

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**424 E. Broadway
Centralia, Illinois 62801
(618) 532-6291**



4th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE. Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates who were welcomed into formal formation during Mass today. Back Row: Pete Donnelly, Fr. Steve, Front Row: Mary Miller, Cindy Weatherford, Gayla O'Brist, Heather Dixon, and Paul Mocaby. Not pictured is Roy and Cythia Kroezen.

Dear Parish Family,

Catholic Schools Week is still another opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who help make our schools such special places, especially our wonderful and dedicated administrators, teachers and staff.

To the parents and guardians who make countless sacrifices to give their children the gift of a Catholic education, we once again extend our heartfelt appreciation. You have made a sound investment in their future, which will serve these young people throughout their lifetimes.

If experience has taught us anything about Catholic schools it is that their foundation in the faith and reputation for academic excellence is evident.

I also wish to acknowledge the heroic efforts of our parish religious-education programs and to the devoted faithful who serve as PSR teachers and staff to continue the ministry of Catholic education. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Steve



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

January 23, 2023

Deb Hemker – Centralia
Jay O'Brist - Centralia



St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

The traditional Blessing of Throat, will be offered following all weekend Masses, February 4th. - 5th.

Candlemas Day (Blessing of Throats) (Presentation of the Lord)

Thursday, February 2, 2023 - St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m.

Candles for 2023 will be blessed during Mass. You are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed

NO WEEKDAY MASSES



**FATHER STEVE WILL BE ON VACATION
FEBRUARY 9th - 17th**

SCRIPTURE February 5, 2023

Isaiah: 58:7-10
Psalm: 112:4-5,6-7,8-9;
1 Corinthians: 2:1-5
Matthew: 5:13-16

SCRIPTURE January 29, 2023

Zephaniah: 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm: 146:6-7,8-9,9-10;
1 Corinthians: 1:26-31
Matthew: 5:1-12a

H Y M N S

**#521 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
#820 Servant Song
#828 Whatsoever You Do
#841 Beautiful Savior
Readings #937**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A

MASS Intentions

Saturday, January 28, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Carolyn Seats † Margie Pautler

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

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

† Sister Mary Raymond FSM

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

† Theresa Verdeyen

Thursday, February 2, 2023 (Candelmas Day)

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

† Marilyn Oehmke † Charlotte Carson

† Janice Kannal † Mary Hudzik

Friday, February 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

For the people living and deceased

Saturday, February 4, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Mark Gutzler

Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Don & Barb Rohner † Margie Pautler

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Julia "Judy" Rogers

This past week I received this note from Bishop McGovern, *"In the past week or so we have had several priests test positive for COVID. Some of the priests are living in parishes and some are living in retirement."* COVID continues to be a threat to our community, especially those with compromised immune systems. Please stay home if you are feeling ill or have a fever. Starting this weekend, extra-ordinary ministers have been asked to wear a protective mask when distributing Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding, Blessings and Peace, Fr. 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, 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...



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GOD'S TITHES & YOUR OFFERINGS

SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS

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 (1/22/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$2805.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	640.00
Loose	1535.00
Mass Stipend	50.00
SMS School Support	20.00
Altar Society	145.00
Building Fund	740.00
Holy Day	110.00
Total Gifts Received	\$6044.00

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 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)	Students meet in classrooms located at SMS and the Parish Office.
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	Former St. Lawrence School use the door located off the parking lot.

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**

*In
Loving
Memory*



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	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2024	Alan & Rosalie Thomas

St. Mary Chapel

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

**John
Johnson**

*In
Loving
Memory*



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	Anthony M. Pautler
December 2023	OPEN
January 2024	OPEN
February 2024	OPEN

4th. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Sunday, January 29, 2023

One Sunday as they drove home from church, a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, there's something about Father's message this morning that I don't understand." The mother said, "Oh? What is it?" The little girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. He said God is so big that He could hold the whole world in His hand. Is that true?" The mother replied, "Yes, that's true, honey." "But Mommy, he also said that God comes to live inside of us when we believe in Jesus as our Savior. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother assured the little girl that what Father had said was true. With a puzzled look on her face the little girl then asked, "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

When St. Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthian church, he wanted the members to remember the condition of their lives before they became Christians. He pointed out that most of them did not amount to much. "Not many of you were wise by human standards," Paul wrote, "not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth." In other words, they were mostly of the poorer class, not well-educated, "low and despised in the world" as Paul put it. Corinth, the city in which they lived, was a Grecian seaport on the Mediterranean. When the learned missionary, Paul, visited Corinth, he did not use sophisticated language. Jesus was the first to use language that was simple and easy to understand. Just as Paul did, Jesus related the kingdom of God simply. Yes, God is bigger than us, and smaller than us. And he does shine through, it's that simple to understand. God dwells, wherever he is welcomed.



KNOWLEDGE WANTED!

...but not required.
(you can come for the fun and to show your support)

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St. Mary School PTO
Proceeds to Benefit the students of St. Mary School - Centralia

Cash Prizes

**Saturday,
February 18, 2023
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Trivia Begins at 7:00 pm**

Trivia Night

Fundraiser

St. Mary School PTO

The Place to Be: St. Mary School Gym 424 E Broadway Centralia, IL 62801	Price of Event: \$120 / Table (8 player Max) EXTRAS: Mulligans 50/50 Raffle	What's in Store for You: 10 Rounds General Trivia
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COOLERS / FOOD WELCOME

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED Call/Text Nicole Garren (618-204-1490)
or call the School Office @ 618-532-3473. Will need a contact name and phone number for team. If you would like to be placed near another team, please let us know who that team is. Deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, February 15.
After that date, we will do our best to accommodate any requests.

St. Mary School

Send your Valentine a Smencil or Two!

Proceeds will help purchase a Sunshade for the playground

St. Mary School PTO @stmarypto

ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY JANUARY 18TH

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SMENCILS FOR YOUR VALENTINE
1 Smencil for \$2.00
5 Smencils and a piece of candy \$8.00



**Friday's
of Lent**

RESPECT LIFE

BE NOT Afraid

More women and girls consider abortion than we may realize. They are our relatives and friends, our babysitters, teammates, people who work with us or for us, married or unmarried. Even if someone identifies as being pro-life, the shock of an unexpected pregnancy, the devastation of a difficult prenatal diagnosis, shame, pressures, or fears may influence her to consider abortion.

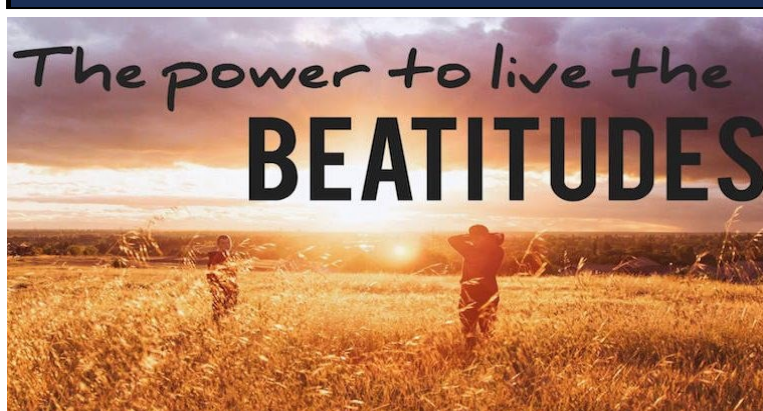
If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? The answer can be summed up in an old adage: We have two ears and one mouth, and should use them in that proportion.

Although the first instinct may be to convince her that abortion ends a baby's life, hearing facts is not the first thing she needs. Research shows that many women in a pregnancy crisis think, "This is the end of my life as I know it." To face the challenges before her, your friend needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone.

First listening to your friend will help build trust and facilitate openness. Eventually, when she knows you truly care about her and she trusts you, you can share the truth in love. You can share facts about abortion, her own intrinsic worth, and the practical help and support available so she can choose life for herself and her baby.

A truly loving approach reflects St. Paul's description of love in his first letter to the Corinthians: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. ... Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Cor. 13:1,4).

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

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.

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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.

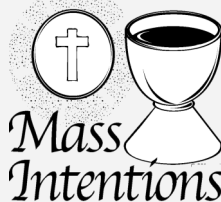
Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

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.

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. 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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—Pastoral Council—

Joan Beguelin, Pete Donnelly, Garrett Ford, Lisa Guthrie, Wayne Houser, Nancy Lukasik, Vicki Laquet, Manny Maco, Martina Maco, Mary Miller, Greg Schwartz, Nicole Sandahl, Mike Stock, and Patty Williams.

—Finance Council—

Greg Schwartz, Patty Williams, Dr. Jerry Beguelin, Louis Curl, Jack Graham, Dr David Knowles, Dan Laquet, Steve Pigg, Nancy James, Rodney Resch, Susan Niepoetter

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

February 4th and February 5th.	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	J. Beguelin	L. Guthrie
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	B. Broda	P. Donnelly M. Miller B. Williams
Altar Servers	D. Laquet J. Siegler A. Siegler G. Knowles	J. Burris M. Davis A. Smith
Ushers:	P. Pierson G. Gettinger J. Opolony	T. Holle T. Ballagh J. Toedte
Greeters:	Paul & Theresa C	Todd & Kim D
Offertory	Siegler Family	Villagomez Family
Cantor:	P. Pahnke	T. Hawkins



Eucharistic Revival

There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, January 29, at 2:00 pm. Bishop Michael McGovern will preside. A choir will provide music by Buckner, Byrd, and Mozart. The hour concludes with Benediction. The Cathedral is located at 200 W. Harrison Street in Belleville. All are invited!



flocknote

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

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 e-mail must be in pdf. format.



Mater Dei Honor Roll 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester

Congratulations to our Parishioners who have achieved High Honors at Mater Dei!

Paul Havrilka
Francisco Mosqueira
Oliva Wolden



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!



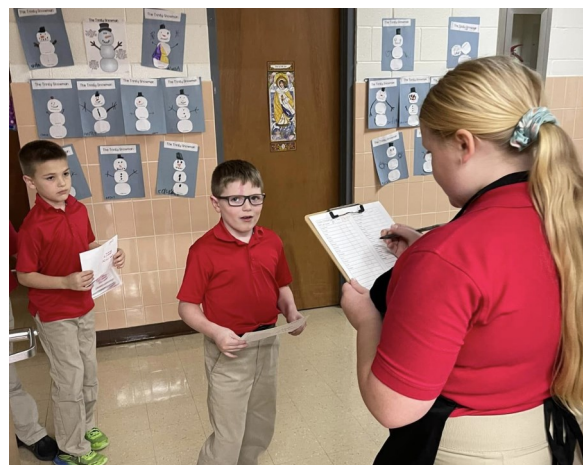


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Love each other
Transform our world

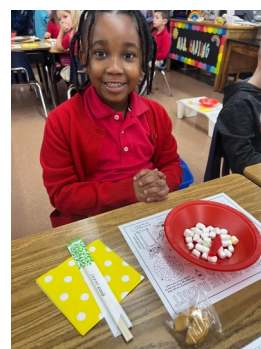
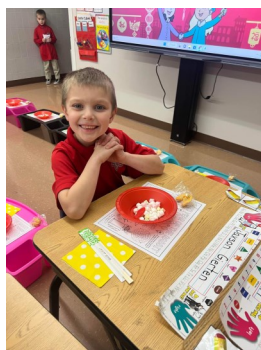
Saint Mary School

The Cardinal Express

1st and 2nd grade students enjoyed a book tasting



Pre-K & Kindergarten learned about the Chinese Culture





Father Justin Olisaemeka, our former pastor, was recognized for visiting the Healthcare Directorate of Onitsha Archdiocese. He is expected to join the Healthcare Directorate of Onitsha Archdiocese in the near future. Congratulations Father Justin.

ST. ANN'S NASHVILLE, IL CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP (CYM) MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Valentine Dinner

Candlelight Dinner with Full Service & Live Entertainment

featuring Musical Guest "Twilight"

MENU: Salad, Roast Beef, Roast Pork, Baked Potato, Vegetables, Roll & Dessert, Tea, Lemonade, Water & Coffee *with Complimentary Wine & Beer*

Saturday February 4th
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM
DINNER AT 6:00PM

\$15 person/ \$30 couple - Pay at the door
 Please place reservations by calling the Parish Office at
618-327-3232 (Linda)
 Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm,
 before Monday January 30th

Catholic Schools Week

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