

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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AUTUMNFEST HELP!

As we move closer to AutumnFest, your help is greatly needed to make it a outstanding success! We are asking that you help to spread the word, by putting a poster in a prominent place, sell raffle tickets, volunteer to help with the event and many other ways! Our Raffle this year features \$2250 in cash prizes! We are asking for donations to help offset the cost of the raffle or items we can add to the give away....

**\$\$\$ TO OFFSET THE PRIZES
QUILTS OR OTHER ITEMS
GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**COLLECTABLES
COUPONS FOR SERVICES
SPORT EVENT TICKETS**

Celebrating our Feast Day



*The Assumption
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY*

Blessing of the Backpacks

**Saturday
August 14, 2021**

**Immediately
Following Mass**



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**ST. MARY COURTYARD
WEATHER PERMITTING
MOVED TO THE CAFETERIA
IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER**

**BRING LAWN CHAIRS, OR BLANKETS
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND
BACKPACKS WILL BE BLESSED FOR
ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**



**LIVE
MUSIC**

Saint Mary's Parish

424 East Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801

Autumn-Fest SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 11th

9-11 MEMORIAL 5K RUN

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary School Parking Lot
Pre-register at: <http://www.stmarycentralia.org> or call 618-532-3473



2001-2021

**Never Forget Memorial Service
Centralia Fire Department & Community
Groups - 5:00 p.m. - SM Courtyard.**



BBQ STAND

SERVING BEGINS AT 4:00 P.M.

CARRY OUT'S OR DINING AVAILABLE

Pulled Pork, Bratwurst, Hot Dogs

SERVED AS - SANDWICHES OR PLATES

Sides, Nachos & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips

COLD DRINKS - PLENTY OF SEATING

**St. Mary Church
POLKA MASS
4:00 P.M.**

**BEER
GARDEN**

Basket Raffle

**BEER
POKER**

Cakewalk

Raffle
\$2250 IN PRIZES...



For Information Contact:
St. Mary Parish Office 618-532-6291

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Or visit our webpage:
stmarycentralia.org

**KID'S GAMES
INFLATABLES
AND MORE!**

**SPONSORED BY:
ST. MARY SCHOOL PTO**

BAR CODES, LINKS AND PURCHASE OPTIONS
AutumnFest Information can be found at: stmarycentralia.org

**ADDITIONAL
RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH OFFICE!**

**Need Information?
618-532-6291
Stmarycentralia.org**

**Purchaser Online
AutumnFest
Raffle Tickets**



**911 MEMORIAL
5K RUN ONLINE
REGISTRATION**



MASS Intentions

Saturday, July 31, 2021

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

†Ray Gettinger

†Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, August 1 2021

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

For the People

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

12:00p.m. St. Mary's Hospital

†Michael Gurgone & †Lamberto Bertini

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Chapel

†Anthony M. Pautler

Friday, August 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. Church

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 7, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

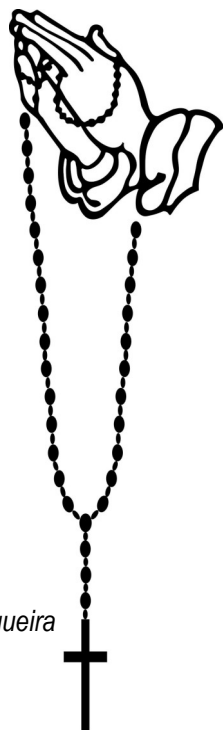
†Ted & †Mary Guinzy

†Juan Mosqueira & †America de Mosqueira

Sunday, August 8, 2021

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

†Garland & †Shirley Merrell



Stewardship

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

ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT

Total of all collections 7/25/2021	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	61 / 10	\$5,422.00
Loose		\$84.00
Capital Improvements	10	\$421.00
Cemetery Fund	3	\$126.00
School Support	4	\$326.00
Food Pantry	2	\$65.00
TOTAL	90	\$6,444.00



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

ST. MARY CHAPEL

**ROSARY AND NOVENA 5:00 P.M.
CELEBRATION OF MASS 5:30 P.M.**

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: Robin Cimer, Waylon Vick, Ann Dunn, Natasha Lang, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Fr. Joe Rascher, Mariann Deadmond Davis 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 especially: Martin Lyke or away at College...May the Holy Spirit guide them.



Please call Mary Miller, if you have a prayer intention needing to be added to the prayer chain, phone 618-292-1229. The prayer chain also needs more prayer warriors if you can volunteer.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

EVERY THURSDAY

8:30 A.M.

**Using the Sunday Liturgy
including the Sunday Readings**

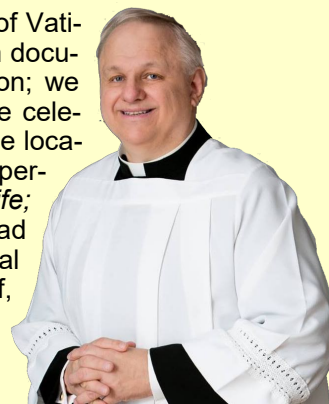
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



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 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

Once upon a time, there was a young woman who had become very scrupulous about the Eucharist. She was afraid that the priest was careless about distributing Communion and permitted tiny bits of the host to fall on the floor around the altar rail. After Mass was over and the priest had gone back to the Rectory, she would sneak up to the altar and collect what she thought might be parts of the hosts in which Jesus was still present. She would pick them up with a little spoon she always carried in her purse and place them in a little plastic bag. However, after she had collected many of these little bits of Jesus, she did not know what to do with them. So she brought them home and created a little altar in her room where she could pray to Jesus. Her parents thought it was nice that she had the little altar with a votive light burning in front of Jesus. Finally, one morning the priest caught her collecting bits of the Eucharist from the floor. Greatly embarrassed, she tried to explain what she was doing. The priest, who understood how young people could become obsessive, took the plastic bag from her and promised that he would wash it out in the special sacristy sink. But, Linda, he said, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist to be with us because he loves us, not to drive us crazy with fears. If he were worried about such things, he would have used jellybeans at the last supper.

Those of you who have been attending our Summer Learning Series, "The Documents of Vatican II," have been somewhat surprised at some of the changes that came about from the sixteen documents. We only explore the four primary constitutional documents; it seems like every session; we learn something new. One of the general themes that echo through each document is how we celebrate Mass. Many of us remember some of the differences before Vatican II; Latin to English, the location of the Altar, the reverence, and devotion. Each change that came about offered us a new perspective on our Catholic Faith. We hear in scripture, "Jesus said to them, *'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'*" The bread that we consume, changed into the body and blood of Jesus, is the foundation of our Sacramental belief in *Transubstantiation*. Before Vatican II, touching the Eucharistic Host was never heard of, or taking Communion with us to feed the homebound. Yes, earthly rituals change, but Jesus remains the same, and our devotion and reverence support our love for the gift that Jesus gave us.



Sanctuary Candle Monthly Memorial In Loving Memory of our Loved Ones

September 2021

Gene Uhls

October 2021

Dave Schwartz

November 2021

Harold "Pete" Aydt

December 2021

Nall, Hollern & Duty Families

January 2022

Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin

February 2022

Alan & Rosalie Thomas

March 2022

Elliston & Garnier Families

April 2022 (Defend)

May (Neff)

June (Marcum)

July (Aydt)

August 2022

Verdeyen & Willenborg Families

September 2022

Gene Uhls

October 2022

Dave Schwartz

Nov. 2022 (Lazo)

Dec. 2022 (Nall, Hollern, Duty)

PLEASE CONTACT
RENE' AT THE PARISH
OFFICE FOR DETAILS.
618-532-6291

In Loving Memory

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

**Edward & Carolyn Meador
& Gene Miller**



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

SAVE THE DATE !

Thursday, October 14...6:30pm (RSVP by 9/17)

30th Annual Fundraising Banquet

For the Pregnancy Care Clinic (548-3111)

Speaker: Dr. Ronaldo Archer



SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation
of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan
personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

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.



More Than Manna, More Than Bread and Fish. During the Exodus, the Lord rained down bread (manna) each day to feed those in flight. Last Sunday, after being filled with bread and fish, the crowd pursued Jesus for more food. Rightly exasperated, Jesus patiently shifts the conversation from bread from heaven to true bread. He ends by saying: "I Am the bread of life." What looks like bread is more than bread. More than we can imagine!

- What do I believe Communion to be?
- Why do I believe this?
- Why do I come in procession each Sunday to eat this bread, this Communion, this Christ?

RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life Corner- "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" This week's Gospel from John 6:24-35, continues last Sunday's story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The crowds begin to "seek and to find" Jesus for their next meal, but Jesus tells them to work for the food that leads to eternal life, salvation. Believe in Him, the one God has sent, who is the life of the world, the bread of life. It is the message that we must take out to our brothers and sisters in Christ-everywhere. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** As missionary disciples, we are called to encounter Christ in the members of our human family most in need and to share the Good News with others, advocating for justice and common good. This year, the COVID pandemic is estimated to have pushed an 88 million to 115 million more people into extreme poverty around the world. Pope Francis urges us, "This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in the pandemic." Please continue to welcome and pray for those who live on the fringe of society. Ask your representatives to ensure the proper funding to help reduce poverty here and around the world. It is most necessary that the Helms Amendment be in place to prohibit the use of U.S.-funded foreign assistance for abortion. Life is a gift to be cherished in all circumstances.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 8

Reading 1 1 Kings 19: 4—8
 Reading II Ephesians 4: 30—5: 2
 Gospel John 6: 41—51

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor
Parish Trustees - Greg Schwartz & Patty Williams
Mrs. Maria Pryor, Principal
Theresa Hacker - Business Manager
Vicki Laquet - CRE
Rene' Aydt - Parish Secretary / Receptionist
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, and Patty Williams.

—Finance Council—

Greg Schwartz, Patty Williams, Dr. Jerry Beguelin, Louis Curl, Jack Graham, Sue Gherardini-Pas, Dr David Knowles, Dan Laquet, Steve Pigg, Nancy James Rodney Resch, Theresa Hacker.

MASS SCHEDULE

LIVESTREAM on the
St. Mary Catholic Church – Centralia, Illinois
FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM/>

Tuesday Mass 12 Noon St. Mary's Hospital
Thursday 8:30am 65 + Older at St. Lawrence Parish Center
Friday Mass 8:30am at St. Mary
Saturday (vigil) Mass, St. Mary 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass, St. Lawrence 8:30 am / Sunday Mass, 10:30am
Sunday Mass will be UPLOADED to our FB Page

Aug 7 / 8	4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	L. Schwartz	D. Pahnke
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Pahnke	Maco
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Holle Ballagh
Greeters:	T. Schwartz N. James	K. Davis L. Shaw
Servers:	Broda Siegler Schultze	Garren Garren Pigg
Cantor:	Tom	Paulette

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT SMS!

Remember to pick
up your Student
Registration Packets.
Call 618-532-4373



ONLINE GIVING now available



We invite you to consider our Online Giving Portal when making your weekly contribution to St. Mary Parish. It is easy to access just go to our webpage:

stmarycentralia.org

Becoming a Knight of Columbus

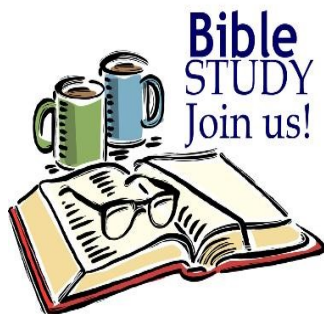


Have you ever considered becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus? We are the largest worldwide Catholic Fraternal Organization. Centralia Council #1025 meets the First Tuesday of Each Month. Contact Greg Schwartz for information.

<http://www.kofc.org>



St. Mary Parish is in need of volunteers to take Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners, SM Hospital on Saturday, and care centers. Please, please contact Vicki Laquet if you can help with this important ministry. Phone 618-532-6291



*Monday
Evening at SMS
School for one hour of
Bible Study
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Contact Pete Donnelly*



My mom, cousin Carol and myself thank you for the warm welcome during mom and Carol's visit to both our parishes! They enjoyed the hospitality very much, and the great food at St. Lawrence BBQ.

VOCATIONS

"As the son of Polish immigrants, I grew up in a good Catholic home. But it wasn't until I began participating in our parish youth group that I embraced the faith as my own and fell in love with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A girl I was dating went to daily Mass, and I began going with her. It didn't take long for my focus to shift from her to what took place in the sanctuary - God coming down to be with his people. I found myself with thoughts like, 'how would I preach on that Gospel'. I wrestled with the idea of becoming a priest often.... Following high school graduation, I entered seminary and eight years later I was ordained a priest. If God calls you to the priesthood, nothing on earth will give you greater joy."

Fr. Michael Niemczak;
Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M.
Columbia Magazine
January, 2020



Curious Kitty Meows From Sister Gracie

Time to celebrate! My birthday was just this past Tuesday, July 27th. I can't believe its been one year since the world was graced with my presence! So my brother Blaise, who celebrates with me — did it in style. Mrs. Vicki, gave us extra treats, and we didn't have to beg (naturally I never do). The birthday wishes are rolling in, Garfield, both Tom & Jerry, Tweety Pie and Sylvester, Felix the Cat, Cat Woman, (I guess she counts) my cousin Cheetah from Africa, and oh yes, Father Steve. Wonder what he is going to get me? Haven't seen anything yet, but I have been hinting that I need a new toy to play with. Been leaving small reminders around his office...get my drift? Sister Gracie is not shy! So it's off to celebrate some more.

Meow, adieu! Adiós!
Gracie

*And now...
My baby picture!
I'm so darn cute!*



Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph through December 8, 2021. Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

How Are Bishops Selected?

On behalf of our entire diocese, I congratulate Father John Iffert on the good news that our Holy Father has appointed him the eleventh Bishop of Covington in Kentucky. I thank Pope Francis for appointing such a pastoral, compassionate and dedicated priest to the office of bishop. Father Iffert was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Belleville by Bishop Wilton Gregory in 1997 and has been a terrific shepherd to many people ever since. We will miss Bishop-elect Iffert, but trust that this is the work of the Holy Spirit and for the good of souls.

With this good news there can also come some questions. One of which is simply: how are Catholic bishops appointed? As many readers know, the Catholic faith has spread over the world and the Church is organized in units named dioceses. A diocese is a geographic territory which has a diocesan bishop appointed as shepherd for the clergy and faithful who live in that geographic area. There is usually an "archdiocese" in a region along with several dioceses nearby that are connected with the archdiocese. An archdiocese has an archbishop as the local shepherd, and a diocese has a bishop who presides over the local community.

When a diocese becomes vacant, such as when the bishop is retiring or dies in office, the Holy See begins a process of searching for a successor. In many nations, the Holy Father has a representative (the exact term is "papal nuncio") who is an archbishop and a diplomat, who interacts with the Catholic church in that country and also represents the Holy See to the nation's government. In the case of the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, a native of France, is the papal nuncio. It would be Archbishop Pierre who would coordinate the process of surfacing the names of priests in our country who could be considered for the office of bishop.

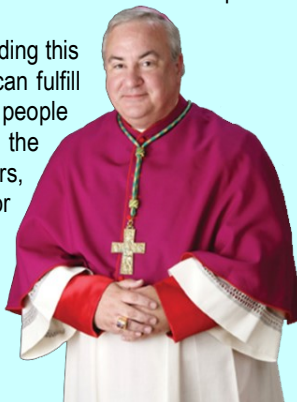
Archbishops and bishops are normally the ones who suggest to the nuncio names of priests who could be considered for the role of bishop. The nuncio may then choose to vet a priest by confidentially consulting with bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay people who would know a priest well enough to offer some insight into his suitability for the episcopacy. The process involves 25-30 people who receive a questionnaire and then return the completed document to the nuncio. All of this is in absolute confidence so that people can be as honest and forthright as possible in their responses. This may surprise you, but the priest is usually unaware that he is under consideration.

Finally, the names of three priests who might be suitable for a vacant diocese are presented by the nuncio to the Congregation for Bishops in Rome. This congregation, led by Cardinal Marc Ouellet, consists of 20 or so cardinals and bishops who meet every two weeks to consider the candidates who have been nominated. The members of the congregation consider the needs of a diocese and the qualities of the priests; the congregation members then vote and a list of three names (in order of first, second and third recommendation) is completed. Cardinal Ouellet then brings all of the information to the Holy Father for review and discussion. The Pope alone makes the decision of appointing a bishop. He may choose any of the three candidates or, in some cases, the Pope may ask for a different list of names (which means the process may take longer while a new list is created). Once the Holy Father makes his decision about the appointment of a new bishop, the decision is communicated to the papal nuncio who then contacts the priest who has been nominated. The priest may either say yes and accept the nomination to the episcopacy or he may decline (for instance, a priest may have a serious medical issue that no one knows about and he declines the appointment due to his health).

Once a priest accepts the Pope's appointment as a bishop, the priest cannot tell anyone until there is an official announcement. The nuncio will coordinate with the new bishop and the diocese receiving a new bishop an appropriate date for an announcement of the appointment. In the case of Bishop-elect Iffert, the announcement was made on July 13 in Rome and Washington D.C., with subsequent press releases in Covington and Belleville. A date is then set for the new bishop's ordination; we look forward to the ordination of Bishop-elect Iffert on Thursday, September 30, in Covington.

I hope that this column is helpful to our readers in understanding this important process. The goal is to identify a good priest who can fulfill the bishop's mission to teach, govern and sanctify. I hope that people are encouraged that the process involves consultation with the laity: parishioners, trustees, parish council members, and others, so that the best possible candidate emerges. Please pray for Bishop-elect Iffert and all of our bishops, that we can live with integrity as successors of the apostles and be good shepherds of the Lord's flock entrusted to our care.

In our Lord,
Bishop Michael McGovern



WELCOME TO SAINT MARY SCHOOL



On behalf of the students, parents, alumni, parishioners, welcome to our school! At Saint Mary, we have been educating children since 1867. All the benefits you expect from small Christian schools can be found at Saint Mary. We have excellent educational opportunities, sports programs, and devoted staff. Our students and families come from every walk of life, faith background, and beliefs. Many of our teachers are alumni themselves, so their commitment to Saint Mary is foremost. If you would like more information, please contact Principal Maria Pryor, (618) 532-3473.

Thank you Ben Koopman, Oak 9 Productions for the excellent video. Ben, is an alumnus of St. John the Baptist Parish, Red Bud. You can find a link to the video at:

stmarycentralia.org

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)
St. Mary Parish - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass
St. Lawrence Parish—8:30 a.m.
St. Mary Parish - 10:30 a.m.

First Tuesday, Exposition
July 6, 2021 - St. Mary Chapel
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Weekday Mass
St. Mary Hospital - 12:00 p.m.
Hospital Chapel (Public welcomed)

Thursday (Sunday Liturgy)
St. Lawrence Parish - 8:30 a.m.

Friday Weekday Mass
St. Mary Chapel - 8:30 a.m.

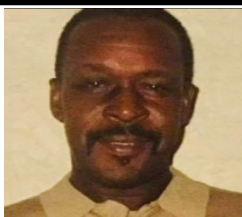


Thanks from St. Lawrence K of C for a "sold out,"
BBQ! Your support is greatly appreciated.



Sympathy is extended to Kandice Fisher and family upon the death of her mother, Beverly "Mickey" Kelly, who passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021. Eternal rest grant her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dimple Currie and family upon the death of her son, Bruce Currie, who passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace



JULY

Calendar

Winners

July 26, 2021
Sara Harting, Centralia
Jane Meier, Centralia



SUMMER LEARNING SERIES



You are invited to join Father Steve for the Summer Learning Series, "Exploring the Documents of Vatican II." We will examine the four major documents and how they have impacted the Church. Each session will only touch on the highlights of the documents. A more detailed series will be offered later. No need to register but reading the documents before each session would be helpful. Sessions will be held in St. Mary School Cafeteria.

You can find the four major constitutional documents at:
https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm

SCHEDULE

Gaudium et Spes

(PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD)

Thursday, August 5, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sandoval Shalom Community

Community Resource

101 E Missouri Ave.
Sandoval, IL 62882
618-806-3044

Sandoval Shalom Community outreach needs, "NEW" packages of children and adult underwear.

*You may drop them off at 8:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Mass or see Bill Broda*



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

Give Blood • Give Life

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH CENTER

412 North Vine Street, Sandoval, IL 62882

2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Pizza with Padre!



**MONICAL'S
PIZZA**

ST. MARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Attention St. Mary & St. Lawrence Youth

Calling, Teens 13-18.

Adults interested in Youth Ministry, and Parents.

You are invited to join Fr. Steve for pizza and laughs to kick off youth activities for this fall. We need teens and adults who want to have some fun and adventure. Have your ideas ready! *Suggestions?...*

**LASERTAG • (STL) DARKNESS • MOVIE NIGHT
PAINTBALL • FRIGHTNIGHT • AND....**

Bishops: Getting COVID-19 vaccine is 'act of charity,' supports the common good.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The "gravity" of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and "the lack of availability of alternative vaccines," are "sufficiently serious" reasons to accept the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, the chairmen of the U.S. bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees said Dec. 14. "Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community," they said. "In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good." The bishops addressed the moral concerns raised by the fact the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

However, this connection to morally compromised cell lines is so remote and the public health situation is too grave to reject the vaccines, said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann said they found the AstraZeneca vaccine it to be "more morally compromised" and concluded this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available.


"Our love of neighbor should lead us to avoid giving scandal, but we cannot omit fulfilling serious obligations such as the prevention of deadly infection and the spread of contagion among those who are vulnerable just to avoid the appearance of scandal," the two prelates said.

"While having ourselves and our families immunized against COVID-19 with the new vaccines is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and of charity toward others, we must not allow the gravely immoral nature of abortion to be obscured," Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann said.

Editor's Note: The full text of Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann's statement can be found online at:

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.





AFTER MASS
St. Lawrence
 8:30 A.M. Thursday,
 August 5, 2021
St. Mary
 8:30 A.M. Friday,
 August 6, 2021

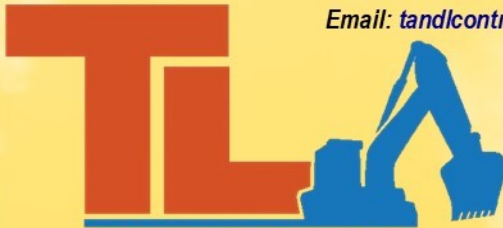
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