

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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





Congratulations to Roy Kroezen our church organist and the Centralia Carillonneur, who joined St. Mary Church Saturday evening during the 4:00 Vigil Mass. Liturgically Catechumens are welcomed on Holy Saturday, but Roy received special permission to join the Church from Bishop McGovern. As most of you know Roy has been in treatment for an illness. Through the sacramental seal, may Roy receive the strength he needs to overcome the cross he bears. Pictured left: Sponsor, James Burris, Cynthia, Roy's wife, Father Steve, Roy and Rose Ross, his sponsor. Pictured right: Father Steve baptizes Roy while his wife Cynthia assists.



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

January 2, 2023

Barb Fetgatter – Centralia Linda Finley - Centralia

January 9, 2023

Kathy Tullis – Salem Carson Pigg - Centralia





Congratulations to Aiden and Braxton who were baptized this past Sunday. The twins are the grandsons of Pat Defend. Their godparents, James and Chelsea Burris assist Father Steve.

PSR FAMILY FUN DAY





SCRIPTURE January 22, 2023

Isaiah: 8:23-9:3 Psalm. 27:1,4,13-14; 1 Corinthians: 1:10-13,17 Matthew: 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

SCRIPTURE January 15, 2023

Isaiah: 49:3,5-6 Psalm: 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10; 1 Corinthians: 1:1-3 John: 1:29-34 H Y M

#585 Praise to the Lord #548 Precious Lord, Take My Hand #797 Come to Me and Drink #740 Sent Forth by God's Blessing Readings #931

MASS Intentions

Saturday, January 14, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Don & Roberta Wolden

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Shaun Ford † Bonnie Richeson

† Marty Metzer † Dennis & Donna Stack

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Jack Mann † Roy Szatkowski

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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

† John Alvey

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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

† Judy Essenpreis

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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

† Bobby Hill † Barb Steele

† Mary Lyons †Jack Seats

Friday, January 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

For the people living and deceased

Saturday, January 21, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Pope Benedict XVI, and deceased of our parishes

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Bobby Hill

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

For our catecumens and candidates

Thank you for remembering me at Christmas! The beautiful cards, homemade goodies, wonderful gifts, phone calls and visits made Christmas so wonderful! It is a great honor to celebrate Christmas with you. Blessings, Father Steve

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...



visit: stmarycentralia.org

GOD'S TITHES & YOUR OFFERINGS



Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish and School

You may place your envelope in the basket at St. Lawrence or St. Mary and Your gift will be credited to you.

ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT (1/8/2023)

| Weekly Envelopes | \$3790.00 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Online Giving Weekly Envelopes | 1500.00 |
| Loose | 427.00 |
| Loose Checks | 940.00 |
| SMS School Support | 90.00 |
| Altar Society | 247.00 |
| Building Fund | 320.00 |
| Misc. Gifts | 125.00 |
| Total Gifts Received | \$7439.00 |



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 ministry to assist all of us, and enhance our Church. If you are interested please contact Vicki Laquet at the Parish Office 618-532-6291. Thank you!

| 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 | |

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 January burns

in loving memory of...

Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin



February 2023



St. Mary Chapel

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of January burns

in loving memory of...

John Johnson





| 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 | Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin |
| February 2024 | Alan & Rosalie Thomas |

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| February 2023 | Rosie Timmons |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| March 2023 | Henry Verdeyen |
| April 2023 | Cameron Feig |
| 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 |
| February 2024 | OPEN |

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Sunday, January 15, 2023

In a 3rd Serving of Chicken Soup for the Soul, there is a story about a student who was unlike most students. One day in the 11th grade he went into a classroom to wait for a friend. The teacher appeared and asked him to go to the blackboard. He replied, "I'm not one of your students." The teacher said, "Doesn't matter. Go to the board anyhow." The student told him he couldn't do that and when the teacher asked "why not?" the student told him he had a learning disability. The teacher came over to the student and said, "Don't ever say that again. Someone's opinion of you does not have to be become your reality."

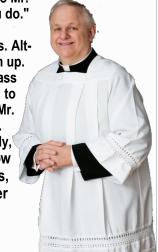
It became a liberating moment for the student, a time of great learning. The teacher, Mr. Washington, became the student's mentor. Later that school year Mr. Washington addressed the graduating seniors. And in his speech he said, "You have great-

ness within you You can touch millions of people's lives." After the speech the student went up to Mr. Washington and asked him if he had greatness within him. The teacher replied, "Yes, Mr. Brown, you do." The student thanked him and told him that one day he would make the teacher proud.

In his senior year it happened that Brown was placed in Mr. Washington's speech and drama class. Although Brown was a special education student, the principal realized that this would be a good match up. Mr. Washington gave Brown a larger vision of himself. While other teachers passed Brown from class to class, Mr. Washington made more demands of him. He made him accountable. He enabled him to believe in himself. Years later the famous, Les Brown, produced five specials on public television. Mr. Washington saw the program and called Les Brown to tell him how proud he was of his achievement.

When others believe in us we gain confidence in ourselves and are able to do great things. Naturally, we still have to apply ourselves. Les Brown had to work hard to finish high school. But, he was now motivated to learn. Our children need to hear from us that we believe in them. Our students, who could be our friends, relatives, or co-workers will be motivated to aspire to greater things when we believe in them.

Keith Wagner, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Sidney, Ohio





Dear St. Mary and St. Lawrence Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that we are going "high tech," and have added an exciting way to get the latest updates at our parish. Many of us have chosen to use cell phones and email to communicate. Over the past five years the number of landlines continue to decline. The days of the household phone are gone, replaced by individual phones that fit into our pockets.

St. Mary and St. Lawrence Parishes have joined an exciting service that is endorsed by the Belleville Diocese called, *flocknote*. This texting and email service will provide a direct link when important information that needs to be announced. You can join different groups. For example, join the "Prayer Warriors, and receive a text when someone requests special prayers. You can join the Monday Bible Study Group, and receive updates about gatherings and cancelations. Join the Altar Society, Quilting Ladies, PTO, Knights of Columbus, Finance Council or Pastoral Council groups and you will be notified of upcoming events, meetings and cancelations.

By signing up you will automatically be placed into the general group for St. Mary or St. Lawrence Parishes. In the event that Mass is canceled due to weather or illness there would be no need to leave your home, you will receive a text message.

There is no cost to you to sign-up. You may sign-up for both parishes, and non-parishioners who wish to receive updates are welcomed to join. It's so easy to join! Using your cell phone just send a text to 84576. In the message line type: ORPHANS for St. Mary and BLACKHAWKS for St. Lawrence and follow the directions. (has nothing to do with the sports teams it just easy to remember)

How easy is that? Hope you sign-up for this important communication tool. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at St. Mary or St. Lawrence. Blessings! Fr. Steve



RESPECT LIFE



PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JANUARY 19-27, 2023

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

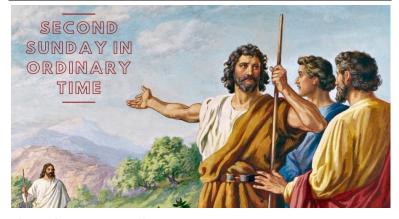


You can find information on the 9 Days for Life Novena at: https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life

The Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life can be viewed live on Thursday, January 19 at 5:00 PM (Eastern). Visit usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life for more information.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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.

| 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. | | | |

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-640-3044

SAINT MARY PARISH NEW OFFICE HOURS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

Office Hours) TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.



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 are \$10.00 per Intention. Please call: 532-6291

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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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
Thursday 8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church (all school mass)
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

| January 21st and January 22nd. | 4:00 PM | 10:30 AM |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Lector: | S.Pierjok | P. Balsno |
| Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist | S. Niepoetter B. Broda | B. Williams E. Enriquez J. Hancock |
| Altar Servers | D. Laquet G. Knowles N. Guerrero | J. Burris E. Burris C. Williams |
| Ushers: | P. Pierson G. Gettinger J. Opolony | T. Holle T. Ballagh |
| Greeters: | Ellen & Mike S | Todd & Kim D |
| Offertory | J. Warren, D. Uhls J. Beguelin | Fritch Family |
| Cantor: | P. Pahnke | T. Miller |

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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: iustfaith.org/faith-andpoverty-a-qlobal-response-st-louis-

winter-2023-small-group-catholic/



RALPH & BERNICE SPREHE

ST. MARY PARISH/KASKASKIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

SPREHE SCHOLARSHIPS: Sprehe Scholarship applications are available for registered members of St. Mary Parish for the 2023-2025 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2023-2024 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. You may contact Nikki Burmester by phone: 618-367-4565 or by e-mail: nburmester@centraliahs.org to make arrangements for receiving an application. All signed applications are to be returned to Nikki Burmester at 1937 Dogwood Lane, Centralia, IL 62801 or by e-mail at nburmester@)centraliahs.org no later than 4 pm, Tuesday, March 7, 2023. All applications must be signed and those submitted by email must be in pdf. format.

"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!!"







After I returned from my to visit my cousin Felix and family in Florida, I hooped a rolling tin can and took at trip to Sandoval to check on those teenage cats, Snickers and Lillie.

What a sight to behold! Lillie was stuck at the top of the Christmas tree, holding on for her life. Snick-

ers just looked on like nothing was wrong. Her human had to get a ladder and get her down. What's wrong with those silly felines? I learned right off, when the big cats put the evergreen tree in their house to stay far away. Sure, it's pretty to look at but, its easy to get trapped in all the decorations. Will Lillie ever learn her lesson? Who knows! They both say hello! Love Gracie

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!





St. Mary's PSR, Fun Day! PSR Students, parents, grandparents, staff and friends gathered for the Annual St. Mary Fun Day On Sunday, December 18, 2023 at St. Mary Gym! A great time was had by all in attendance.















SMS, PTO EVENTS (TENTATIVE DATES)

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 PTO TRIVIA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 31, 2023 SMS, PTO, LENT FISH FRY

> SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

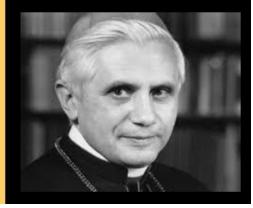
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 SMS, PTO MEETING



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Choose the path of dialogue rather than the path of unilateral decisions.

World Day of Peace Message January 1, 2008



"The application process for men interested in becoming aspirants for the Permanent Deacon Formation Class, beginning in the fall of 2023, has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2023. Prospective aspirants and their wives are asked to gather at the lower level of the Cathedral of St. Peter (Undercroft -South Entrance), 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220, at 10:00 a.m. Those desiring to be considered must complete the application and return it to the Vocation Office. Applications should be returned to the Diocesan Vocation Office no later than March 4, 2023. If your schedule doesn't permit you to attend the meeting on January 28, 2023, don't hesitate to contact the Vocation Office to schedule a time with a formation team member to receive the application and review the process."



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