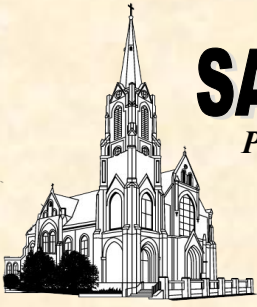


December 26, 2021



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Merry Christmas



MASS Intentions

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Josh Williams

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. Church

† Ingrid Cooksey

4:00 p.m. Church

† Florence Garnier

Sunday, January 2, 2021

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† For the people

-- NO WEEKDAY MASS --

DECEMBER 27TH -- JANUARY 7TH

There will be NO weekday Masses until January 7, 2022. Father Steve is taking some time off between Christmas and New Year. Starting on January 3, 2022, Father Steve will be at Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corner, Wisconsin. He is one of the presenters for the preaching workshop. If there is sacramental need, please contact Father Nick Junker or Father Joel Seipp at St. Mary, Mt. Vernon (618-244-1559)

Monday Bible Study resumes January 10th.

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.

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

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Sign-up for Online Giving: stmarycentralia.org

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		\$4,510.00
Loose		\$152.00
Capital Improvements		\$50.00
Campaign For Human Dev.		\$5.00
School Support		\$210.00
Christmas		\$ 520.00
Christmas Flowers		\$107.00
Diocesan Christmas		\$100.00
TOTAL		\$5654.00



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.



Something to ponder in the New Year

One of the most destructive aspects of our families, communities, and church is spreading information that is not totally correct. Sometimes the rumors results from misinformation or even misunderstanding, but not always.

Rumors are pieces of information or a story that has not been verified. What this means, is that the person telling the story does not know for certain if it is true or not. Most of the time, people who spread rumors do not bother to determine if there is any truth to what they are saying.

When mis-information spreads in our faith family it is particularly hurtful. By now you know that my heart is in the best interest of both parishes that I serve. If for some reason you hear something that you don't understand please call me. Since my appointment as your Pastor, I have stressed my open door policy. There is nothing that hurts me more, then to hear destructive rumors or gossip directed towards an organization, parish or individual.

Please remember, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind; and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself; there is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 I know it is evident to each of us to avoid those occasions for rumors and gossip. Let's make this a parish family commitment to love each other!

Father Steve

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



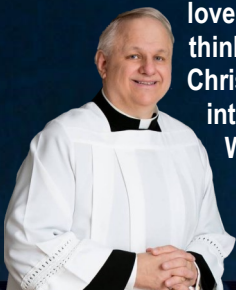
January 2022	Dorothy Verdeyen
February 2022	OPEN
March 2022	William Pedtke/ Robert & Lorene Langenfeld
April 2022	OPEN
May 2022	Suhl/Tiemann Families
June 2022	OPEN
July 2022	OPEN
August 2022	OPEN
September 2022	OPEN
October 2022	OPEN
November 2022	OPEN
December 2022	OPEN
January 2023	OPEN

One of the most popular Christmas movies is entitled: "It's a Wonderful Life." In this movie, George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, became quite unhappy with his life through challenging events he encountered. While he had hopes and dreams of his own, due to the death of his Father, he felt "stuck" in his hometown as he took leadership of the Savings and Loan, soon to be defunct.

As it appeared that everything had been lost due to the wrong actions of "Mr. Potter," he was moved to the edge of despair. He wondered aloud whether the town and world would have been better off if he had not been born. I won't share any more of the story with you in case you haven't seen the movie, but I would highly recommend it for anyone to view who may need a reminder of the value of their life! We have all been going through challenging times over the past many months. So many people have struggled in so many ways, physically, emotionally, financially, or other ways. Even those of us who know Christ have had seasons that have been something we would not have "signed up for" if we knew ahead of time what we would deal with.

During this Christmas Season, I would encourage you to lead your loved ones in a time of appreciation for the blessings of God in your lives. I realize we just came through Thanksgiving, but I genuinely believe that thankfulness is something we should be doing daily! Your life and the lives of your loved ones are of tremendous value! But have you ever stopped to think that God thought so much of you that He only made one of you! Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ and the HOPE that came into a world without hope! He is still the God of Hope! It's a Wonderful Life!

Merry Christmas!
Father Steve



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.

Name _____

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 JANUARY 2ND.

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor

Reverend Mr. Benjamin Wanner - Transitional Deacon

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MASS SCHEDULE

LIVESTREAM can be found on the

St. Mary Catholic Church – Centralia, Illinois

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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

Jan. 1st & 2nd.	9:00 a.m. January 1st.	4:00 p.m. January 1st.	10:30 a.m. January 2nd.
Lector:	Pierjok	Sr. Andrea	Burris
Eucharistic Minister:	Donnelly	Uhls	Broughton
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Pierson/ Gettinger	Ballah Holle
Greeters:	No Greeters	No Greeters	Miller Reed
Servers:	Sipe, Siegler, Maco	Broda, Knowles Schultze	Burris Hall Hall



THE HOLY FAMILY

Let us pray,
O God, who were pleased
to give us the shining ex-
ample of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we
may imitate them in prac-
ticing the virtues of family
life and in the bonds of
charity, and so, in the joy
of your house, delight one
day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
AMEN

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

The Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God, is celebrat-
ed on January 1st. This
year it is NOT a Holyday of
Obligation. We are still
offering Mass and you are
encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st
St. Lawrence - 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st.
St. Mary - 9:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass
schedule remains
the same**



MEN'S RETREAT JANUARY 7TH - 9TH

CONTACT:

GREG SCHWARTZ



**ST. MARY
PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS WEEK
DECEMBER 24TH.
THRU
DECEMBER 31ST.**



What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life. St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

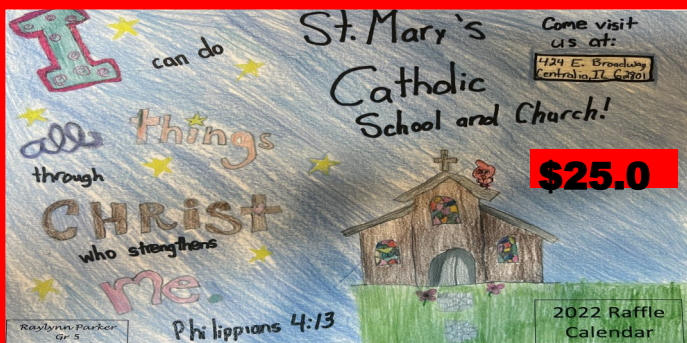
RESPECT LIFE

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

SMS CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE



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

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!

December

CALENDAR WINNERS

December 13, 2021

Janet Hamblin - Newburgh, IN
Tonya Lindsey - Marion



\$500.00 Winner!

Laynee Garren -
Centralia



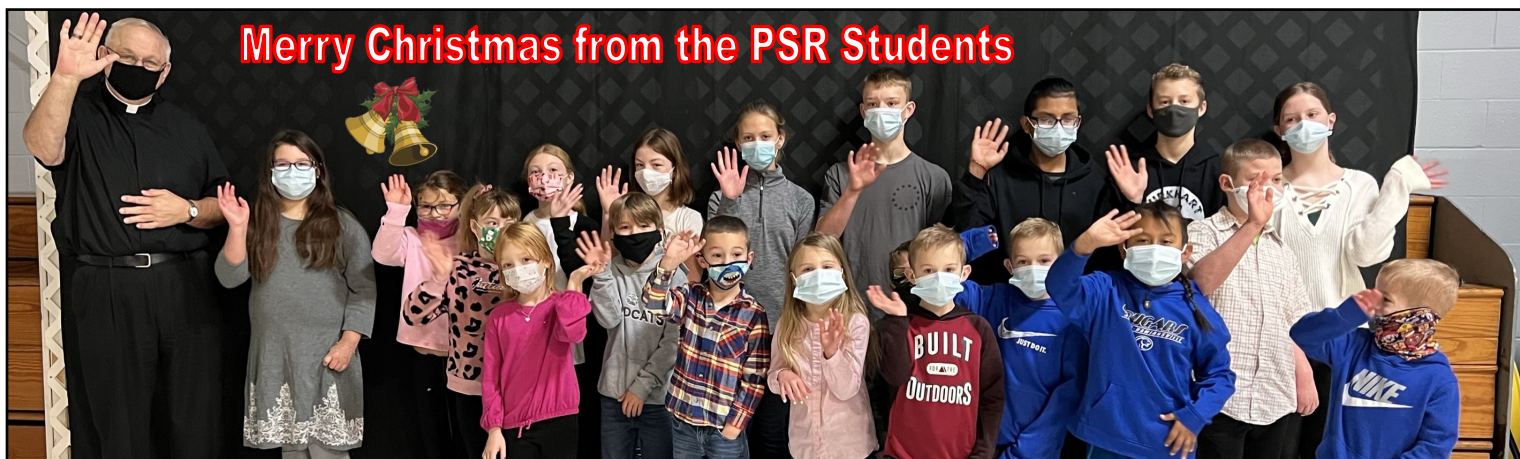
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 11758 donated \$500 to the Murray Center Parents Association on behalf of a donation from the Barbara Rohner Memorial Fund. From left to right: Santa, aka Morris Fullerton, Rita Winkeler, Jitty Winkeler Bill Broda, Jim Nalewajka.

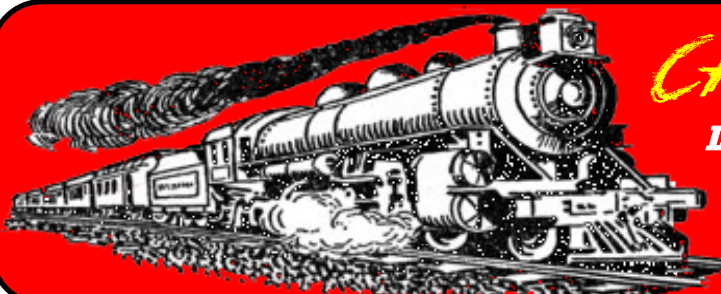


Congratulations to Alayna, Beckett, and Allison on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are preparing for their First Communion.



Merry Christmas from the PSR Students





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