

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME



Dear St. Mary and
St. Lawrence parishes,

My name is Deacon Ben Wanner. I am from the Diocese of Bismarck in western North Dakota. I come from a large Catholic family being the seventh of nine children (six boys and three girls). One of my older brothers is a Dominican with the Western Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus and one of my older sisters is also a religious with the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus in Minnesota. The rest of my siblings are either married or still in school. I joined the seminary right out of public high school in my hometown Mandan, ND to attend the St. John Vianney college seminary in St. Paul, MN. During my time there I had the wonderful opportunities to study a semester abroad in Rome and to do a two-week mission trip with the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, India. I am currently finishing my last year at Kenrick in St. Louis and am more than happy to serve you in whatever way I can throughout this academic year! Please continue to pray for me, and do not be afraid to get to know me and to help me in my formation in whatever way you can so that I become a good, holy, happy, and joyful Catholic priest!

*Super Omnia Caritas,
Rev. Mr. Benjamin Wanner
Deacon of the Diocese of Bismarck*

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be collecting for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Lawrence on Sunday, September 19 and at St. Mary on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday September 26. The



money from our drive benefits those with intellectual disabilities. Last year we were able to donate \$400.39 to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital K of C Developmental Center and \$400.39 to Warren G. Murray Parents Association.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE RAFFLE

WINNERS

First Prize - \$1000.00

Mark Nehrt - Centralia

Second Prize - \$750.00

Mike Zollner, Sr - Sparta

(Donated it to the Parish Assistance Fund)

Third Prize - \$500.00

Jim Moergen - Centralia

Fourth Prize - Cooler

Tina McKinney - Centralia

Organ Restoration Fund - \$689.00

Joe Goebel (50/50 Raffle)

**Special thanks to Father Steve
for selling 81 Raffle Tickets!**

NO WEEKDAY MASS

NEXT WEEK!

The weekday Masses for the week of September 21st - 24th (except Wednesday All School Mass) have been cancelled. Father Steve is having a minor medical procedure in St. Louis on Tuesday.

Keep him in your prayers.



Welcome Father Joel

We welcome Father Joel Seipp, associate pastor at St. Mary Parish, Mt. Vernon and a promotor of vocations to the ALL SCHOOL MASS, Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. He will be visiting classrooms at SMS during the day.



MASS Intentions

Saturday, September 18, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

†Jack & †Jerry Byrne

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

For the People

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. Church

†Jack Mann

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

†Danny Darin

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

†Antonio & †Maria Castellari



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 9/12/2021	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	69 / 12	\$5,725.00
Loose		\$290.00
Capital Improvements	7	\$460.00
School Support	7	\$355.00
Religious Retirement	3	\$60.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	3	\$65.00
TOTAL	101	\$6,955.00
MEMORIAL Jack Mann \$50 (SMS)		



**Thank you to
Moran Queen-Boggs
Funeral Home for
the large tent for
AutumnFest!**

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 Cimera, Waylon Vick, Ann Dunn, Natasha Lang, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Fr. Joe Rascher, Mariann Deadmond Davis, Alice Siegfried, Mona Hall-Vaughn, Special Intention (NH), and all Covid19 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.

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 HAS RESUMED	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



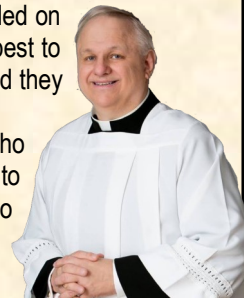
Please call Mary Miller, if you have a prayer intention needing to be added to the prayer chain, phone 618-292-1229. The prayer chain also needs more prayer warriors if you can volunteer.

I am one of those who is not a fan of "head tables." As a priest, and pastor, I am always invited to sit at the head table, which I graciously accept. Each to their own, there is nothing wrong with a head table, to seat those honored or recognized. Being recognized for achievements is something well deserved. I am sure that most of you will agree with me—we don't do it for the "recognition," we do it because it is the right thing to do. Is there anything more joyful than watching someone unwrap a Christmas, birthday, wedding, or anniversary gift and see the joy in their eyes!

As they come down the mountain, Jesus tells his disciples that he will have to suffer, be handed over, and be put to death. But the disciples do not want to understand what Jesus is speaking about. While Jesus is talking of being powerless in the face of suffering and death, they are talking of who among them is the greatest of all! For the apostles and maybe for us, what matters is power, showing, exercising authority, and making known who the boss is.

There are many stories about saints, but the miracles they performed were often only witnessed by the stone cliffs, ancient trees, babbling streams, or wild animals they encountered. Here is a story about the hermit, St. Meinrad, on Etzelberg Mountain, Switzerland. One day he sat in his small chapel reading a book. Deep in thought, he turned his gaze to the blue lake lying below him. Meinrad loved his solitary life on snow-capped Etzelberg Mountain. Day and night, he lay prostrate on the floor of his hut in deep prayer and meditation. One day two robbers crept in secretly toward St. Meinrad's chapel. They thought they might find valuables in his hut and relieve the Saint of such articles that were of no use to him. But the Saint saw the thieves coming toward him in a vision, so he prepared a meal for them. When they finally arrived, he extended a warm welcome and gave them as much food and drink as they wished. But falling into a rage in the face of such humility, the thieves overcame him. They beat him with their clubs until he was dead. The two large ravens that lived with St. Meinrad descended on the thieves, flattering about and scratching them with their talons; they soon became frightened for their lives. Thinking it best to light a candle near the Saint's feet, they stooped over to find one already lit. Now they were even more afraid. They realized they had murdered a saint and fled through the dark forest.

The story of St. Meinrad reminds us that we must be humble in whatever we face, to turn the other cheek, and not care who is the greatest. To drive the point home, Jesus says, "If you want to be first in God's kingdom, first in God's eyes, you have to be ready to be last of all, to be a servant of all." The disciples still do not understand the point that Jesus is trying to make; so Jesus takes a little child present, sets him in the center, and says to his disciples: "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



Sanctuary Candle Monthly Memorial In Loving Memory of our Loved Ones

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 SEPTEMBER BURNS IN MEMORY OF:

Gene Uhls

*May his soul 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.



“I’m Better Than You.” Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?

RESPECT LIFE

Now and at the Hour of Our Death

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision

What Catholic principles guide Advance Directives and your care. It is called the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, or ERDs for short. Catholic health services, like hospitals, have copies of the ERDs. They can also be found online at www.usccb.org/about/doctrine/ethical-and-religious-directives. As you prepare your Advance Directives, consider seeking guidance from your parish priest. Here are some of those guiding principles:

- The Bible teaches that our human life is a sacred gift from God. We must protect it. We should never intentionally and directly use or avoid a procedure, device or medication to reject that gift and cause the death of any person.
- At the same time, we are not obliged to undergo or avoid all treatments to preserve life. As believers in the mystery of the resurrection, we know our current life is not all there is. It is morally permissible to say “No” to a medical intervention that does not reasonably offer a benefit or places an excessive burden or expense on us, our family or our community. Death is a beginning, not an end.

Each person has two basic rights regarding medical care and treatment:

- (1) the right to be clearly and accurately informed about a proposed course of treatment, including its risks, benefits, cost and alternatives; and
- (2) the right to decide to receive or not receive morally-reasonable care

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are MASTERPIECES OF GOD’S CREATION, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” Pope Francis

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26

Reading 1 Numbers 11: 25—29
Reading II James 5: 1—6
Gospel Mark 9: 38—43, 45, 47—48

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor
Reverend Mr. Benjamin Warner - Transitional Deacon
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

Sept 25 / 26	4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Ford	Litteken
Eucharistic Minister:	Broda	Pahnke
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Ballagh Holle
Greeters:	Stock Stock	Lukasik Shaw
Servers:	Guerrero Sieglar Schultze	Burris Burris Thompson
Cantor:	Tammy	Tom

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 requirements.

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.



**NEXT
MEETING
SEPTEMBER
26TH**

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
HALLOWEEN!
DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!**



SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Mark (Lynn) Featherling upon the death of Mark's father, Bob Featherling, who passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021

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



Meow! We are back, taking over Sister Gracie's job of sharing what it's like being a parish kitty (s) Sister Gracie gave us great advice on how to get treats and belly rubs from the office staff. First, always look cute! That's important, no matter what — climbing the walls, walking on Father Steve's desk or even on Father Steve, look cute! Secondly, find hiding places, big cats love to find us. There are so many good hiding places in the big cats office, we are not telling! Thirdly, take long naps, and when you want some cuddles, extend your claws and run up the big cats legs or latch onto their backs. That always gets their attention. I think we are doing just fine filling in for Sister Gracie. Hopefully her time away is fun and exciting. We can handle everything here.

**Meow's Love and purrrrrrrs....
Lillie and Snickers**



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

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.



Monday
Evening at SMS School
for one hour of Bible
Study

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Contact Pete Donnelly

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



JOURNEY
INTO
FAITH

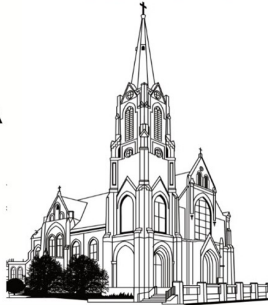
Give us a call...

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RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults

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PLEASE NOTE

All clergy, employees and
adult volunteers must com-
plete 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>



Please note the following updates to the
Weekday Mass schedule.

NO MASS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

(Father Steve having minor medical procedure in St. Louis)

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - (SMHC)

Thursday, September 22, 2021 (SL)

Friday, September 23, 2021 (SMC)

(Father Steve at Bishop Elect Iffert, Ordination, Covington, KY)

Thursday, September 30, 2021 (SL)

Friday, October 1, 2021 (SMC)

(Belleville Diocesan Priest Convocation - Drury Inn, St. Louis)

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - (SMH)

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - (SM)

Thursday, October 7, 2021 - (SL)

(BDCCW, Convention and Gathering - Camp Ondessonk)

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - (SM)

THE BISHOP'S COLUMN
BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN

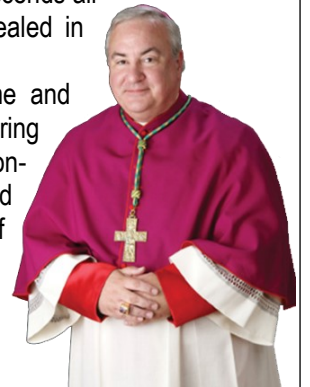
Dear Friends,

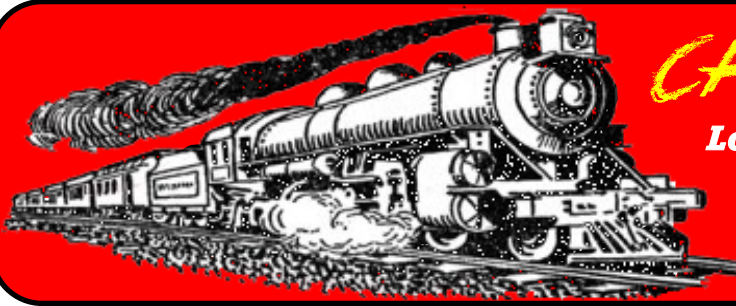
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his letter "Laudato Si" has called us to reflect on the beauty of God's creation. The created world is God's gift to us and we are called to be stewards of creation. I always find a reminder of both the gift that we have received and the responsibility we have when at Mass I pray the Preface of Ordinary Time which praises God our Creator in these words: For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of the seasons; You formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, To rule in your name over all you have made And forever praise you in your mighty works Through Christ our Lord.

We find ourselves now at "the changing of times and seasons." The summer yields to the autumn, the third season of the year, when crops and fruits are gathered and the leaves fall. Yet there are other changes happening in our lives and in the life of the world. When we think of what the world is like as we navigate the issues related to the coronavirus, or think of what the world will be like once we have overcome the virus, we realize that we cannot simply return to life as it was in 2019. We must go forward in life, bringing our Catholic faith and relationships with Jesus and one another into the future. In some ways that future will include "uncharted waters": new technologies, changes in education, emerging careers and more. We may have to be flexible in facing these new developments, yet at the same time we must bring into the future what endures and transcends all such changes: the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to enjoy this time and season of your life; spend time offering praise and thanks to God for the wonders of creation. Be confident that God who has given you the beautiful gift of life, will be with you in every time and season that is to come.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern





CARDINAL EXPRESS...

Love God

Love Each Other

Transform Our World



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The SMS Weekly News

STUDENT'S LAUNCH SMS WEEKLY NEWS!

The fourth & fifth grade classes have started a new endeavor! They are providing a weekly paper for SMS school, covering all the activities and events. They have finished their first and second issue, and #3 is out off the press! How exciting for SMS school family.

THE DEVEOLMENT TEAM

Griffin K. and Raylynn P. -Editor/Publisher

Nolan W. - Action/Idea team

Harper S. - Advertiser/Action Team

Tucker A. - Idea/Editor/Publisher/ Action Team

The students are asking for \$1.00 donation for their paper (available at Church)



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.



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