

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 LENT

Let us pray,

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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**



RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Mar 20	St. Bernard, Albers	01:00 PM
Mar 22	St. Rose, St. Rose	07:00 PM
Mar 27	St. Mary, Carlyle	03:00 PM
Mar 31	St. Dominic, Breese	07:00 PM
Apr 03	St. Lawrence, Sandoval	02:00 PM
Apr 03	St. Francis, Aviston	03:00 PM
Apr 13	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	06:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(St. Mary, Every Friday of Lent
2:15 p.m. (All School Pictorial Stations))

St. Lawrence Parish Stations
March 18, April 1, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary Parish Stations with Exposition
March 25, April 8, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

March 7, 2022

Roni Smith - Walnut Hill
Connie Parker - Centralia

**Face Masks
are optional at
Parish and
School Events**

**St. Mary School PTO
Lent Fish Fry 5pm - 7pm
St. Mary School Gym/Cafeteria**

DATES

**Eat MORE Fish!
This
Friday!**

March 18th
March 25th
April 1st
April 8th

MENU **Meal includes your choice of drink**

ADULT MEAL

- ❖ 2 pc Fish Dinner and 2 sides- \$12.00
- ❖ Baked Pasta, Garlic Bread and 1 side- \$ 10.00

KIDS MEAL for 7 and under

- ❖ 1 pc Fish Dinner and 1 side- \$6.00
- ❖ Baked Pasta with Garlic Bread- \$ 5.00

❖ SIDE CHOICES: Baked Beans ⇌ Crinkle Cut Fries ⇌ Homemade Italian Slaw

HOMEMADE DESSERTS AVAILABLE
For a Free-Will Offering

Dine-in or Carry-Outs Available!



MASS Intentions

Saturday, March 12, 2022

4:00 p.m. Church

†Clint McDaniel

†Alma Gettinger & †Carol Gettinger

Special Intention

Sunday, March 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church

† Ruth Holloway

†Harold "Bud" Miller; †Lawrence & †Agnes Goebel

†Dale & †Margie Gehrke

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

12:00p.m. Hospital

†Donald Kelly

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. Church (All School Mass)

†Anna Braun

Friday, March 18, 2022

8:30am Chapel - **NO CHAPEL MASS**

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 p.m. Church

†Ruth Holloway

†Linda Bauer

†Carol Hollern

Sunday, March 20, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church

† Roy Szatkowski

†Dowell Kelley

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

For those who are sick, homebound, in the hospital or suffering in any way, especially: Robin Cimer, Waylon Vick, Natasha Lang, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Fr. Joe Rascher, Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie, Ruby Stratmann, Deb Steward, 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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CENTRALIA COUNCIL #1025
— NEXT MEETING —
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022
7:00 P.M. - SMS CAFETERIA**



Thank you for your support of our Parish and School

You can support your Parish with your weekly envelope

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ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT

Total of all collections 3/6/2022	#	AMOUNT
Envelopes / Online Giving	77 / 18	\$10,260.00
Loose		\$289.00
Capital Improvements	12	\$520.00
School Support	12	\$475.00
The Messenger	1	\$25.00
Central & Eastern Europe	5	\$100.00
Black & Indian Missions	9	\$225.00
Catholic Relief Services	1	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	7	\$170.00
TOTAL	142	\$12,074.00

Thank you to all who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

CALVARY CEMETERY

Please make sure all fall flowers, grave blankets, etc. are removed from the Cemetery by the end of March. Mowing season will begin soon. Also, when placing flowers, or memorials on the graves, they should be off the ground. Ideally, they should be adhered to the grave marker. Shepherd hooks are not allowed.

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



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.

St. Mary Church

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

Elliston & Garnier Families

In Loving Memory



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

St. Mary Chapel

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

**William Pedtke
Robert & Lorene**

In Loving Memory



April 2022	<i>Harold "Bud" Miller</i>
May 2022	<i>Suhl/Tiemann Families</i>
June 2022	<i>John Johnson</i>
July 2022	<i>Craney & Rose Families</i>
August 2022	<i>Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2022	<i>Robert & Gary Kabat</i>
October 2022	<i>OPEN</i>
November 2022	<i>OPEN</i>
December 2022	<i>OPEN</i>
January 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
February 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
March 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
April 2023	<i>OPEN</i>

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Most of you know I love technology! I can set at the computer for hours and not even realize it. . In our modern, digital world, it's easy to work around the clock: our cell phones are always on and everyone expects their text messages and emails to be answered instantaneously. You might even crawl into bed with your phone, checking out your Facebook updates or playing a game to "wind down." It's safe to say that for most of us, our work and our technology can consume our days and our nights. Citizens of the ancient world saw no such conveniences, of course. They entertained themselves in other ways, usually in groups: true face-to-face fellowship at its finest. Even still, they managed to be distracted from the ways of the Lord. God wants our attention. God wants to be He who consumes your thoughts every day and every night. It might seem impossible; after all, how many of us are living in monastic settings?

The psalmist writes:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. —Psalm 1:2

He who is close to the Lord is the same one who meditates on holy things night and day. How can that translate for us, in our world, with all of our distractions and responsibilities? As we ready ourselves for Christ's death and resurrection, we should turn ourselves to prayer. Lent is a prime time for investigating God's word, spending time in prayer, and meditating on Scripture. Ask God to help you carve out more time to spend in His holy presence, and He will. Even though you may not lead a monk-like lifestyle, the more we spend time talking to God and (even more importantly) listening to God, the more our thoughts return to Him and His ways. Through regular prayer and reflection on Scripture, we become more like Him and it becomes possible to spend our days and nights thinking godly things.

This Lenten season, I invite you to join me as we dedicate more time to God through quiet times of prayer, meditation, and reflection.—Fr. Steve



Thomas Merton is one of the best known American Catholic writers of the 20th century. A convert to Catholicism, Merton became a Trappist monk at Gethsemane Abbey in Kentucky in 1941. Beginning with the story of his life and conversion, "The Seven Storey Mountain", Merton was a widely read author for the rest of his life and continues to be an influence on Catholic readers today..

Recently I read Merton's essay "Ash Wednesday" which is included in the book "Seasons of Celebration" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux New York, 1965). In the article, Merton writes about Lent as a season in which sorrow and joy go hand in hand. Sorrow is felt and expressed by the catechumens preparing for baptism, as well as by those already baptized when we each examine our lives with their sins and the need for God's forgiveness. Joy comes with the experience of the mercy of God and the realization of God's love for me revealed in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At one point in the essay, Merton writes about compunction, that feeling of sorrow over our actions that we realize are wrong. When I hear the word compunction, I think of someone popping an inflated balloon with a pin; compunction opens us up to the reality of what we have done, letting out any illusions we may hold onto about "what I have done or what I have failed to do". Merton continues to explore compunction by turning to the prophet Joel and the passage that is the text for the first reading on Ash Wednesday:

"Yet even now says the Lord, return to me with all you heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful." (Joel 2:13)

Merton makes a good point: "Rending our garments lets in nothing but the cold." It's only the inner rending of the heart, the tearing open of the heart before the Lord that then the feeling of compunction can lead to joy because it "lets out our sins and lets in the clean air of God's spring; the sunlight of the days that advance toward Easter."

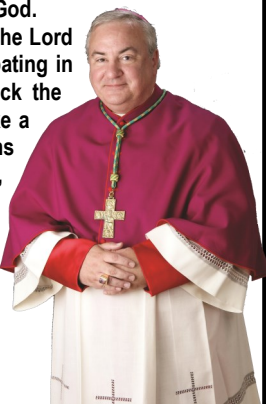
Season of Lent then is a time to bring our hearts and lives before the Lord, honestly and openly. The rending of our hearts is a "tearing away" from our old selves and sins, that we may return to God and taste his mercy. Merton notes that the purpose of Lent is not only the expiation of our sins, but also a preparation to rejoice in God's love. That is my prayer for you, the faithful of southern Illinois and for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. May we each review our lives and bring before the Lord our sins and shortcomings, asking the Lord for the gifts of forgiveness, mercy and peace. Then we will be prepared to receive the mercy and gracious love of God followed by the joy of a blessed communion with God.

I especially encourage all the baptized to meet the Lord and experience his mercy during Lent by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Check the schedules for confession at your parish and make a plan to participate. Truly when we bring our sins before the Lord through the ministry of the priest, we can experience what it means to "let out our sins and let in the clean air of God's spring; the sunlight of the days that advance toward Easter."

Have a blessed Season of Lent.

In our Lord.

Bishop Michael McGovern



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 MARCH 20

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1—8a, 13—15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1—6, 10—12

Gospel: Luke 13: 1—9

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

March 19 / 20	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	Balsano	Guthrie
Eucharistic Minister:	Niepoetter	Donnelly
Ushers:	Pierson Gettinger	Ballagh Holle
Greeters:	Cozadd Cozadd	Miller Reed
Servers:	Broda Knowles Sipe	Pigg Hall Hall
Cantors:	Tom	Margie
Offertory	Sipe Family	Fritch Family

QUEST RETREAT

QUEST is a fast-paced 33 hour Christian experience geared towards high school freshmen and sophomores. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful and carefree surrounding.

Dates: March 19-20

Place: All Saints, Academy, Breese

Time: Arrival time is 10am on the 19th.

Ending time is 6pm on the 20th.

Diocesan info page:

www.diobelle.org/directory/organizations/quest

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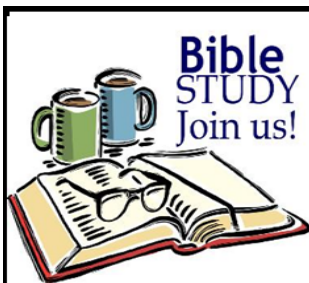


We invite you to consider our Online Giving Portal when making your weekly contribution to St. Mary Parish. It is easy to access just go to our webpage:

stmarycentralia.org



St. Mary's Pee Wee Basketball finished their season taking Second Place at the Raccoon Tournament last weekend. Coaches are Brent Kuder and Mike Starr. Congratulations to all !



Monday Evening at SMS School for one hour of Bible Study

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

I haven't been to see the Little Cats at their school for awhile, but Father Steve tells me they always ask about me and those teenagers, Lilly and Snickers. It's nice to be loved and cared for. Mrs. Vicki, who has been keeping me at her house, and strokes my fur and I respond with a nice purrrrr. Lilly and Snickers, (I hear) have been enjoying their new digs, in Sandoval. They like to annoy their humans, Ren and his dad, but that's what (I hear) teenagers do! So if you have your own feline —dogs and puppies excluded :), make sure you give them plenty of Lovin, and the favor will be returned. Purrrrr!, Gracie



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"As Pope Francis reminds us, we are to offer support for pregnant and parenting moms letting them know that our parishes are, "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference". Everyone in the parish should know where to refer for help pregnant women in need. The US Catholic Bishops nationwide program, Walking with Moms in Need, helps nurture and protect lives. And women and men suffering due to an abortion need to be reminded that there is hope and healing through ministries such as Project Rachel and Raphael's Refuge. God's mercy and forgiveness is limitless, and we all need to be agents of God's mercy for others." - **Texas "Heartbeat Law" Will Keep the Hearts of Thousands of Tiny Unborn Beating with Life, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo – September 8, 2021**



Reflecting on Transfiguration. Lent is not an end. It is a necessary transition, as it is every year, to the glory of life in Christ – in which we already share in some incomplete way. These dazzling white clothes of Jesus recall our own baptismal garments in which we were clothed in him. They remind us to imitate him in all we think and do and say.

- How does the glory of Christ dazzle me to reflect on _____?
- How does my Baptism strengthen me to do _____?
- To use Saint Paul's words, how will I stand firm in the Lord?

Ayuno, Caridad y Oración

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RETIRO CUARESMA

Sábado 26 de Marzo, 2022

Que: Retiro Cuaresmal para adultos
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Costo: \$25 (Incluye almuerzo y materiales)
Horario: 9:00am - 3:00pm Misa 3:00pm-4:00pm

Para más información comuníquese con el/la líder de su area o con Lucia Barragan en la oficina del Ministerio Hispano (618)722-5050 lbarragan@diobelle.org

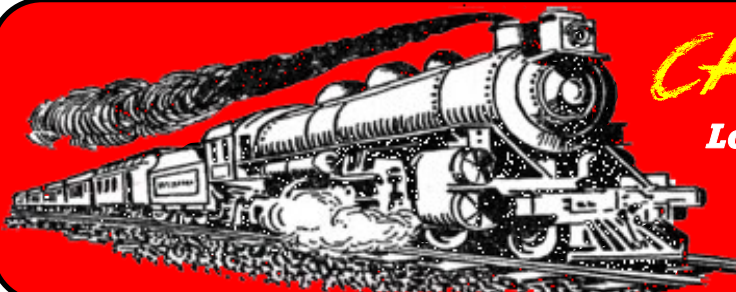
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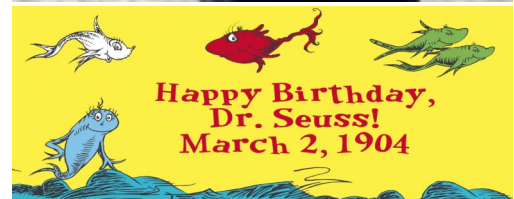
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Lenten Regulations

Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance.

The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, March 2, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 14, inclusive.

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age

and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

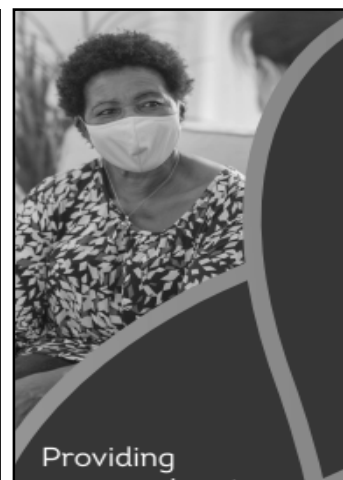
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

4. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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.

LAST CHANCE... If it is your intent to order OR renew The Messenger, please do so in the next week, as we are about to finish our part of the process up here at the office. After next week, you will need to mail it directly to the Messenger office. Thanks.

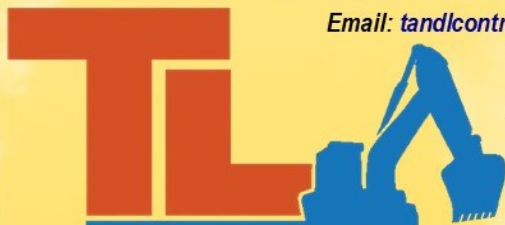


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