



February 5, 2023

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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



SUNDAY MASS

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

St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

St. Mary (Vigil)

3:15 p.m. - 3:50 P.M.

St. Lawrence (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

Or by appointment

618-532-6291 x(307)



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

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 CALENDAR WINNERS

January 30, 2023

Madilyn Seals - Centralia
E. Piasecki, Jr - Nashville



Congratulations to Londyn Grace Sanders, who was baptized Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Londyn parents are Brad and Laura Sanders. She was welcomed into God's family, by her family members.

SCRIPTURE February 12, 2023

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms: 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

1 Corinthians: 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

SCRIPTURE February 5, 2023

Isaiah: 58:7-10

Psalms: 112:4-5,6-7,8-9;

1 Corinthians: 2:1-5

Matthew: 5:13-16

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#448, Holy, Holy, Holy
#828, Whatsoever You Do
#818, Here, I am Lord
#566, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Readings #940

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A

MASS Intentions

Saturday, February 4, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Danny Darin

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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

† Dr. Charles Fischer † Sister Mary Raymond FSM

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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

† Donald & Beverly Kelly

Thursday, February 9, 2023 **(NO MASS)**

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

Friday, February 10, 2023 **(NO MASS)**

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

Saturday, February 11, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† America Mosqueira & Sons, Juan, Jorge,

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Harry & Josephine Rohner † Jack & Carolyn Seats

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Harold "Bud" Miller † Lawrence & Agnes Goebel

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING -SMS CAFETERIA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

PORTABLE HEARING DEVICE AVAILABLE AT ST. MARY CHURCH



There are presently five portable hearing devices available that you may use if you need assistance with hearing. Please see Bill Broda at the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Tom Holle at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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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You may place your envelope in
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ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT (1/22/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$3370.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	572.00
Loose	1276.00
Mass Stipend	160.00
SMS School Support	170.00
Altar Society	105.00
Building Fund	240.00
Other - Diocese	40.00
Messenger	30.00
Total Gifts Received	\$5963.00

Father Steve is on Vacation!

Father Steve will be on Vacation beginning, **Thursday, February 9th - Friday February 17th**. There are **NO** weekday Masses during those days. If you need a priest please contact Msgr. David Darin or Fr. Nick Junker, at St. Mary's in Mt. Vernon. **Fr. William Spencer, OFM, will be our presider at weekend Masses.**



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 February burns

in loving memory of...

Alan & Rosalie Thomas

In Loving Memory



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>
January 2024	<i>Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin</i>
February 2024	<i>Alan & Rosalie Thomas</i>
March 2024	<i>OPEN</i>

St. Mary Chapel

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in loving memory of...

Rosie Timmons

In Loving Memory



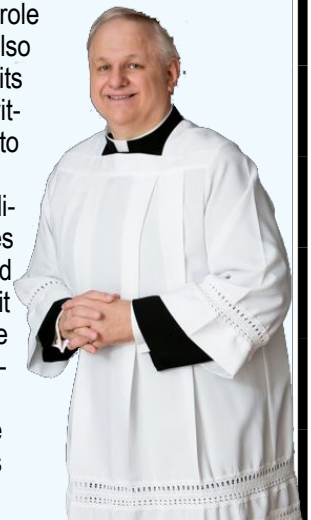
March 2023	<i>Henry Verdeyen</i>
April 2023	<i>Cameron Feig</i>
May 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
June 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
July 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
August 2023	<i>Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2023	<i>Robert & Gary Kabat</i>
October 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
November 2023	<i>Anthony M. Pautler</i>
December 2023	<i>OPEN</i>
January 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
February 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
March 2024	<i>OPEN</i>

5th. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Sunday, February 5, 2023

Today's gospel speaks of the practical implications of being followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus uses simple images which would be easily understood by his Palestinian followers. "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." His listeners knew how essential salt was in those days. In fact people traded in salt as they traded in silver and gold. Salt was essential to flavour and preserve food. Its absence in food was immediately noticeable. Light too played an essential function of enlightening, guiding, and making ordinary tasks possible. What Jesus is saying through these images is that his disciples have an essential function to play in the world. When Jesus spoke of letting our light shine among men he was not speaking of parading our good works, or of attracting attention to ourselves. Our good deeds should inspire others to do what needs to be done in their own lives. Our deeds do not have to be spectacular because even little deeds done regularly can make a difference in peoples' lives. As Christians we have a very positive role to play in the world. Shedding light and witnessing to the light not only makes people see things clearly but it also puts our own life under the spot light; we can be vulnerable and exposed. Just as salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness and light is useless if it is kept under covers, so the Christian life is meaningless unless faith is witnessed in love and concern for others. Religion is no private affair between me and my God. Our lives have to impact others and lead them to God.

In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet speaks plainly about what is expected of the true believer. In earlier Jewish history, fasting and fast days were part of the liturgy, in which rich and poor 'humbled' themselves before God. The rich fasted and expected a divine reply in the form of greater prosperity. They asked why God did not answer their prayer. In today's reading the prophet tells them that for fasting to be acceptable to God it must be meaningful. Genuine fast before God requires the social awareness and concern spelled out by the prophet. "Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see naked....then your light will shine like the dawn." It is by such actions that genuine worship gives glory to God.

When Jesus told his disciples they were the "light of the world," he meant they were to be reflectors of the light of God. God is the illuminating source. God provides the light that is reflected from us. And God needs us to be reflectors of God's light to a world of darkness.



KNOWLEDGE WANTED!

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

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Cash Prizes

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

Trivia Night

Fundraiser

St. Mary School

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!

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5 Smencils and a piece of candy \$8.00

The word is Fr. Steve is going to Florida and didn't ask me! How dare him, he knows I'm an expert on all things Florida. The Little Cat's at the school want him to pack them in his luggage...they are to big, but Gracie will fit perfectly. He wont figure it out until its too late. I contacted my Cousin Felix and told him Fr. Steve was heading his way. He going to have him over for dinner, but I don't think Fr. Steve likes barbecued critters! Love, Gracie



RESPECT LIFE

BE NOT Afraid



In 1971, the renowned physician and medical ethicist, Dr. Leon Kass, used this parable to illustrate the coming wave of assisted reproductive technologies, hailed by science as a final triumph over infertility; scientists were on the verge of creating children outside the womb and inside the laboratory. Dr. Kass feared that we had not given adequate consideration to the question of how this might affect the couples pursuing these methods and the children produced from them. Forty years later, we're just beginning to understand the consequences of such technologies.

When couples are unable to bear children, very often there is an understandable feeling of great loss. It is essential to note that "the Church has compassion for couples suffering from infertility and wants to be of real help to them. At the same time, some 'reproductive technologies' are not morally legitimate ways to solve those problems. The inevitable result is that the child is initially treated as an object created for the parents' self-fulfillment instead of welcomed as a gift of God.

Since the advent in 1978 of IVF (in vitro fertilization), by which children are "conceived" by technicians working in labs, the floodgates have been opened to bringing about reproduction through egg and sperm donation and surrogate pregnancies. Yet these technologies are fraught with medical, legal, and moral complications that are often either unknown or too easily dismissed.

The very technologies that some believed would solve the age-old problem of infertility have, in fact, raised more questions than answers—questions about the meaning and purposes of children, and the limits and detriments of technology when it intervenes in the most intimate of human relationships. . So instead, "in love, hope, and prayer, ... let us be open to God's gift of life and love in marriage, with profound respect for the dignity of all God's children." [7]

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Salt and Light



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

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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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.

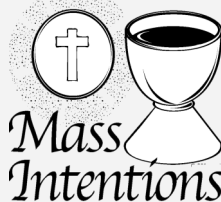
Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

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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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 11th and February 12th.	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	B. Broda	G. Ford
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	J. Warren	P. Williams
Altar Servers	N. Pryor N. Guerrero G. Knowles	D. Meier T. Aydt B. Schwartz
Ushers:	P. Pierson G. Gettinger M. Stock	T. Holle T. Ballagh B. Williams
Greeters:	Ellen Stock	T. Holle
Offertory	Knowles Family	Shaw Family
Cantor:	T. Miller	D. Litteken

The Beatitudes
30 January 2023

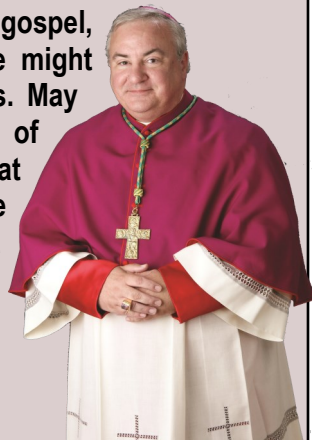
Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, as we listened to Matthew's gospel account of Jesus teaching the crowd the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a), I thought of Jesus as an artist, sketching the features of a person for a portrait. As Jesus declared: Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are they who mourn, blessed are the meek; it seemed to me that the person who is blessed and lives the Beatitudes first and foremost is Jesus himself. In some ways, Jesus is presenting the crowd with a self-portrait which displays the spiritual features of Jesus. These features express the mystery of Jesus' identity, an identity that is finally revealed through his cross and resurrection.

Jesus invites us to be Christians and as such to follow him and walk toward the mystery of his cross and resurrection. As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out in a homily, to the extent we accept Jesus' proposal and set out to follow him, we can participate in his blessedness. We can share in the meaning of being people who hunger and thirst for justice, be people who live with pure hearts, offer mercy and strive to be peacemakers. With the help of Jesus and only with the help of Jesus, we can live as people of the Beatitudes and become perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Mt: 5, 48).

Pope Francis commented on the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, noting that Jesus begins with the word: "Blessed". Jesus is making a proclamation of an unprecedented happiness. Beatitude... is above all a joyful discovery of being God's beloved sons and daughters. And this discovery fills us with joy. It is not a human achievement; it is a gift we receive. We are holy because God, who is the Holy One, comes to dwell in our lives (Angelus Address November 1, 2021).

Dear Friends, in the weeks before we arrive at Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent, I encourage each of you to take time in prayer and consider the spiritual features of Jesus. When is he merciful? When is he poor in spirit? When do you see how clean and pure is the heart of Jesus? Try to write down what you noticed in a journal. My hope is that by recognizing the features of Jesus through reflecting on the gospel, the liturgy and our daily lives, we might develop a portrait of who is Jesus. May his spiritual goodness and purity of heart draw us closer to him so that the features of his being and the pattern of his life are made present in our own lives, too.



In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

RALPH & BERNICE SPREHE

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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.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN-UP



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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!

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!





Love God
Love each other
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Saint Mary School

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PADRE FOR A DAY
Tammy's Cheese Cake for all!



PADRE FOR A DAY

Griffin served as Padre for the Day, and could invite two friends, Callen and Nolan to have Lunch. Padre Griffin chose, Jerry's for lunch. They even brought Tammy's Cheese Cake back for the rest of the 5th & 6th Grade classes to enjoy!





PLEASE JOIN ROY IN PRAYER
 St. Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared Patron of those suffering from Cancer, I confidently turn to you for help in my present sickness. I beg your kind intercession. Ask God to relieve me of this sickness, if it be his Holy Will. Plead with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of Cancer, that she may help me with her powerful prayers and loving consolation.
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