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DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may have seen in the media reports, the people of Haiti experienced both an earthquake and a tropical storm earlier this month. Already an impoverished nation, Haitians are attempting to cope with both human loss and the loss of so many homes and buildings, including structures the Church relies on for worship, education, and charitable works.

The bishops of the United States are inviting the faithful to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters through a special collection. I have asked the pastors of the Diocese of Belleville to invite your support in the month of September. All funds donated for Haiti will be distributed by the Emergency Disaster Fund of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to various charities which will provide immediate aid to those who are hurting as a result of the two disasters.

As thousands of poor people in Haiti pray to God for help, I invite you to join me in being part of God's loving response through your generous donation to this special collection.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patroness of Haiti, intercede for all who died or were injured in these disasters, along with their families. May Our Lady intercede for all of us and keep us close to Jesus her Son.

Sincerely yours in Christ, **Most Reverend Michael McGovern Bishop of Belleville**





Registration 911 5K **Never Forget Memorial Run**



Online Purchase Raffle Tickets \$20.00

<u>AUTUMNFES</u>

s we move closer to AutumFest, your help is greatly needed to make it 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...

FFSET THE PRIZES
OR OTHER ITEMS

COUPONS

MASS Intentions

Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church †Lola Friedrich

†Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, August 29, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church †Antonio & †Maria Castellari

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

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

Friday, September 3, 2021

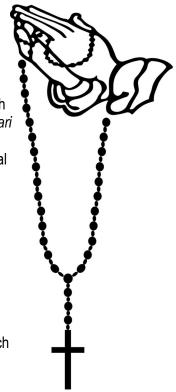
8:30 a.m. Chapel †Bernice Schmidt

Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church †Mex & †Helen Isaak †Helen & †Lou Logullo

Sunday, September 5, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church † Shirley Merrell †Jerry Byrne



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: Robin Cimera, Waylon Vick, Ann Dunn, Natasha Lang, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Fr. Joe Rascher, Mariann Deadmond Davis, Michael Zibby, 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.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSPEH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.



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.



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 8/22/2021	#	AMOUNT		
Envelopes / Online Giving	62 / 11	\$7,040.00		
Loose		\$214.00		
Capital Improvements	9	\$760.00		
School Support	1	\$195.00		
TOTAL	84	\$8,209.00		

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 Mon- day	6:00 p.m. Until 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Class POSTPONDED UNTIL SEPT. 13	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

How do you experience laws, especially God's commandments? Many people consider them as something coming from outside themselves, as burdens imposed on them. Of course, if they are outside you, you cannot love them; you feel like rejecting them or observe only the absolute minimum required. In most cases, laws are established for the good of all people. We know the stories from history where laws are used to hurt or degrade people. From our Gospel this weekend, we hear, "Well did Isai-ah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." This message resonates with us as we navigate the mandates and laws enacted during the past months.

We have learned a lot since the pandemic began. We cannot forget or ignore 2020. We are different as individuals, as a society, and as a church because of it. We have an obligation to affirm the lessons learned. The generosity that many shared with those in need, the profound sense of solidarity that many exhibited during difficult times, the courage of essential workers, the

inspiring work of scientists and medical personnel, the resilience of families, and the creativity of believers to practice their faith, among many others. Many of us have allowed ourselves to be swept up by discourses that radiates from society. The polarization of beliefs and understandings has divided this great nation. In some instances has caused grave division in our churches.

For decades, our church has seen how millions of young Catholics and their families walk away from our communities. We seem unable to engage them and fall short in addressing their questions and concerns. Whatever the post-pandemic status quo becomes, If it implies ignoring the lessons learned during this crisis, the suffering and the losses of those for whom life will not be "normal" again, then we need to think twice, who were are as Catholics. Jesus' message warns us how quickly we can be deceived and allow, "From within people, from their hearts, come evil... all these evils come from within, and they defile." (Matthew 7:21-23)

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 2021Nall, 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



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.

BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY.

Call to Holiness. Sometimes law and custom can be so onerous, so heavy that we can lose focus on right behavior. That is part of the conversation today as we return to the Gospel of Mark. Observing traditions is good and right. But avoiding oppressing thoughts, words, and deeds is better. In the Second Reading, Saint James says: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." In short, be holy.

- •What unholy words and deeds can I avoid?
- •What holy words and deeds shall I do this week?
- •Whom can I invite to holy behavior with me?

RESPECT LIFE

My husband Bill and I have been married for six years. Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. By the time we were married, most of our siblings and friends already had children, so of course we were excited and ready to be parents ourselves. We soon learned, however, that having children of our own might not be so easy.

We made a few trips to multiple cities to be treated by wonderful doctors who have helped so many couples conceive, but everything we tried was unsuccessful. We felt so hopeless at times. Words can't even explain this experience of loss.

Fortunately, our marriage only grew stronger, because we were there for each other and continued to rely on God. This didn't always come easily, but it helped that Bill has a great sense of humor, and we were able to laugh at some of the crazy situations and conversations that come with infertility.

Since we knew our chances of becoming pregnant were small, it wasn't very long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. However, it wasn't an easy decision, and I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider, one of which was the expense involved, and we had already spent so much money on infertility treatments. We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him.

It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions—which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives. Jenny and Bill (all names have been changed for privacy) would like to encourage you be open to the gift of adoption. Is God calling you to con-

sider adopting a child or placing your child for adoption?

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5

Reading I Isaiah 35: 4—7a Reading II James 2: 1—5 Gospel Mark 7: 31—37

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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

Sept 4 / 5	4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Balsano	Burris
Eucharistic Minister:	Uhls	Broughton
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Holle Ballagh
Greeters:	Cozadd Cozadd	Shaw Reed
Servers:	Laquet Pracht Wolfe	Garren Garren Burris
Cantor:	Tom	Paulette







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



NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 26**TH**

OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE ST. MARY & ST. LAWRENCE YOUTH GROUP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! WE HAD TEN TEENS AND ADULTS ATTEND! OUR NEXT ACTIVITY WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021. JOIN US! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 TEEN & YOUNG ADULT CELEBRATION OF MASS WEATHER PERMITTING - ST. MARY COURTYARD 4:00 P.M. - EVERYONE WELCOMED!

> FOLLOWING MASS... AROUND 5 PM... TACO BAR, WITH ALL THE FIXINS'

MEETING WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS! OPEN GYM





OCTOBER HALLOWCCH!

> DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

VOCATIONS

"I was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico. My mother, a woman of great faith, instilled in me and my five siblings trust in God and kindness toward others. When I turned 15, my family moved to California. It was difficult to leave home, but I soon got used to the new school, friends, and culture. One afternoon, I accompanied a friend to church, more out of duty than desire, and Jesus reminded me that had been waiting for me. I realized how much I had been moving away from him, how much I needed him, and I went to confession. I later encountered the Servants of Mary, Ministers of the Sick, who were visiting the parish. I began to discern, and after high school, I entered my postulancy. I am now a professed junior sister.

Sister Maritza Madrigal; Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick; New York City; Columbia Magazine, June 2020



I am happy to share that my brother Blaise is back to his normal, mischievous self! We have been having fun annoying our big cats, Vicki and Dan. Not feeling good is no fun, but now its back to business, with plenty to do. Watching the tin cans roll by, chasing my favorite toy and being the awesome kitty that everyone knows I am. I have been hearing that many big cats and little cats haven't been feeling well. They get a cough, a fever and sniffles. That's no good at all. Our kitty doctor gives shots that make you all better! So did anyone see those big round colorful toys floating around? I told Blaise we could have a lot of fun with one of those, more "hints" for Father Steve, maybe he will get me one. Meow, adieu! Adiós!

Gracie





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.



The Autumn Fest is quickly approaching and we are once again having a Basket Walk! If anyone would like to donate a basket, or items to be put into a baskets, we would be so appreciative! Please let Jona Meier or Lisa Barrow know and we will arrange for pick up.

ORGAN REPAIR FUND

50/50 Raffle Tickets will be available following ALL weekend Masses at St. Mary. You can also see Tom Hawkins to purchase tickets, or call the Parish Office.





Sunday

We are happy to announce that Confirmation for the 7th. & 8th. Grade at SMS, St. Mary PSR and St. Lawrence PSR has been scheduled. Bishop McGovern will confer the Sacrament on the young people at St. Mary Church. If your child or grandchild would like to be confirmed, contact: Vicki Laquet, at St. Mary 618-532-6291 or Mary Williams at St. Lawrence 618-247-3300

(ING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?)





Mass for Maintenance Custodial Workers

Bishop Michael McGovern is inviting paid and volunteer maintenance and custodial personnel to attend a special Mass to mark the Year of St. Joseph. One of the Masses will be held here at St. Mary, Mt. Vernon on Sunday, August 29, 5 pm. A reception will follow Mass. We honor the

Patron Saint of Workers by recognizing the paid and volunteer men and women behind-the-scenes in our diocesan parishes, schools, offices and cemeteries. If you are able to agenda please contact St. Mary, Mt. Vernon Parish Office at 618.244.1559, as soon as possible to make reservations for you and your family.

I graduated from our parish grammar school in Chicago in June 1978. My aunt and uncle, who lived in Colorado, graciously invited me to spend most of the summer at their home in Colorado, along with three of my cousins from California. We were all boys, ages 13 or 14, and we spent the summer helping our aunt and uncle build a new home.

As a city kid, I was used to living in a neighborhood with 40 bungalow houses on every city block, with streetlights on every street corner. Even in the evening, there was a lot of light to help you see where you were walking. The wide, green spaces of Colorado were very different for me, with no sidewalks or streetlights.

One night after sunset, my cousins and I set out for a walk. Each of us bringing a flashlight so we could see the path ahead of us. As the four of us were walking, we were chatting about how the day had gone. At about 9 p.m., we were standing in the middle of a field and decided to head back home. One of my cousins suggested we first take some time to look at the stars, so we each turned off our flashlights and looked up at the night sky.

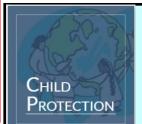
I remember that the four of us became mute, silently gazing up at the incredible number of stars in the sky. Growing up in Chicagoan, I could see some stars at night. But it was minimal compared to the sky in Colorado.

It reminded me of a fireworks show with the bright lights stirring up a sense of wonder in a time-stopping moment. There was a sense of amazement as I gazed at the beauty and glory of the sky, but also a sense of awe when I realized that the incredible stars are always there, pointing to the glory of God who fashioned them when he created the heaven and earth.

I hope before the summer is out that each of us can pause and take time to appreciate the work of God's creation. The beauty and glory of God's creation is always there, but we have to place ourselves in a position, a vantage point, where we can appreciate what God has done. May the Lord renew a sense of wonder in

each of us as we thank God for the beauty of His creation.

You are welcomed to write to Bishop McGovern via email at: bmcgovern@ diobelle.org



PLEASE NOTE

All clergy, employees and adult volunteers must complete the Initial or the **Renewal Child Protection** Course to be compliant with the Diocese's Child **Protection Policy.**

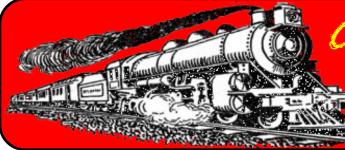
To access the website, go to: https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org



Whoever believes in me will do the works

Making Christ Visible in Southern Illinois

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) is an annual, diocesan-wide collection that helps fund 16 ministries and offices that provide social, parish and education services in the Catholic Diocese of Belleville:

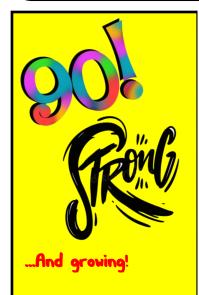


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NEW PRINCIPALS: From left, front row: Dr. Sarah Gass, Althoff Catholic High School (2nd year); Monica Ybarra, St. Clare Grade School, O'Fallon; Lisa Stanton, St. Bruno Grade School, Pinckneyville; Laura Yarber, Holy Childhood Grade School, Mascoutah; Dave Gregson, Immaculate Conception Grade School, Columbia; back row: Danielle Schnable, St. Teresa Grade School, Belleville, Chris Lavely, St. Mary Grade School, Mt. Carmel (2nd year); Kay Levanti, St. John the Baptist Grade School, West Frankfort; Maria Pryor, St. Mary Grade School, Centralia; Tim Keefe, Sr. Thea Bowman Grade School, East St. Louis; not pictured: Kahiwalani Goetsch, All Saints Academy, Breese (2nd year).



Calendar Winners

August 23, 2021
Benita Langenfeld
Centralia

Lori Winter Centralia





Knights Helping Students Breakfast and Silent Auction

Sunday, August 29, 2021 Serving 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Sandoval, IL

Free Will Offering

All profits from this breakfast will assist students With tuition at St. Mary School, Centralia.

Menu: Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Pancakes, Coffee, Milk and Juice

Sponsored by:

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Dine in or Carry Out



PLEASE REMEMBER TO **RETURN YOUR AUTUMNFEST VOLUNTEER** SIGN-UP SHEET

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE COVID-19 REGULATIONS

- Fully vaccinated persons may choose not to wear a mask.
- The diocese asks unvaccinated people to wear a mask and continue distancing.
- Vaccination status will not be checked: "honor system"
- There are no other capacity or spacing reauirements.



Holy Mass Schedule Beginning September 5, 2021

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 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Weekday Mass

St. Mary Hospital - 12:00 p.m. Hospital Chapel *(Masks Required)

Wednesday Weekday Mass (All School Mass)

St. Mary Church - 8:30 a.m. *(Masks Required)

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

Friday Weekday Mass

SMS - Selected Grades St. Mary Chapel - 8:30 a.m. *(Masks Required)

When SMS students are present everyone is required to wear a mask.

Diocese of Belleville PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship. believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

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