framework in which we can meet the Lord Jesus and speak heart to heart.

Bishop McGovern's writings can be found at: stmarycentralia.org



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It is always great to see our alumni returning to St Mary School. Dakota helped bread the fish at the March 5th Fish Fry. *Thanks for the help!* We invite our alumni to stop by anytime, we love seeing you.



Deep Fried Fish, hot and delivered right to your car! How convenient, and fast. From making your donation to getting your fish takes about 5 minutes! I mean it takes at least 15 minutes to get a "Fish Filet" at a local drive-up. We sold out by 6:30 p.m. and we had to turn a few people away. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thanks to everyone, the workers, students, faculty, parents, parishioners for make it so successful.



Members of the third and fourth grades stepped up and helped at the Fish Fry, delivering hot fish right to the car window. Griffin and Reid work as a team to get the hot fish to the cars.





Raylynn, barely reaches inside the car, but she does so with skill. Ms. Mandl, collects donations and hands out tickets.

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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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