

# SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **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)

# Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

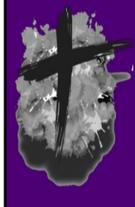
O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever AMEN



# SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

**February 6, 2023** 

Teresa Boyce - Centralia Annette Shores - Centralia



# ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified.

Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the first day of Lent and the perfect opportunity to begin your Lent journey. The schedule is:

### Wednesday, February 22. 2023

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

St. Mary Hospital Chapel - 12:00 p.m. (18 + only, masks must be worn)

St. Lawrence Church - 7:00 p.m.

Drive Thru Ashes 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Our busy schedules sometimes do not permit us to fully practice our faith. If you are heading to school, work, or just driving through! We will again offer drive thru ashes, on Wednesday,

FEBRUARY 22, in the SMS Park Lot. There will also be ashes available in the Church for you to take home for those who are homebound.



### Father Steve

is on Vacation!

-PLEASE WELCOME-

Fr. William Spencer, OFM 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time If you are in need of a priest while Fr. Steve is on vacation, please contact Msgr. Darin or Fr. Nick Junker, St. Mary, Mt. Vernon 618-244-1559





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.



If you would like to include an article in the March - Illinois Central Newsletter please submit your entry by February 20, 2023. Since Father Steve is gone, we will be working on a tight deadline to meet our March 1, 2023 publication date! Send articles, pictures, etc. to: steve9960@hotmail.com

#### SCRIPTURE February 19, 2023

Leviticus: 19:1-2,17-18 Psalm:. 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13; 1 Corinthians: 3:16-23 Matthew: 5:38-48

#### SCRIPTURE February 12, 2023

Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm: 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 1 Corinthians: 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 H Y

#672, O God, Our Help in Ages Past. #702, Prayer of St. Francis. #786, I Received the Living God #629. We are the Light of the World. Readings # 940

# MASS Intentions

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (NO MASS)

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023((NO MASS)

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Thursday, February 16, 2023 (NO MASS)

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

Friday, February 17, 2023 (NO MASS)

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel

Saturday, February 18, 2023 (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Shirley Merrell

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

† Margie Pautler † Teddy Holstlaw

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Jack Mann † Roy Szatkowski

### St. Mary School PTO Annual Lent....



Serving 5 p.m. - **7:00** p.m.

MENU -- Meal includes your choice of drink--

#### **ADULT MEAL**

❖ 2 pc Fish Dinner and 2 sides- \$12.00
❖ Baked Pasta, Garlic Bread and 1 side- \$10.00

KIDS MEAL for 7 and under

1 pc Fish Dinner and 1 side-\$6.00

❖ Baked Pasta with Garlic Bread- \$ 5.00

SIDE CHOICES: Baked Beans - Crinkle Cut Fries - Homemade Italian Slaw

HOMEMADE DESSERTS AVAILABLE
For a Free-Will Offering

### FRIDAY'S OF LENT

FEBRUARY: 24

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Dine-in or Carry-Outs Available
(No Fish Fry - Good Friday, April 7th)



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**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 (2/5/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$6044.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	2349.79
Loose	294.41
SMS School Support	223.00
Altar Society	25.00
Building Fund	260.00
Other - Diocese	20.00
Messenger	325.00
Total Gifts Received	\$9541.20

### **FACULTY POSITION AT SMS**

St. Mary School in Centralia, IL, a PreK-8 parochial school, is looking for a 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The ideal candidate is someone who is properly licensed or has a bachelor's degree seeking licensure and must be Christian. If interested in learning more about teaching in an extremely rewarding environment, please contact Mrs. Maria Pryor at (618) 532-3473 or email resumes to maripryor@stmarycentralia.org.

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 class- rooms 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

Elliston & Garnier Families

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February burns

in loving memory of...

### **Alan & Rosalie** Thomas



March 2023



# St. Mary Chapel

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February burns

in loving memory of...

# Rosie



March 2023

Henry Verdeyen



Wayne & Mary Decker April 2023 May 2023 Roy Szatkowski Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff June 2023 **Donoho & Metzger Families** July 2023 Verdeyen & Willenborg Families August 2023 September 2023 Gene Uhls October 2023 David Schwartz

November 2023 Harold "Pete" Aydt

December 2023 Bill Nall & Carol Hollern

Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin January 2024

February 2024 Alan & Rosalie Thomas Elliston & Garnier Families March 2024

April 2023 Cameron Feig **OPEN** May 2023 **OPEN** June 2023 July 2023 Beverly "Mickey" Kelly August 2023 Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston Robert & Gary Kabat September 2023 October 2023 Dr. Charles Fischer Anthony M. Pautler November 2023 Donald Kelly December 2023 January 2024 **OPEN OPEN** February 2024 **OPEN** March 2024

#### 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 12, 2023 **Deacon Candidate Dan Laquet**

Beautiful, profound, and uplifting passages are presented to us in today's readings. Their focus on the law and the commandments provides us with a road map on the direction our lives should take. Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, extols us to choose a life made fruitful by obeying the commandments God has provided. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that the wisdom of God is far greater than anything we can achieve on our own. Finally, in the gospel of Matthew, our Lord announces that He has come to fulfill the law, not to abolish it.

The Catholic Church teaches that moral law comes from God in the form of "fatherly instructions" to guide us in determining what is right and what is wrong. The book of Sirach, written by the Jewish scribe Ben Sira around 200 years before the birth of Jesus, speaks plainly about the proper way to live our lives in a manner that honors God. Ben Sira was deeply rooted in the Torah, the law, and all the rituals of the Temple. In these few verses he gives us the unalterable truth about our spiritual lives, "If you will, you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live." God gave us free will and the freedom to choose our path. He covets that freedom to such a degree that He is willing to let us experience life or death, good or evil, based on our own decisions. God gives us what we choose, and ultimately, we will become what we choose. The words of Sirach encourage us to follow the path of love and obedience every moment of our lives so that we will become worthy to live eternally with our Father in heaven.

St. Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians that the wisdom of God far surpasses all the human wisdom of this and every age. By revealing His wisdom, God fulfills His plan from before time began. He created us out of love, as creations designed to love Him in return, and the best manifestation of that love is to honor and reverence Him by the light of our own lives. Trust in His wisdom, and live by His law, for it is unimaginable "what God has prepared for those who love Him."

The passage from Matthew reveals clearly the gospel according to Jesus mirrored throughout the New Testament writings. His gospel transcends the law of the Old Testament, and He tells us that "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Observance of the law is just part of it, but it is not all He desires of us. This new law is one that God places in our hearts. Our hearts are the seedbed from which our actions and words sprout and bring forth life. Jesus wants us to train our hearts, to control our passions and emotions, and to be fully obedient. We are called to love God with our whole heart and soul, and to do His will with heartfelt joy. God never demands more of us than we are capable of doing, and He sent us His Son to be a model for us to follow.

The following men, all members of the Deacon Formation Class of 2023, have been recommended to Bishop Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville, for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on June 3, 2023. A permanent deacon must be a man of humility, prayer, and service. The lay faithful serve a vital part in the selection, calling, and ordination of deacons, who must be faithful to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Therefore, Bishop McGovern invites the faithful to submit any comments concerning the worthiness and suitability of any candidate listed below directly to him. These comments should be submitted in writing to arrive by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

> Mr. Jay Fowler - St. Anthony, Beckemeyer Mr. Brad Haar - St. George, New Baden Mr. James Keepes - St. Mary, Mt. Carmel Mr. Anthony Kellerman - Sacred Heart, Du Quoin Mr. Daniel Kimutis - St. Clare, O'Fallon Mr. Daniel Laquet - St. Mary, Centralia Mr. Douglas Lugge - Cathedral of St. Peter Mr. David Mills - St. Edward, Fairfield Mr. David Miskell - SS Peter and Paul, Waterloo Mr. William Mueller - St. James, Millstadt Mr. Leonard Ratajczyk - St. Clare, O'Fallon Mr. Thomas Ritzheimer - St. Mary, Trenton Mr. Fred Sterns - St. Ann, Nashville Mr. Justin Wolfslau - St. George, New Baden

Please send your letter or email to: The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern Bishop of Belleville, 222 S. Third Street Belleville, IL 62220

Email: bmcgovern@diobelle.org



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Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "in haste" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of hope—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

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#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear - it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.



### 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

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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

# **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...

February 18th and February 19th.	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	SMS Student	J. Burris
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	N. Pryor D. Meier L. Meier	D. Pahnke
Altar Servers	H. Schultz O. Sipe SMS Student SMS Student	M. Maco B. Hall R. Hall
Ushers:	P. Pierson G. Gettinger J. Opolony	T. Holle T. Ballagh Brian & Jaxson H
Greeters:	D. Uhls	S. Tieman
Offertory	SMS Student	D. Pahnke
Cantor:	S. Miller	M. Russell



During Lent, the Christian faithful are obliged to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by performing works of piety and charity. Even outside of Lent, the bishops in the U.S. still exhort the faithful to observe all Fridays as days of penance in recognition of Friday as the day of our Lord's death and in preparation for the heavenly banquet at Sunday Mass.

### **Fasting**

Fasting is an ancient practice whose importance can be seen time and again throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Everyone age 18 and up to their 59th birthday is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Only one full meal is allowed on days of fasting. Two other meals, often called collations, may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs. When combined, these collations should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals and collations is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

#### **Abstinence**

Everyone age 14 and older is to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. In the Midwest, highend seafood can often be a luxury and a significant expense, especially when consumed at restaurants. While consuming such food certainly observes the "letter of the law" in regards to the obligation, in order to reap the most bountiful spiritual fruits, the faithful should ensure their intention is united to the "spirit" of such obligations.

# Sant Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, 2023 Dispensation for the Faithful

Bishop McGovern has granted a dispensation for the Faithful for Friday, March 17, 2023. The regulation to abstain from eating meat is lifted for that Friday only. The faithful are encouraged to perform another act of Prayer or Almsgiving on St. Patrick's Day.

### **Prayer - Fasting - Almsgiving**

It is popular for Catholics to "give something up" for Lent. This is not required by the Church, but it is often encouraged as a way to detach from the things of the world and focus our attention on God and heaven. This helps a soul prepare for Easter and grow in holiness at the same time.

We owe God everything and he owes us nothing. Yet, he has given us everything and we often give very little in return. Consider showing your deep love and trust for God by giving something up that you think will be very difficult. Resign yourself to him in complete trust and let him be your guide through the long journey of Lent. If you slip and give in during the journey, the only shame comes if you abandon your sacrifice completely as if it has lost all its merit. Turn again to him who never turns from you, and ask him to give you the resolve to rise once more and push on to that great and holy Easter day.

### **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.







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