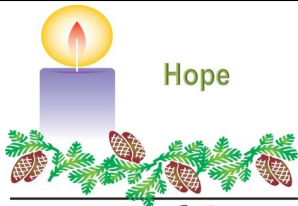




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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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AMEN



**SMS CALENDAR
WINNERS**

November 120 2022

Shelly Guthrie
Centralia

Lorretta Schubert
Centralia

*Advent Mass and
Reconciliation Times*

Sunday's of Advent Mass Times
4:00 p.m. St. Mary (vigil)
8:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence
10:30 a.m. - St. Mary

Advent Reconciliation Times
Saturday 3:15 pm - 3:50 pm (SM)
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am (SL)
Sunday 10:00 am - 10:20 am (SM)

Monday, December 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. (SM)

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

*Christmas Mass
and Octave of Christmas*

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. (SM)
Christmas Eve - 6:00 p.m. (SL)
Midnight Mass - 12:00 a.m. (SM)
Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m. (SL)

January 1, 2023 (New Year)
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. (SM)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (SL)
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (SM)

January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. (SM)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (SL)
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (SM)

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**SCRIPTURE
December 4, 2022**
Isaiah: 11:1-10
Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans: 15:4-9
Luke: 3:4,6

**SCRIPTURE
November 27, 2022**
Isaiah: 2:1-5
Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans: 13:11-14
Matthew: 24:37-44

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**#288, Ready the Way.
#277, Patience People.
#824, Christ, Be Our Light.
#287, The Advent of our King.
Readings #858**

MASS Intentions

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Mike Gruinzy

For the People

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Bonnie Richeson † Carolyn Seats, † Alison Niepoetter

† Charles & Elsie Daniels.

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Hope Marcum Harbin † Germain Rosario

† Cameron Feig

Tuesday, November 29 2022

12:00 p.m. St. Mary Hospital Chapel

† Special Intention

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

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

† Father Dale Maxfield

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Jack Mann

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

† Mary "Mimi" Rapp

Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Mary White

† Father Joe Rascher

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

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10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† John Taylor

Prayer Intentions

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, Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie, Ruby Stratmann, Deb Steward, Segundina Lazo, The suffering of Ukraine 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:

Dylan Huether or away at College...



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Improvement Fund	211.00
BCMW Adopt a Family	150.00
Food Pantry	15.00
TOTAL	\$5387.00

Necrology of those who have died this past year

Mary "Mimi" Rapp
Joseph Petroski
Pearl Hamilton
James "Mike" Ford
Dimple Currie
Margaret Breed
Stephen Reese
Mary Ballagh

John Taylor
Doris "Dottie" Hartley
James Knorr
Martha Petrea
James LeBeau
John Alvi
Cameron Feig

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 Sunday	11:30 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.	RCIA Vicki Laquet 618-532-6291	Right of Christian Initiation of Adults - Joining the Cath- olic Church.
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 November burns

in loving memory of...

**Dr. Avelino Raquiza
Lazo MD**

*In
Loving
Memory*



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>Elliston & Garnier Families</i>
April 2023	<i>Wayne & Mary Decker</i>
May 2023	<i>Roy Szatkowski</i>
June 2023	<i>Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff</i>
July 2023	<i>Donoho & Metzger Families</i>
August 2023	<i>Verdeyen & Willenborg Families</i>
September 2023	<i>Gene Uhls</i>
October 2023	<i>David Schwartz</i>
November 2023	<i>Harold "Pete" Aydt</i>
December 2023	<i>Bill Nall & Carol Hollern</i>

St. Mary Chapel

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of November burns

in loving memory of...

**Janice
Wzientek**

*In
Loving
Memory*



December 2022	<i>Roy Szatkowski</i>
January 2023	<i>John Johnson</i>
February 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
March 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
April 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
May 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
June 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
July 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
August 2023	<i>Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2023	<i>Robert & Gary Kabat</i>
October 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
November 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
December 2023	<i>OPEN</i>

December 4, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday in the Advent season. Can you think of some of the Biblical themes of this season? Certainly, the love and faithfulness of God our Father is high up there, but have you ever considered the idea of hope? Although it may not be the first thing that comes to mind during the Christmas season, there is much to consider. In fact, hope is a very prominent theme in Advent. The anticipation of the coming Messiah is always in light of the hope we have in his return. Just as the Israelites hoped for their deliverance, we too look forward to the final deliverance, his return in glory where he will create a new heavens and a new earth. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims:

*But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31*

God has promised us he will deliver us. He encourages us by his Holy Spirit to cling to his promises, to love his word and to cherish his statutes. He makes clear paths for our feet so that we continue to press forward in a world which is often so dark. We eagerly anticipate the coming of our Lord, who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:4). Come and let us rejoice in the hope of our Lord. Amen.





Neighboring Parishes Confession schedule

St. Mary, Carlyle
Dec 4, 2022 3:00 PM
St. Bernard, Albers
Dec 11, 2022 1:00 PM
St. Francis, Aviston
Dec 11, 2022 3:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia
Dec 12, 2022 6:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia
Dec 15, 2022 12:30 PM
St. Augustine, Breese
Dec 15, 2022 7:00 PM
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon
Dec 16, 2022
3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
St. Michael, Radom
Dec. 18, 2022 6:00 PM
St. Charles Borromeo, DuBois
December 18, 2022 3:00 PM

ST. MARY AND ST. LAWRENCE RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
ST. MARY CHURCH**

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WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR CONFESSION**



Make your reservations now for the St. Mary Altar Society... Christmas Party

You are invited to attend the Annual St. Mary Altar Society Christmas Party, Sunday, December 11, 2022 at the Parish Center. Wine and Fellowship begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our meal features, Fried Chicken, Au-gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, salad and homemade cookies. Following dinner join us for a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long! There will be door prizes and lots of fun. We are asking a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of the meal. You can sign-up by stopping by or calling the Parish Office, 618-532-6291. Tickets will also be available following the Weekend Masses November 26/27 and December 3/4. You can also contact Sally Tiemann at 618-830-7604. If you need transportation please call the Parish Office and arrangements can be made. Looking forward to seeing you for a delightful gathering celebrating Christmas.

Ok, I got some feedback that burying that crazy elf in my litter box was little extreme. Problem is he just thought he was on the beach in the sand. Yuk, that's my potty—dude!

I was released from Kitty Jail, and guess who was waiting for me when I got home - that smiling potty dwelling elf! Me and my brother Blaise took care of that.

Go ahead and smile now, ha-ha! I want to see him get out of this one! It's been fun, we have been throwing hair balls at him all day! Love, Gracie to genius!



RESPECT LIFE



Abortion Healing

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to those who have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. It is open to all . . . people of all faiths or no faith.

For more information on abortion healing and find help for you or someone you know, visit "Hope After Abortion" or in Spanish www.Esperanzaposaborto.org

Prayer For Abortion Healing

Oh Lord, I had an abortion thinking it was for the best, but the grief and guilt I have felt ever since I took that decision has haunted me, and I feel so ashamed of myself and riddled with guilt, by allowing a little life to be taken in this way.

My heart is so heavy and I find that I am not able to think about anything else and realize more and more that it is against You Lord, that I have sinned and done this great wrong.

Thank You, that You are a forgiving God, Whose mercies are new every morning and that You that You have promised to carry all our guilt and burdens, and so I hand this over to You today, and ask for the healing and restoration that only You can give, and the grace to forget what is past and move on with You as my guide. I ask this in Jesus' name, AMEN.

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



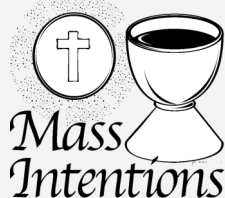
1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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 the Parish Office 532-6291



Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are \$10.00 per Intention.
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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.

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 the parish office.

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

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- ☐ 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.

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LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING DATES

Initial Child Protection Policies and Trainings for new volunteers and employees are available online at: www.diobelle.org/faith-formation/child-protection. All volunteers must follow diocesan guidelines to participate in parish activities with minors.

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MASS SCHEDULE

LIVESTREAM can be found on the St. Mary Catholic Church – Centralia, Illinois
FACEBOOK PAGE

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**Tuesday Mass 12 Noon St. Mary's Hospital
Thursday 8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church
Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Chapel
Saturday (vigil) Mass, St. Mary 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass, St. Lawrence 8:30 am / Sunday Mass, 10:30am**

December 3rd & December 4th	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	J. Beguelin	M. Maco
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	B. Broda	G. Broughton
Altar Servers	J. Cimera A. Pracht N. Wolfe	M. Maco B. Hall R. Hall
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Prayers For Holy Communion

21 November 2022

As we continually grow in our Catholic beliefs in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, I thought I would use today's column to share some prayers that might be helpful for people who would like to develop a vocabulary for praying before or after receiving Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

As you may know, the priest who offers Mass has many prayers that he says out loud during the Eucharist. Yet there are also several prayers he says quietly, such as while preparing to proclaim the Gospel or when he washes his hands at the Offertory. Today I want to share several prayers that the priest offers before receiving Holy Communion or one that he says at the end of the Communion Rite.

Before receiving Holy Communion, the priest bows and says in a soft voice:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you."

OR

"May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy."

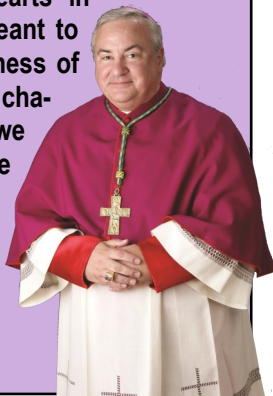
I usually say both prayers before elevating the host and chalice and then declaring: "Behold the Lamb of God..." I think the two prayers express praise for the saving work of Jesus, contrition for my sins, a desire for healing and a sincere hope for an unbreakable bond with the Lord. I recommend these prayers to you as something you might learn and offer to the Lord before receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. At the end of the Communion Rite, as the priest is abluting the chalice and paten, he prays:

"What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity."

This is a simple prayer that expressed the desire for a healing union that will never end in the kingdom of God. This is a prayer that anyone of us can commit to memory and offer as we receive Holy Communion each Sunday.

My hope is that each of us throughout life develops a way of giving thanks for the gift of Jesus as we receive him in Holy Communion. Whether we are singing the communion song, or in silent prayer or pouring out our hearts in thanksgiving and praise, all of this is meant to help express our gratitude for the closeness of Jesus in his real presence in the Holy Eucharist. May this Advent Season in which we express our praise for the wonder of the Lord's incarnation, also be a time rich in gratitude for his continued presence among us in the most Holy Eucharist.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern






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The deadline to apply for Empower Illinois Scholarship program is November 30, 2022. Tax credit will be issued for the 2022 Illinois Tax Year. Example if you make a \$1000.00 donation to St. Mary School - through the "Student Scholarship Fund", the IDR, will issue you \$750.00 in tax credit for the 2022 year. You benefit and mostly St. Mary School. You can visit St. Mary Parish Website, <http://www.stmarycentralia.org> for a step-by step guideline. It looks hard at first, but even Father Steve got through it in 15 minutes!

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.



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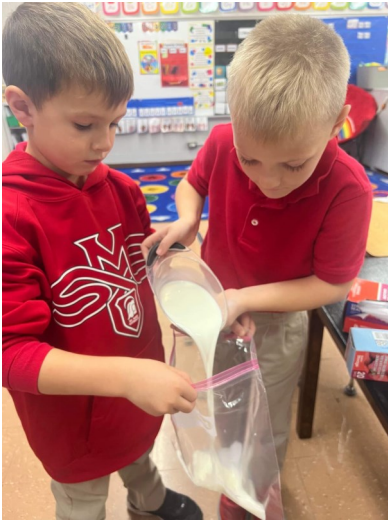
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Kindergarten made "pumpkin pie in a bag". The students really enjoyed helping add the ingredients and mixing it all together!



Mrs. Harting's students were challenged to create a turkey trap! They set their traps last night, and to their surprise, when they came in this morning feathers were everywhere!! All of the traps had been set off, and inside was a picture of the turkey by the trap! The turkey did get away but left some candy for us to enjoy.



Pre-K has been busy! They made fall crowns in STEM class. They have been learning about patterns in math class. They had to create the AABB pattern on the class calendar using squares and triangles.



First Presbyterian Church - St. Mary Church - First United Methodist Church

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