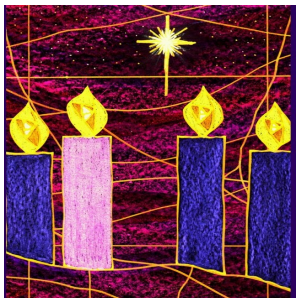




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*Let us pray,
Pour forth, we beseech
you, O Lord, your grace
into our hearts, that we,
to whom the Incarnation
of Christ your Son was
made known by the mes-
sage of an Angel, may
by his Passion and
Cross be brought to the
glory of his Resurrec-
tion. Who lives and
reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever
Amen*



SM HOSPITAL REINDEER!



CHRISTMAS PARTY ENTERTAINMENT!

*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)



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

December 12, 2022
 Annette Shores
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 Valencia Bailey
 Centralia

**PLEASE NOTE:
— NO BULLETIN —
SUNDAY (NEW YEARS)
JANUARY 1, 2023**

**NO WEEKDAY
MASSES
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 27TH
THRU
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30, 2022
ST. MARY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

**SCRIPTURE
January 1, 2023**
 Numbers: 6:22-27
 PSALM: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

**SCRIPTURE
December 18, 2022**
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalms: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24

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**#279, O Come, Divine Messiah
 #280, The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
 #824, Christ, Be Our Light.
 #287, The Advent of our King
 Readings #867**

MASS Intentions

Saturday, December 17, 2022

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Larry Pickett

† Doris "Dottie" Hartley

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Shaun Ford † Bonnie Richeson

† Marty Metzger † Dennis & Donna Stack

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Jack Mann † John Taylor

† Jim LeBeau

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

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

† Dr. Charles Fischer

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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

† James Knorr † Donald Kelly

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence Church

† Henry Nalewajka † Betty Spinner

† Dennis & Donna Stack

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

† John Alvey

The Solemnity and Octave of Christmas

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church (Vigil)

† Jack Byrne † Shirley Merrell † Crucephine Pierson

6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Church (Vigil)

† Teddy Holstlaw, † Jack & Carolyn Seats,

† Don & Barb Rohner

Sunday, December 25, 2022

12:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Harold "Bud" Miller † Lawrence & Agnes Goebel

9:00 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Don & Barb Rohner, † Jack & Carolyn Seats

NO MASSES DECEMBER 27TH - DECEMBER 30TH

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Envelopes / Online Giving	\$10,885.00
Loose	295.00
School Support	316.00
Improvement Fund	536.00
BCMW Adopt a Family	150.00
Christmas Flowers	345.00
Parish Christmas	280.00
Diocesan Christmas	40.00
Children's Offering	17.00
TOTAL	\$12,864.00

**DECORATE
the Church**

St. Mary Parish is looking
for a individual or group of
people who would take on
the task of adorning our
worship space during the
change of seasons.

This would include decorating for Winter, Lent/Easter, Spring,
Summer, Fall and Advent/Christmas. This would be a great minis-
try to assist all of us, and enhance our Church. If you are interest-
ed please contact Vicki Laquet at the Parish Office 618-532-6291.

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

in loving memory of...

Nall, Hollern & Duty Family

In Loving Memory



January 2023	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2023	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2023	Elliston & Garnier Families
April 2023	Wayne & Mary Decker
May 2023	Roy Szatkowski
June 2023	Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff
July 2023	Donoho & Metzger Families
August 2023	Verdeyen & Willenborg Families
September 2023	Gene Uhls
October 2023	David Schwartz
November 2023	Harold "Pete" Aydt
December 2023	Bill Nall & Carol Hollern
January 2024	OPEN

St. Mary Chapel

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of December burns

in loving memory of...

Roy Szatkowski

In Loving Memory



January 2023	John Johnson
February 2023	Rosie Timmons
March 2023	Henry Verdeyen
April 2023	OPEN
May 2023	OPEN
June 2023	OPEN
July 2023	OPEN
August 2023	Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston
September 2023	Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2023	OPEN
November 2023	OPEN
December 2023	OPEN
January 2024	OPEN

December 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When I run across a story like this I can picture myself as pastor of a parish with a school. You never know what the kiddo's will do or say! I love this story!

A grade school class was putting on a Christmas play which included the story of Mary and Joseph coming to the inn. In that class was one little boy who wanted very much to be Joseph. But when the parts were handed out, his biggest rival was given that part, and he was assigned to be the inn keeper instead. He was really bitter about this. So during all the rehearsals he kept plotting in his mind what he might do the night of performance to get even with his rival who was Joseph. Finally, the night of the performance, Mary and Joseph came walking across the stage. They knocked on the door of the inn, and the inn-keeper opened the door and asked them gruffly what they wanted. Joseph answered, "We'd like to have a room for the night." Suddenly the inn-keeper threw the door open wide and said, "Great, come on in and I'll give you the best room in the house."

For a few seconds poor little Joseph didn't know what to do, and a long silence ensued. Finally though, thinking quickly on his feet, Joseph looked in past the inn-keeper, first to the left and then to the right and said, "No wife of mine is going to stay in a dump like this. Come on, Mary, let's go to the barn." And once again the play was back on course. It is obvious that Joseph cared deeply for Mary. He would not have risked his own reputation and protected hers if he did not. But his love was deeper and grounded on more than love for his bride to be. For you see he understood that obedience to God, even in the most dire of circumstances creates a life of substance and character.

The words of Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, written in the third century are as timely today as when he wrote them. He said: "If I could ascend some high mountain and look over this wide world, you know very well what I would see. Robbers on the high roads, pirates on the sea... selfishness and cruelty, misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world, an incredibly bad world, but in the midst of it I have found a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They are despised and persecuted but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians and I am one of them."





We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Segundina C. Lazo, who passed away Sunday, December 11th. Dr. Segundina is survived by her four children: Francis Lazo and wife Janice, Dr. Edward C. Lazo and wife Sally, Mary Janet Stedelin and husband Patrick Dina Lazo-Sanders and husband Jon. Segundina was a devoted Catholic and member of St. Mary's Church. May she rest in peace.

Request a Mass Intention

There are numerous dates available for a Mass Intention for the 2023 Liturgical Year. If you would like to remember a departed loved one, or make a special intention. Please contact the Parish Office 618-532-6291



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our PSR & SMS Students who made their 1st Reconciliation this past week. Thank you Tai Kasban, Sandi Timmons, & Vicki Laquet for helping to prepare our young people for this sacrament!

**Zayden Alexander
Max Alton
Sofia Flores
Brilynn Glasco
Hannah Heltsley
Brody Kasban
Anabella Nguyen
CiCi O' Brist**

**Bliss Pickett
Aria Quandt
Corbyn Sanders
Evan Sipe
Aaina Treffert
Lizzie Warren
Callen Williams**



ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE NEW YEAR! Do YOU EVER DREAM OF A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER OR POVERTY?

Would YOU seriously like to make this world a reality? "FAITH AND POVERTY: A GLOBAL RESPONSE" should help you do just that. It is a prayer-filled and heart changing course cosponsored by JustFaith and Catholic Relief Services. We will meet at Mater Dei High School for 8 Sessions on the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning on Thursday, January 5th from 7 to 9 PM. For questions or to join us, please call Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875), Fran Etter (618-971-8886), or Myrt Rollins (314-707-7063).

You may also register online directly at:
justfaith.org/faith-andpoverty-a-global-response-st-louis-winter-2023-small-group-catholic/

RESPECT LIFE



Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Love



Let us pray
as Advent
draws to a close,
that Christ will
truly come
into our hearts.
Lord, fill our hearts
with your love,
and as you
revealed to us
by an angel
the coming
of your
Son as man,
so lead us through
his suffering
and death
to the glory of
his resurrection.
Amen.

4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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.

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.

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SAINT MARY PARISH NEW OFFICE HOURS

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY.**

**(Office Hours) TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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.

December 24th and December 25th	4:00 PM	12:00 a.m.
Lector:	P. Balsano	L. Gurthrie
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	M. Stock M. Timmons D. Uhls	M. Miller P. Donnelly M. Pryor
Altar Servers	T. Aydt C. Pigg J. Siegler M. Maco	B. Broda D. Laquet N. Pryor R. Dodson
Ushers:	P. Pierson G. Gettinger J. Opolony	T. Holle T. Ballagh
Greeters:	P & T. Cozadd	M. Miller
Offertory	Pigg Family	Ushers
Cantor:	T. Miller	P Pahnke

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.

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary REVEREND STEVEN M. PAUTLER - PASTOR

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—Finance Council—

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MASS SCHEDULE

LIVESTREAM can be found on the St.

Mary Catholic Church – Centralia, Illinois

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Tuesday Mass 12 Noon St. Mary's Hospital

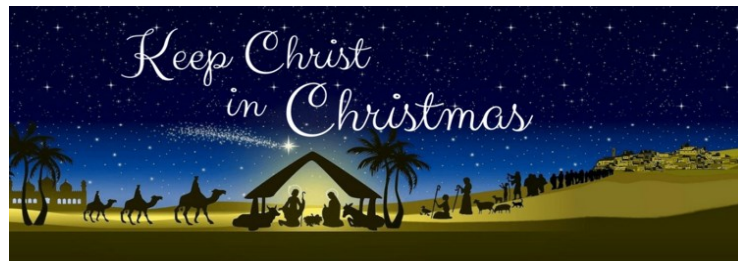
Thursday 8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

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 31st and January 1st	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	B. Broda	G. Ford
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	J. Warren	P. Williams
Altar Servers	A. Pracht J. Cimer N. Wolfe	J. Burris M. Davis A. Smith
Ushers:	P. Pierson G. Gettinger M. Stock	T. Holle T. Ballagh Brian & Jaxson H
Greeters:	F. Peters	Jerry & Joan B
Offertory	T Bell, L. Pugh, M Frickbone	M. Miller
Cantor:	T. Miller	D. Litteken



Thanks to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle. St. Mary and St. Lawrence Parishes have always been outstanding supporters of vocations. This was so true again this year. We didn't have a winner from our parishes, but there were winners in Trenton, Benton, and Clinton County! Of the 70+ booklets sold, St. Lawrence Council keeps \$9.00 of a \$15.00 booklet. That's \$630.00 that stays right here to promote Belleville Vocations.

WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1 ST	\$10,000	JASON ANSELMANT	16126
2 ND	\$2,500	THOMAS FAHNESTOCK	460
3 RD	\$1,000	BRIAN SCHURTER	4450
4 TH	\$1,000	J. ETERNO	1599
5 TH	\$1,000	VERNON RAKERS	1580
6 TH	\$1,000	W. SCHACK	1204
7 TH	\$500	GAIL STEFANI	16350
8 TH	\$500	PATRICIA M. FRAUENHEIM	12863
9 TH	\$500	HAROLD ORLANDINI	9890
10 TH	\$500	STEVEN G. DALTON	1369
11 TH	\$200	DIANE CONLIN	6090
12 TH	\$200	DANIEL MUELLER	9266
13 TH	\$200	STEVE & JODY CONKLIN	3738
14 TH	\$200	TERRY TOENNIES	2932
15 TH	\$200	JEROME B. RAKERS	11110
16 TH	\$100	ZOPHIA MATACHOWSKA	14284
17 TH	\$100	KEN CEMPLEY	9890
18 TH	\$100	ALBERT SANCHEZ	654
19 TH	\$100	JOHN FITZPATRICK	735
20 TH	\$100	MAUREEN DE DOBBELAERE	654
TOTAL	\$20,000		

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, Brian Logsdon, 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...

Hello big and little cats! Well, I got invited to Florida this year for Christmas! I am trying to find one of those big tin cans rolling down the street, to give me a lift. I am staying with my cousin Felix, (right) he works at Walt Disney World, catching critters for Mr. Disney. His family keeps growing — Why does he look grumpy? So I will see you next year 2023 cool cats! Merry Christmas! Opps forgot to load the cool glasses and suntan oil.
Love you, Sister Gracie



Defender's Boys Basketball 2022-2023

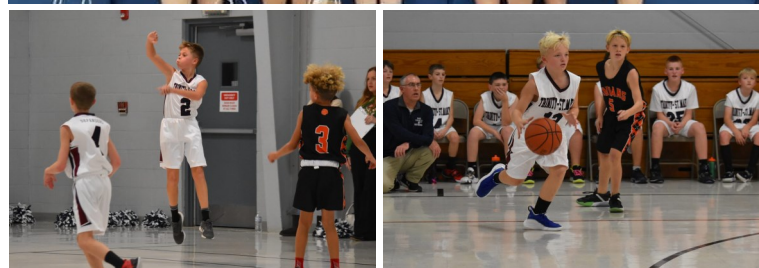
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri. Dec. 9	Patoka	Home	6:00
* Tues. Dec. 13	Odin	Home	6:00
Thurs. Dec. 15	North Wamac	Home	6:00
Mon. Jan. 2	Kell	Away	6:00
Jan. 4 - 8	Holy Cross 7th Grade Tourn.	Collinsville	TBA
Mon. Jan. 9	Selmaville	Away	6:00
Tues. Jan. 10	TSJ/Okawville	Away	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 12	Breese All Saints	Away	6:00
Tues. Jan. 17	Willow Grove	Away	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 19	Trinity Edwardsville	Away	6:00
Jan. 24 - Jan. 31	Class S Regionals	TBA	TBA
Feb. 4 - 11	Class S State	Rend Lake	TBA

* = 8th Grade Night

All Home Games @ St. Mary's Centralia



8th grade night for our Defenders Basketball.
Congratulations Girls!!



Trinity/St. Mary's Boys Basketball!



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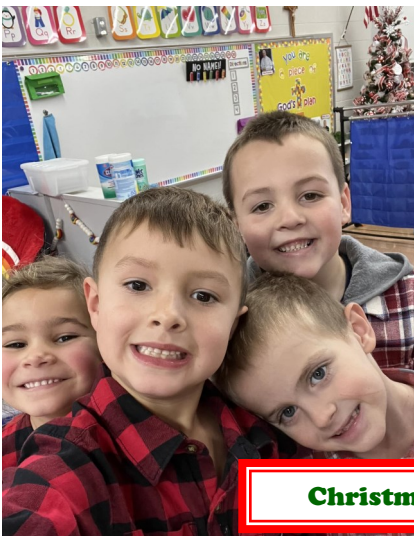
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Christmas Spirit Week!



Christmas Spirit Week!



8th Grade Night for our Defenders. Congratulations to Alivia, Zoey, Cooper, Blake, Hayden, Seth and Jace.





ST. MARY CHRISTMAS PARTY



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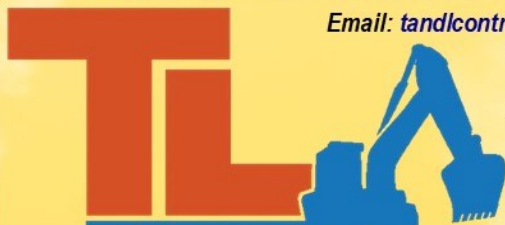


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