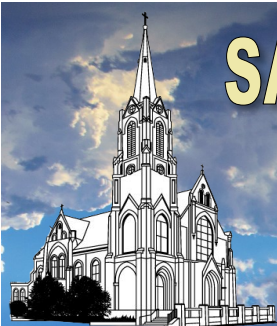


April 17, 2022

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Let us pray,

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

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



**SMS
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April 11, 2022

**Woody Thorne
Makanda**

**Will Graham
Centralia**

CONGRATULATIONS SPREHE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



This year marks the 25th year that Sprehe Scholarships have been awarded to parishioners of St. Mary's. The Ralph and Bernice Sprehe St. Mary Parish/Kaskaskia College Scholarship Trust was funded by Ralph Sprehe in 1998 to assist parishioners of St. Mary Parish with two-year full-tuition scholarships at Kaskaskia College and later in 2003 with additional substantial baccalaureate scholarships for Kaskaskia College graduates who wish to pursue a Bachelor's Degree at any university. The Sprehe Trust has awarded over \$850,000 in scholarships to 119 parishioners since 1998.

(Photo) Fr. Steve Pautler, Pastor, St. Mary' Parish, Nikki Burmeister, Chairman of the Board and current recipients Gage Hardy, Tess Timmons, Natalie Toedte, Esai Uribe, Erendira Villagomez, Hunter Martin and Laynee Timmons.



We were happy to see Dolores Sanders join us for the last PTO Lent Fish Fry for 2022. From her beautiful smile, you can tell she was happy to join her parish for some good food, but mostly to catch up with friends.

**First Holy Communion
Next Sunday, April 24th.
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass**



MASS Intentions

Saturday, April 16, 2022

8:00 p.m. Church HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

†Joe Marcum & Hope (Marcum) Harbin

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

†Roy Szatkowski

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

12:00 p.m. Hospital

For the Sick

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

8:30 a.m. Church

†Beverly Kelly

Friday, April 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. Church

†Sr. Carol Markus

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:30 p.m. Church

†Margaret Pautler (Fr. Steve's Aunt)

†Ramona Salisbury

Sunday, April 24, 2022

10:30 a.m. Church

†David Schwartz



Thank you for your support of our Parish and School

You can support your Parish with your weekly envelope

ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT (4/10/22)

Envelopes / Online Giving	83 / 14	\$5,970.00
Loose		\$421.00
Capital Improvements	6	\$160.00
School Support	6	\$112.00
Holy Land—Good Friday	2	\$4.00
Other (Ukraine)	1	\$200.00
TOTAL	112	\$6,867.00

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: **Blain Loll, Robin Cimera, 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.



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.

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!

St. Mary Parish Altar Society Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
SMS Cafeteria

CALVARY CEMETERY

All fall flowers, grave blankets, etc. should have been 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 class- room location.
Every Monday	6:00 p.m. Until	Pete Donnelly Scripture Class	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 April burns in loving memory of...

Defend, Yates, McQuigan & Finn, Families

In Loving Memory



May 2022	Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff
June 2022	Joe Marcum & Hope Marcum 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	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2023	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2023	Elliston & Garnier Families
April 2023	Wayne & Mary Decker
May 2023	OPEN

St. Mary Chapel

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

Harold "Bud" Miller

In Loving Memory



May 2022	Suhl/Tiemann Families
June 2022	John Johnson
July 2022	Craney & Rose Families
August 2022	Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston
September 2022	Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2022	OPEN
November 2022	Janice Wzientek
December 2022	OPEN
January 2023	OPEN
February 2023	OPEN
March 2023	OPEN
April 2023	OPEN
May 2023	OPEN

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

Happy Easter!

He is Risen! If the Easter Message can be summed up in three words, most likely, these would be the words we would think of primarily.

I believe this life given to us is not only eternal life, but it is also life for NOW! We are truly living in very challenging days. We have seen the evils of "wars and rumors of wars" happening today as untold thousands of people have been displaced from one country to another. Jesus came that we might have life and that it would be abundant life! We may not have all the answers of "why" on this earth, but we do know that Jesus understands the beginning to the end.

He is Alpha and Omega!

Think of it. The most amazing person to ever live on the face of this earth was Jesus Christ. He did nothing to force Himself on anyone, yet people willingly follow His teaching and example down through the ages and continue today. He laid His life down willingly so that you and I would have the example of willing sacrifice and love for others.

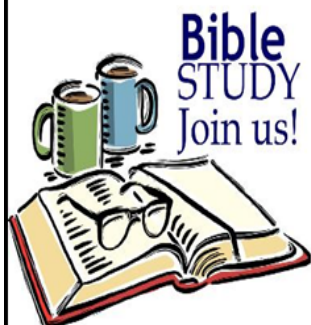
Without the Resurrection, we have nothing, but WITH the power of the Resurrection, Jesus will ultimately prevail and overcome! Thank you so much for joining us to celebrate His Resurrection. It's more than ritual or tradition, but it's our living HOPE, and it is POWER! - Father Steve
He is Risen! - Father Steve

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. (John 20:1-9)





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"Go and do likewise..."
Luke 10:37



The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Making Christ Visible in Southern Illinois



I have a story to share! My brother Blaise and I were happily minding our own business, when suddenly this strange critter carrying a basket of colorful eggs came into view. Well naturally my feline instincts kicked into action and I was on full alert.

Then this strange critter started to throw these colorful eggs all over the yard! What's going on here? Anyone know? He put them under bushes, by the flowers, even one in a drain pipe. In all my long years I have never seen anything like this. Most of the critters I chase run fast when they see Sister Gracie coming. But not this fellow, he just giggled and hopped away. Time to investigate this one. Happy Easter! Sister Gracie and Blaise



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Life is Victorious!

"Jesus Christ our King is Risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!" (Easter Exsultet). Today is the Feast of Feasts, the foundation of all that we celebrate in our faith. By rising from the dead, Jesus did not only conquer his death; he conquered ours. He overturned the entire kingdom of death! He has opened the way to the true destiny of the human person: to be on the throne of God forever, in life that knows no end!

Because of this, we are the People of Life. We seek to apply the victory of Jesus over death to the problems of our day. We are a pro-life people, and reject the false solutions of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, we say yes to every life, no matter how vulnerable or burdensome. It is an Easter yes; it is a yes filled with hope. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!



Believing in Risen Life. After his death and burial, the apostles saw the risen Jesus. They talked with him. They touched him. They ate with him. These things are not done with the dead. They knew he was alive. We believe this still today because we experience his presence in many ways.

- How do I see the risen Lord's activity still happening today?
- How can I foster belief in the risen Lord by what I say and do?
- How does this belief change my life, my attitudes, my priorities?

A New Life

"But now the power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ. Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it..." Thomas Merton, "Easter: The New Life", 1959

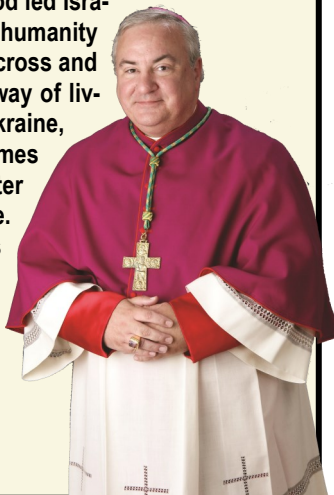
These words from Thomas Merton, the Catholic monk and writer, give me fresh hope as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter 2022. There is so much in our world that can make us individually and collectively feel powerless, beginning for example with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Yet when I consider situations where I might feel powerless in solving a problem, or reconciling people who are in conflict, or motivating people to make a fresh start in living our Catholic faith, I realize that there is a power in the cross and resurrection of Jesus that is given to us, a power greater than ourselves. "Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it..." Or as St. Paul declared in his letter to the Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Perhaps the sense of powerlessness we experience most acutely is when we face the loss of a loved one, or when we face our own mortality during a health crisis. Like the women who returned to the tomb of Jesus on the first day of the week, we may feel helpless and powerless. I think of Mary Magdalene standing before the tomb, seeing the large stone had been rolled away and that the tomb was empty. Mary's reaction was shock, she imagined that someone had broken into the tomb and stolen the corpse of Jesus. At first Magdalene did not realize that "now the power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ." It was not that someone had broken into the tomb; rather, Jesus Christ had broken out of the tomb, broken out of the finality of death and he wants us to break out with him.

I think Merton's use of the word "burst" is perfect in describing how the resurrection is revealed to us. When I think of times in my life when I had good news to share with a family member or friends, I literally felt I was bursting with good news. The same is true for us as Christians who have met the risen Lord and now are his witnesses; we should eagerly share with others the good news that God's love is stronger than death.

Easter is the hour of our deliverance. As God led Israel out of slavery in Egypt, Jesus Christ leads humanity out of captivity to sin and death through his cross and resurrection; he offers us a share in a new way of living. We pray for the victims of the war in Ukraine, that they experience the strength that comes from our risen Lord, a strength that is greater than anything we could ask for or imagine. May the strength that comes from Christ's victory fill us at Easter and give us fresh hope as we go about the work of transforming our world, that all people can share in this new life forever.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern



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There have been interest in what to give as a gift to a newly ordained priest?

Deacon Ben has created a **gift registry.** (Father Steve did the same thing)

To access the link, go to: Stmarycentralia.org
Scroll to the bottom and find: **"Deacon Ben's Gift List"**

His ordination day is June 13, 2022

Please pray for Deacon Ben as his date of ordination draws near!

ANNUAL FARM BLESSING MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Farm of Gerald and Linda Tennis, led by Bishop Michael McGovern. The Tennis Farm is located at 14145 E. 400 Road; Mt. Carmel, Illinois 62863. You can arrive at their farm by taking IL-Hwy 15 to Mt. Carmel, IL. Eight (8) miles East of Albion, IL take a left, heading North (opposite the turn off for Bellmont, IL). Travel North on E. 400 Road (also County Road 6) for a little more than 2 miles.

The farm is the first house on your left after Tennis Dairy.

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION

St. Mary School Students are collecting plastic bottle caps for a special project. Save your soda, water or juice bottle tops and drop them off at Church the Office or School! Thank You!



HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for data entry at this year's Auction on May 7th. Will involve entering winning bids and check out.

Contact Theresa Hacker if you are interested. 532-6291.

Father Steve will be attending the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention, April 22nd & 23rd. He will be back for First Communion, Sunday, April 24th. Msgr. David Darin will be filling in.

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.

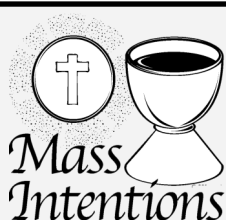
Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

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.

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 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 24

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12—16

2nd Reading: Revelations 1: 9—11a, 12—13, 17—19

Gospel: John 20: 19—31

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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

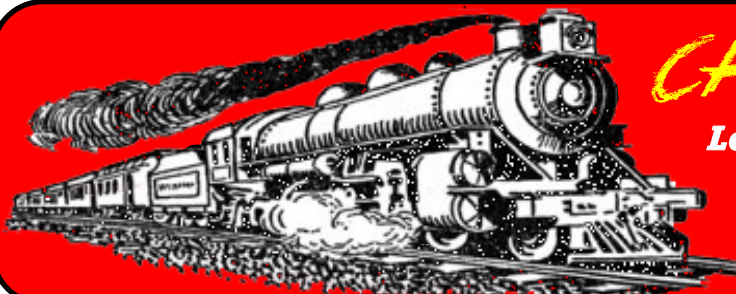
Thursday 8:30am 65 + Older at St. Lawrence Parish Center

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

April 23 / 24	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	Pierjok	First Communion
Eucharistic Minister:	N/A	Deacon Ben Maria Pryor (upstairs)
Ushers:	Pierson / Holle Gettinger	Ballagh Holle
Greeters:	Stock Lukasik	
Servers:	Schultze Guerrero Sipe	Laquet Siegler Maco
Cantors:	Tammy	Margie
Offertory	Pracht/Hardy	Max Bauer/ Mayce Newcomb



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What a great day for our Confirmation candidates. SMS, St. Mary and St. Lawrence PSR Confirmandi, SMS 7th & 8th grade classmates, teachers, and catechists joined with students and parishioners from throughout the diocese for this special Mass. Our group arrived early so we had great seats in the huge Cathedral. Before Mass, Father Steve took the group on a guided tour of the Cathedral. Visiting the museum, Bishop vesting room, private chapel, and priests sacristy. He explained important factors such as the (Cathedra) Bishop's Chair, the Octagon Baptistry, the gargoyles and the Bishop's burial crypt. The Cathedral was packed and it was inspiring experience. After Mass we gathered at Eckert's County Restaurant for lunch and then headed back home.



The unsung hero of any fund raising activity is the dish washers. It takes many hands to make all our events successful. Above Andrea Schwartz, got the short straw so that means, pots and pans! Again thank you!!!!

A totally successful PTO Lent Fish Fry! Thanks everyone for making it successful



We are growing...

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St. Mary School continues to provide outstanding education for children Prek - 8th grade. Since 1867 we have been part of Marion County, bringing God's love to children and families. As we continue our march forward, we are looking for outstanding individual to join our team. We are presently seeking qualified teachers and teacher aides to continue our tradition of outstanding Christian education. If you, or someone you know is interested in applying please contact
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618-532-3473

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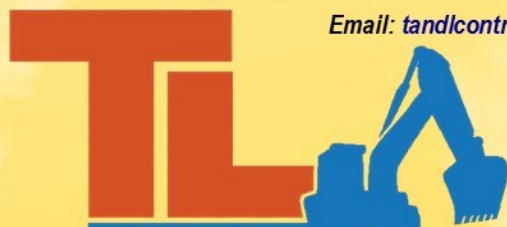



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