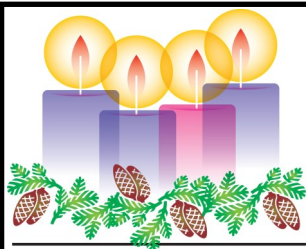


# SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**424 E. Broadway  
Centralia, Illinois 62801  
(618) 532-6291**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Let us pray,  
Pour forth, we beseech  
you, O Lord, your grace  
into our hearts, that we,  
to whom the Incarnation  
of Christ your Son was  
made known by the mes-  
sage of an Angel, may by  
his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of  
his Resurrection, Who  
lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and  
ever. AMEN

*Welcome home for Christmas!*

## ***The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)***

(Vigil Mass) Friday, December 24, 2021 - St. Mary Parish, 3:30 p.m.

(Vigil Mass) Friday, December 24, 2021 - St. Lawrence Parish 5:30 p.m.

(Mass at Midnight) Saturday, December 25, 2021 - St. Mary Parish 12:00 a.m.

(Mass during the Day) Saturday, December 25, 2021 - St. Lawrence Parish 9:00 a.m.

## ***The Holy Family (Sunday Weekend Mass)***

St. Mary Parish, Saturday, December 25, 2021 \*\*No 4:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

St. Lawrence Parish Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary Parish, Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

**(Selected Christmas Mass Times will be LIVESTREAMED on Facebook)**  
**Prayer Guide is available at: [stmarycentralia.org](http://stmarycentralia.org)**



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church (Six Priests,  
Msgr. Darin, Father Tuttle, Father Nall, Father Peter, Father Steve, Fa-  
ther Mauck) *There is no Reconciliation Service walk-in at anytime. Ex-  
amination of Conscience cards will be available.*



As one person said, "that was the most fun I have ever have at the Christmas Party!" Thanks to everyone who made it so much fun. (left top) The SM 7th & 8th Grade entertained with, "The Twelve Days of Christmas Break (left below) The roaming cantors formed a quartet. ( Left) Deacon Ben played the trumpet that was Lawrence Welk worthy! (Above, Sally Tiemann and Rose Ross, draw the winners of the "Mary's Merry Quilters' Raffle. Quilt -Annette Shores Afghan-Eric Quandt Cookies-Anne Schwartz

**THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

# MASS Intentions

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

†Michelle Huether; Brenda Walter Huether

†Larry Pickett

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

†Danny Darin

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Church

For the People

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

3:30 p.m. Church

†Alan & †Rosalie Thomas

†Bill Nall

†Helen & †Arthur Biagi

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

12:00 a.m. St. Mary Church (Midnight Mass)

†Barb Steele

†Bud Miller, †Lawrence & †Agnes Goebel

†Bob & †Bernice Schmidt

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

†Josh Williams

**No Mass, (SMHC, Tuesday) (SM, Wednesday) (SMC, Friday)**



**Please see Theresa at St. Lawrence or Rene at St. Mary if you haven't picked up your Luminaries.**

## Prayer Intentions

Prayer requests will be listed for one month. To submit a prayer request, please contact, Rene' at the Parish Office. 618-532-6291. Requests can only be submitted by the individual or an immediate family member.

**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, Kathy Karl Miller, Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie, 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, Dylan Huether or away at College...May the Holy Spirit guide them.**



**Thank you for your support of our Parish and School**

You can support your Parish with your weekly envelope

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Mail your gift to: St. Mary Parish, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801

### ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT

Total of all collections 12/05/2021	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	71 / 13	\$6,410.00
Loose		\$70.00
Capital Improvements	4	\$240.00
New Year's	4	\$140.00
School Support	10	\$1,350.00
Christmas	3	\$ 170.00
Christmas Flowers	13	\$315.00
Diocesan Christmas	1	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>\$9,715.00</b>



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  
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including the Sunday Readings*

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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.	Pete Donnelly Scripture Class Parish Office	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



## St. Mary Church

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of December burns in loving memory of...

**Nall, Hollern, & Duty Families**

*In Loving Memory*



January 2022	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2022	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2022	Elliston & Garnier Families
April 2022	Defend, Yates, McGuigan, & Finn Families
May 2022	Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff
June 2022	Joe Marcum & Hope Harbin
July 2022	Harold "Pete" Aydt
August 2022	Verdeyen & Willenborg Families
September 2022	Gene Uhls
October 2022	David Schwartz
November 2022	Dr. Avelino Raquiza Lazo MD
December 2022	Nall, Hollern & Duty Family
January 2023	OPEN

## St. Mary Chapel

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of December burns in loving memory of...

**Verdeyen, Willenborg, & Meier Families**

*In Loving Memory*



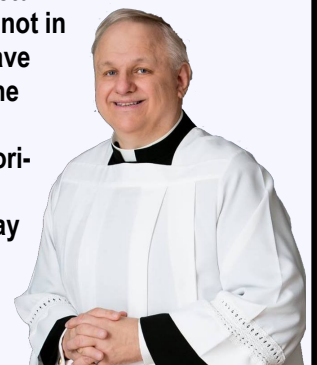
January 2022	OPEN
February 2022	OPEN
March 2022	William Pedtke/ Robert & Lorene Langenfeld
April 2022	OPEN
May 2022	Suhl/Tiemann Families
June 2022	OPEN
July 2022	OPEN
August 2022	OPEN
September 2022	OPEN
October 2022	OPEN
November 2022	OPEN
December 2022	OPEN
January 2023	OPEN

### Message from Fr. Steve

Our Advent journey is quickly coming to an end. Over these past weeks, we have traveled a well-worn road that many of us have traveled before. We know the routine well enough, being creatures of habit. I pray that this year you stepped outside the comfort zone and explored Advent as never before. Within days, Christmas will be here; we are back to Ordinary Time within weeks. There is still time to do your Advent "shopping" to find those last-minute treasures that are inside of you. The Christmas movie "Home Alone" can help us focus our Advent Journey. As Kate McCallister, Kevin's mother, flies with the family to France, she begins to believe she left something behind. Her husband, Peter, tries to reassure her. "Honey, what's the matter?" Kate feels she forgot something. Did she turn off the coffee pot, lock the door, close the garage? Pete reassures her, "Honey, you just feel that way because we left in such a hurry." After some quiet thinking, she screams out her son's name, KEVIN! She realized she had left him behind. It wasn't until Kate was 30,000 feet above the ground that she realized she had left her son behind. She sadly looked out into the distance and asked herself, "What kind of mother am I?"

When Advent is behind us, and we are cruising towards Christmas feeling like we are 30,000 feet above the earth, will we remember that we forgot something? Something precious, vital, and sacred. Kate makes every effort to return home to reunite with her forgotten Son. We do that same thing on Christmas, as we reunite with Jesus, not in a luxury aircraft heading to beautiful Paris, but in a cave, cold and wet. We find Jesus, whom we may have been left behind at times. But he is there, waiting for us, to join in the joy that is the Light coming into the world.

So this Christmas, let us ask God to prepare us to recognize and receive him when he comes in his glorious way. He doesn't come to us with great power. He comes in poverty and humility. He stands by our side; we waited for extraordinary signs and discovered him in the simplicity of everyday life and everyday people. May this Advent change us to receive Christ into our lives, remembering not to forget the meaning of this beautiful time of the year.



## In Loving Memory

**Sanctuary Candles burn for one month in memory of a departed loved one. We are asking \$60.00 per month to cover the cost of the candle. For more information and to secure a date contact Rene 532-6291**



## Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are \$10.00 per Intention. Please contact Rene' 532-6291

## Welcome to St. Mary's Church

We want to keep in contact with you! If you are not a member of our parish family, or if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin in the mail please complete the below information and return it to Rene at the parish office.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to join St. Mary Parish, please send me information on how to register.

I am requesting the following:

- ☐ Please mail the weekly Bulletin to me.
- ☐ Add me to the quarterly Newsletter mailing list.
- ☐ I am homebound, I would like to receive communion.
- ☐ I am interest helping the parish financially.
- ☐ I would like Father Steve to visit or call me.

*We are happy you joined us today! If you would like to become a member of our Parish Family, please contact Rene' at St. Mary Parish Office 532-6291*



## 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 26

Reading 1 Sirach 3: 2—6, 12—14  
Reading II Colossians 3: 12—21  
Gospel Luke 2: 41—52

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**LIVESTREAM** can be found on the

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**FACEBOOK PAGE**

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**Tuesday Mass 12 Noon St. Mary's Hospital**

**Wednesday All School Mass 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church**

**Thursday 8:30am 65 + Older at St. Lawrence Parish Center**

**Friday Mass 8:30am at St. Mary Chapel**

**Saturday (vigil) Mass, St. Mary 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Mass, St. Lawrence 8:30 am / Sunday Mass, 10:30am**

Dec 24 / 25 /26	3:30/Midnight	10:30
<b>Lector:</b>	Sr. Andrea 3:30 Donnelly (Midnight)	Maco
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Uhls & Niepoetter 3:30 Miller (Midnight)	Broughton
<b>Ushers:</b>	Pierson/Gettinger 3:30 Ballagh/Holle (Midnight)	Pierson/Gettinger
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ford/Peters 3:30 Laquet/Reed (Midnight)	Cozadd Cozadd
<b>Servers:</b>	Cimera, Knowles, Schultze 3:30  Broda, Laquet (Midnight)	Maco, Knowles, Sipe
<b>Lectors</b>	Tom 3:30 Tammy (Midnight)	Rose

Dear Friends,

As I write this column during the third week of Advent, I am struck by the scripture passages we have been reading. John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord by calling for a spirit of repentance. The people respond wondering if the long-awaited Messiah is about to arrive. Would this also mean the end of the Roman occupation of Israel? Would the Messiah restore the fortunes of Israel by restoring the kingdom of Solomon and David?

Jesus, in his public preaching, tries to explain the shift now taking place, that the Kingdom promised by God was not a place, it was not the restored kingdom of Solomon and David. Rather the Kingdom of God is a person, Jesus himself. Jesus of Nazareth is Son of God, Son of Mary, Son of David and the Savior of the World. That is the gospel we proclaim again and again. The mission of the Church is to introduce the world to her Savior, that the world may discover the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ.

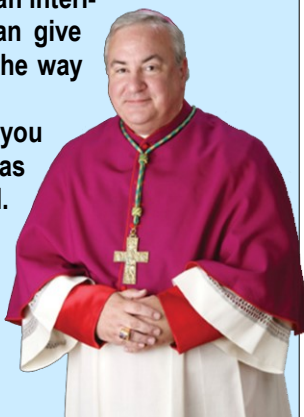
That is the reason we have our parishes and their many ministries. That is why we have heartfelt worship. That is why we have catechesis and Catholic education. That is why we reach out to the poor. That is why the Church's life should include the promotion of justice. The Church is always on a mission to introduce the world to Jesus: Son of God, Son of Mary, Son of David, Savior of the World.

The mission of introducing the world to her Savior is seen in the gospel texts concerning the Lord's birth that we will hear proclaimed in the liturgy during the Christmas Season. Mary and Joseph welcome the shepherds who have received the message of an angel: "This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2:11). The shepherds visit Jesus, Mary and Joseph and begin sharing the news: "All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds (Luke 2:18). Later, the Magi come bearing gifts and found "the child with Mary his mother." (Matthew 2:11). I imagine that the first question the Magi would have asked Mary is: "what's the baby's name?" Finally, when Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to be presented in the temple, Simeon and Anna encounter the child Jesus; Anna then "talked about the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:28)."

My friends, I encourage each of us to introduce people to our Lord Jesus in the Christmas Season and in the coming year. Beginning with the people in our family, our friends and the people we meet in our daily lives. Let's help one another realize more deeply that the Kingdom of God is the very person of Jesus. May we be filled with an interior peace and joy that only God can give and spread that peace and joy by the way we live and treat one another.

May the Lord Jesus bless each of you and your loved ones abundantly as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.

A Blessed Christmas.  
Bishop Michael McGovern



In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

## RESPECT LIFE

If we truly want young women to be no less than Mary for every unplanned pregnancy, we can be no less than Joseph for every fatherless child, no less than the Beloved Disciple for every unsupported mother. But this costs more than a picket sign. It costs us being inconvenienced by others in the way Mary and Joseph and the Beloved Disciples were inconvenienced by an Other, perhaps even in the way that Other was inconvenienced by all of us. If Christ shares the burden of human death, surely he can expect us to share the burden of human life, whether that means adopting babies or adopting mothers—for we all are adoptees (Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5). And while this may or may not require a formal adoption process, it will require an effort to make room for others in our lives in very tangible ways. It will require welcoming young women and men into our homes and to our tables, into conversations, into mentoring relationships, friendships, and into our gatherings, and doing so *before* they find themselves in such desperate situations. But it means welcoming young women and men in precisely the same way *after* they find themselves in such desperate situations, as well. It means being committed to making room for others' lives so that they can commit to making room for new life when it comes, planned or unplanned, because that is always God's plan.

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We are looking for individuals/teams/family/ that would be interested in cleaning the church. It would require simple cleaning, emptying trash, cleaning the restroom, just general maintenance. It should take no more than two hours. The more crews the better! Goal: six crews! That way you would only clean two times each year. Interested?



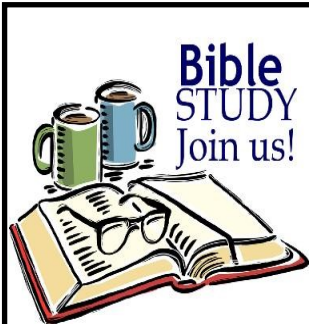
**Contact**  
Theresa Hacker  
618-532-6291  
for information  
or to sign-up!

Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle. \$111,260 was raised for vocations. Of that amount \$960 stays in our community to be used by the Sandoval K of C for vocations. (below) Bishop McGovern K of C State Chaplain, draws the first prize winner of \$10,000! Your generosity is so appreciated.



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1 <sup>ST</sup>	\$10,000	JAN ENGLUM	16350
2 <sup>ND</sup>	\$2,500	JIM HORAN	14171
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20 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	BEVERLY A. RUSS	6993
TOTAL	\$20,000		



**Monday**  
**Evening at SMS School**  
**for one hour of Bible**  
**Study**

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
**Everyone Welcome !**  
**Contact Pete Donnelly**

**December**  
**CALENDAR WINNERS**

**December 13, 2021**

Stacy Keef - Walnut Hill  
Karen Piotrowski - Woodlawn



**\$500.00 Winner!**

Laynee Garren -  
Centralia



Everything is ready for Christmas at my house. My meowwws have been sent, special treats have arrived. Now what to get Father Steve? Snickers and Lilly have been working on a special Christmas gift for him, but you know teenagers, never know what that is — I was afraid to ask! I am so much more conservative in my choices, maybe he needs some warm fur to keep him warm, like

me and Blaise. Or perhaps, a new scratch toy, or a new dinner bowl. I am running out of time, that big tin can that keeps stopping here from the Amazon forest surely has to get back to the tropics. Maybe I could check with my distant cousin, Lemur, he might find something unique in the rain forest. This is a fun time of year, and I hope your Christmas is happy. Blaise, Snickers, Lilly and Gracie sends you our Christmas love! Oh yes, we do accept gifts, if anyone was wondering.

Merry Christmas!  
Christmas Meowwwssss! Sister Gracie

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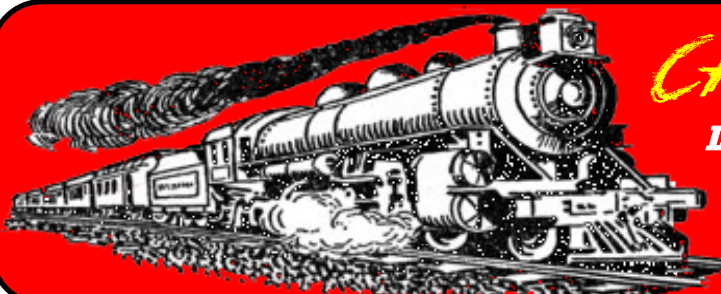


## Cookie Tray Success!

Thank you to everyone how help make the Cooke Tray Sales a big hit. \$7,800 from the sales of Cookie Trays and \$2,200 in sales from the Quilt Raffle

Thank You so much!  
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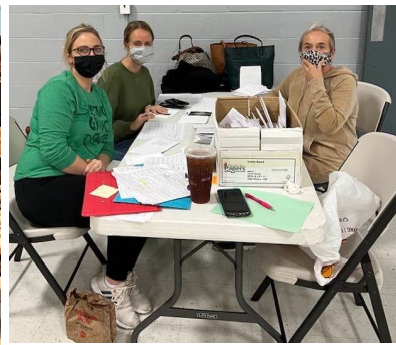
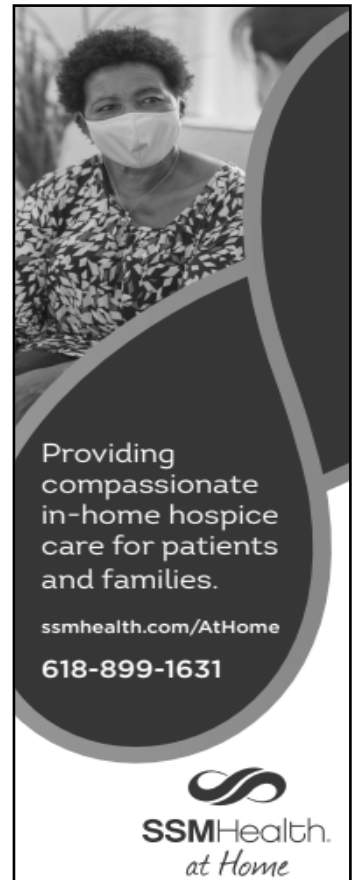
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