

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Let us pray,

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN**



One last look at the Christmas Decorations! Our Church is beautiful – but when we welcome Christ into the world it becomes a place of wonder and glory! Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Church and assisted in so many ways!



**SMS
CALENDAR
WINNERS**

January 10, 2022

Bonnie Ulrick – Centralia
Farin Kays - Centralia

*Thank
you*



**Catholic Schools
Week 2022**
January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW22

ST. MARY SCHOOL
KICK OFF

SUNDAY MASS
JANUARY 30, 2022
10:30 a.m.

**LET'S SUPPORT
CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

HANDING ON THE FAITH

"Thank you, once again, for your generous cash donations to the Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by BCMW. By this generosity several area children and families received needed items, clothing, and toys. Also, thank you for all the wrapped gifts for the nursing home residents. Your giving touched many hearts!!"

**Thank you for the wrapped Christmas gifts
for residents at our Care Centers!**



MASS Intentions

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00 p.m. Church

†Michelle Walter Huether

†Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church

†David Schwartz

†Harold "Bud" Miller; and

†Lawrence & †Agnes Goebel

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

12:00 p.m. Hospital Chapel

†Jack Mann

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (All School Mass)

8:30 a.m. Church

†Shirley Merrell

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:30am Chapel

For the Homeless

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00 p.m. Church

†Alice Siegfried

Sunday, January 23, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church

For the People

SCRIPTURE CLASS RESUMES JANUARY 24

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, Kristen Kessler, 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.



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.

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 1/9/2022	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	58 / 16	\$6,023.10
Loose		\$169.00
Capital Improvements	7	\$247.00
School Support	8	\$355.00
New Year's—Solemnity of Mary	4	\$120.00
Altar Society	15	\$222.00
Other	2	\$1,285.00
Final 2021 Envelopes \$5,901.00		
TOTAL	110	\$8,4213.10

Contribution Statements for the 2021 Tax Year can be obtained by calling the parish office 618-532-6291.

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 class- room 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 read- ing and more.
Every Monday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Quilting Sally Tiemann	St. Lawrence Parish Cen- ter, until further notice, contact Sally

St. Mary Church

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

**Corinno & Anna
Leeta Darin**

*In
Loving
Memory*



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
February 2023	OPEN

St. Mary Chapel

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

**Dorothy
Verdeyen**

*In
Loving
Memory*



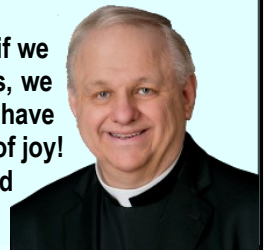
February 2022	OPEN
March 2022	William Pedtke/ Robert & Lorene Langenfeld
April 2022	Harold "Bud" Miller
May 2022	Suhl/Tiemann Families
June 2022	OPEN
July 2022	OPEN
August 2022	OPEN
September 2022	OPEN
October 2022	OPEN
November 2022	OPEN
December 2022	OPEN
January 2023	OPEN
February 2023	OPEN

UPDATE ON ROY. I spoke with Cynthia and Roy this week, and the surgery went well. Roy sounds great, but he shared he was having problems sleeping. They will know the results of the biopsy on Friday, January 14, 2022. Keep them both in your prayers, and they thank you for your concerns and prayers. If you would like to send a card or note to Roy, I know he would greatly appreciate it. His address is, Roy Kroezen, 1314 Case Street, Centralia, IL 62801. He is also on Facebook, if you would like to friend him: <https://www.facebook.com/roy.kroezen.9>

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 16, 2022 Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Today the Church begins Ordinary Time. There is nothing ordinary about it! Jesus begins his ministry today with the first public miracle. This miracle at the wedding of Cana wasn't planned; it happened out of necessity. A newlywed couple wants everything to go perfectly. The most significant factor I encounter with couples preparing for marriage is stress, especially the bride—those who have been there knowing exactly how that feels. Like a medical doctor, I write a prescription – a spa day! Take some time, relax, let that stress melt away. The best planning, attention to detail, and pinpointing every problem sometimes don't do the trick. This raging pandemic has caused last-minute cancelations and plenty of unwanted stress. At the marriage at Cana, Mary noticed a problem. She knew how embarrassing it would be for the newlywed couple. She asked her son, Jesus, to intervene. Today, we call it "mom-power," moms have a way of getting their kids to do whatever they want. A classic scene from "A Christmas Story" shows mom convincing a reluctant son Randy to eat by making him pretend to be a pig at a trough. Success! A wedding feast is a joyous time to celebrate a couple beginning a journey together. If all else fails, call on "mom-power!"

The Lord wants to tell us today that life is a feast. A feast? With all its troubles and miseries? Yes, a feast, if we learn to look at it with eyes of faith, if we come to see what makes life beautiful. We all have our daily cares, we may have days of mourning and problems, but the most profound reality is that we are not alone, that we have God, who lets us drink the wine of his love, God who gives us Jesus to lead us to him. Let us drink the wine of joy! Says Isaiah, God delights in his people as a groom delight in his bride. God adorns us with various gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus performs his first miracle at the wedding at Cana. Blessings, 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 23

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2—4a, 5—6, 8—10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12—30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1—4; 4: 14—21

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor

Reverend Mr. Benjamin Wanner - Transitional Deacon

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Vicki Laquet - CRE

Rene' Aydt - Parish Secretary / Receptionist

Lynn Featherling - St. Mary School Secretary

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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

**January
22 / 23**

**4:00
PM**

**10:30
AM**

Lector:	Ford	Litteken
Eucharistic Minister:	Broda	D. Pahnke
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Ballagh Holle
Greeters:	Stock	Lukasik
Servers:	Guerrero Siegler Schultze	Burris Burris Meier
Cantors:	Tom	Paulette



Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

RACHEL'S RETREAT

Healing the pain of abortion—one weekend at a time

I was so blessed to attend a Rachel's Retreat. That weekend allowed me to "Feel Again". I did not realize, how I continued to punish myself by not allowing myself to feel emotions. I thought I did not deserve to cry when things happened in my life because of what I did in the past. So, whenever I experienced pain I would not allow myself to show emotions or feel. I learned to forgive myself and allow God to heal me. I am learning to communicate my pain to others. When ever I am hurt by others I would shut down and push the pain down on the inside. I was hurting and there were women who did not know me, but I felt genuine God's love for me. They allowed me to talk as long as I needed to. The retreat saved my life. Now I am "feeling again". I feel God's presence and love. It is amazing. Thank You.



I am starting to believe that Meow's from Sister Gracie is one of the best parts of the church bulletin. I took a few weeks off to stretch and nap after Christmas and Father Steve tells me everyone is asking about—Sister Gracie! I'm alive and well, still on my diet, I am down a few ounces! Anyways, it's always good to write a few lines. Those silly

teenagers, Lillie and Snickers continue to provide entertainment for Ren and his dad. I told Snickers, "you better go on a diet too!" She just looked at me stretched and took a nap! Silly kitten! Lillie never stops, she is as lean as my cousin Chaeta! Meow, Gracie

Christ is Life

Speaking in Rome on December 26, the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis commented on how sad it is when families are seated at table for a meal and instead of dialoguing with one another, each family member is on his or her individual phone speaking with someone elsewhere. Pope Francis encouraged the members of families to put down their cell phones, to share meals, to speak to one another. By listening to one another, we can focus on "you" rather than being absorbed by "I".

As I think about the Holy Father's message, I agree that it can be a challenge to have something so simple as a family meal in which we each dialogue with one another. We need to be more disciplined about the presence and use of our cellular phones which make us instantly available to everyone, yet can distract us from the people we are seated with.

One of the qualities of Jesus I admire is the way Jesus is present to the person standing before him. The person Jesus is with at any moment, is the person who has his full attention. This to me is a reminder of the importance of living in the present moment; not caught up in the past, nor absorbed by speculation about the future. In this new year, I want Jesus to teach me his way of being with people.

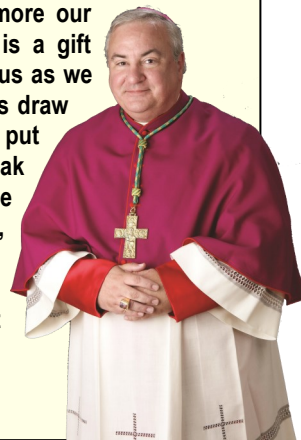
As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord at the end of the Christmas Season, we see in the gospel accounts Jesus clearly identified by his heavenly Father ("This is my beloved Son") and the presence of the Holy Spirit hovering over the water of the Jordan in the form of a dove. Jesus has a clear vision of his identity, and of his mission, which he loves intensely. He brings that intense love to bear on the people in the gospels (the Rich Young Man, the Widow of Nain, the Man Born Blind and the Woman at the Well to name just a few).

We, too, have received that intense love from the heart of Jesus. The first time we experience ourselves resting in the intense love of Jesus, we are in a time-stopping moment. Jesus is giving me his full attention. What can that lead to? As Pope Francis said at Christmas two years ago:

"Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be; this I know! In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life."

Friends, as Jesus gazes upon us with love, let us embrace him in return and with that, embrace once more our own lives as beloved children of God. Life is a gift planned and given to us by a God who loves us as we are, not as we imagine ourselves to be. Let us draw from that embrace of Jesus the courage to put down our cell phones, to share meals, to speak with one another. In embracing Jesus in the year ahead, may we embrace our own lives, forge a deeper unity in our families and grow in our conviction what we are called to protect every human life, so that each person may rest in the embrace of Jesus.

Bishop Michael McGovern



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!

SMS CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE



Thank you!

It takes a team to prepare for the Christmas party. The Altar Society would like to thank all who took part in making the Parish Christmas party a memorable event: those who sold tickets and collected tickets, ordered food, cooked, the 7th and 8th grade St. Mary Students who served (and were a real delight!), those that decorated and cleaned up, those who ordered and served the wine, the quilters who provided the quilts and afghan for the raffle which benefitted the school, and those who printed tickets and provided the flyer for the bulletin. We truly appreciate the entertainment provided – Alan Ross, our DJ, the Church quartet – Margie Russell, Tammy Miller, Rose Ross and Don Litteken - who sang carols, the students who sang, Deacon Ben for playing his trumpet, Rose Ross for acting as a wonderful MC, and Father Steve for sharing the blessing before the meal. A special thanks to Keith Gebke for providing the fantastic main course. We appreciate all who were there to make the event special and all who attended the party. It was so nice to return to a little “normalcy” and celebrate fellowship together. You are appreciated if you helped in any way!

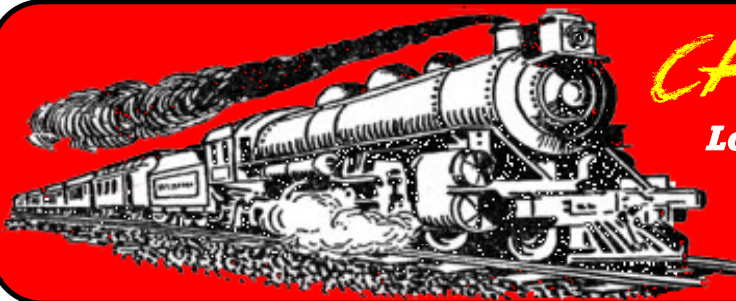
Diocese of Belleville PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

Mass For Life
Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Trinity Parish
505 Fountains Pkwy., Fairview Heights
Celebrant - Most Reverend Michael McGovern



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. —Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

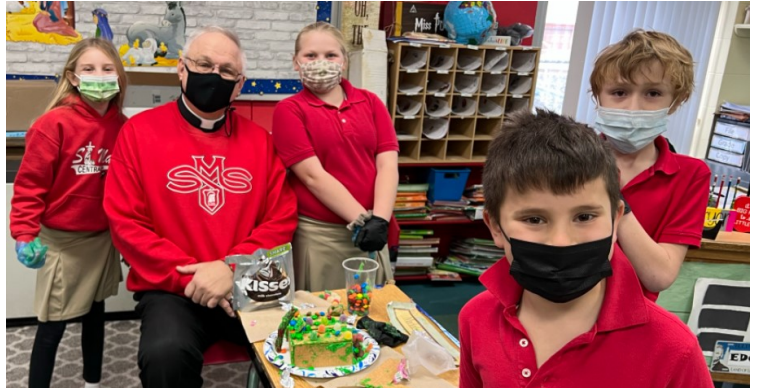


CARDINAL EXPRESS...

Love God

Love Each Other

Transform Our World



Christmas celebrations continued as each classroom gathered for their Christmas Party. Class was unexpectedly dismissed a few days early so the students gathered for a day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas at SMS is not complete without Snickers! Father Steve made sure each class received "three feet of Snickers!"



Congratulations to the "G" team for winning fourth place at the SMS Winter Tournament. It was a long day, at St. Mary Gym, thanks to everyone who volunteered to make it a successful day!



SPREHE SCHOLARSHIPS



Sprehe Scholarship applications are available for members of St. Mary Parish for the 2022-2024 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2022-2023 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. You may contact Tom Ballagh by phone: 618-532-2538 or by e-mail: tomballagh@charter.net to make arrangements for receiving an application. All signed applications are to be returned to Tom Ballagh at 514 Meadowbrook Lane, Centralia, IL 62801-4419 or by e-mail at tomballagh@charter.net no later than Tuesday, March 8, 2022. All applications must be signed and those submitted by e-mail must be in pdf. format.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL FALL 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR FACULTY OPENING

St. Mary School is seeking applications for a 5th & 6th Grade Instructor beginning in the Fall of 2022. Applicants who are innovative, collaborative with an enthusiasm for youth may apply. Applicant need not be Catholic. Please contact, Maria Pryor, Principal 618-532-3473.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CANDLEMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022
MASS - 8:30 A.M.

Candlemas Day, February 2, followers of Jesus celebrate his Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, you may bring candles to Mass to be blessed.

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Feast of St. Blaise

(SM) Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
(SL) Thursday, February 3, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
(SM) Saturday, February 5, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.
(SL) Sunday, February 6, 2022 - 8:30 a.m..
(SM) Sunday, February 6, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

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