



# 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)



## EASTER

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten  
Son, have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path  
to eternity, grant, we pray,  
that we who keep the solemn-  
nity of the Lord's Resurrec-  
tion may, through the renew-  
al brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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



## SMS CALENDAR

### WINNERS

April 3, 2023

Dugan Murphy  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

John Graham  
Collinsville, IL



## DIVINE MERCY April 16, 2023

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

## EASTER April 9, 2023

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Colossians: 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

## H Y M N S

Processional: #401, Jesus Christ is Risen Today  
Offertory: #580, Sing to the Mountains  
Communion : #407, At the Lamb's High Fest  
#406, Three Days  
Recessional: #411, Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise  
Readings: 902



# MASS Intentions

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† Ira J. Garnier Sr.

Sunday, April 9, 2023

The Resurrection of the Lord—The Mass of Easter Day

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

Don & Barb Rohner † Jack & Carolyn Seats

† Clarence & Florence Beckmann

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Harold "Bud" Miller † Lawrence & Agnus Goebel

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

† For Healing

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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

Dr. Charles Fischer +

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence

Diane Lusch + Erwin Nalewajka +

Mathilda Lukebeck +

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Chapel

Harvey Bell +

Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Carolyn Connors +

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

Don & Barb Rohner † Jack & Carolyn Seats

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10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Jack Mann + Roy Szatkowski +

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## Prayer Intentions

For those who are sick, homebound, in the hospital or suffering in any way, especially: **Blain Loll, Robin Cimeria, Waylon Vick, Natasha Lang, Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie, Ruby Stratmann, Deb Steward, Brian Logsdon, Mark Schwartz, 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

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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 (4/2/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$6385.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	801.00
Loose	372.00
SMS School Support	295.00
Easter Offering	50.00
Building Fund	345.00
Other Diocesan	190.00
Total Gifts Received	\$8438.00

**CEMETERY MOWING  
SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.**

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS  
WREATHS, ETC. FROM THE GRAVES**



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.

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.

## St. Mary Church

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

**Wayne &  
Mary Decker**

*In  
Loving  
Memory*



May 2023	<i>Roy Szatkowski</i>
June 2023	<i>Richard, Michael, Megan &amp; Jacob Neff</i>
July 2023	<i>Donoho &amp; Metzger Families</i>
August 2023	<i>Verdeyen &amp; 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 &amp; Carol Hollern</i>
January 2024	<i>Corinno &amp; Anna Leeta Darin</i>
February 2024	<i>Alan &amp; Rosalie Thomas</i>
March 2024	<i>Elliston &amp; Garnier Families</i>
April 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
May 2024	<i>OPEN</i>

## St. Mary Chapel

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

**Cameron  
Feig**

*In  
Loving  
Memory*



May 2023	<i>Theresa Verdeyen</i>
June 2023	<i>Dennis &amp; Jeanette Laquet</i>
July 2023	<i>Beverly "Mickey" Kelly</i>
August 2023	<i>Mary Louise &amp; Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2023	<i>Robert &amp; Gary Kabat</i>
October 2023	<i>Dr. Charles Fischer</i>
November 2023	<i>Anthony M. Pautler</i>
December 2023	<i>Donald Kelly</i>
January 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
February 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
March 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
April 2024	<i>OPEN</i>
May 2024	<i>OPEN</i>

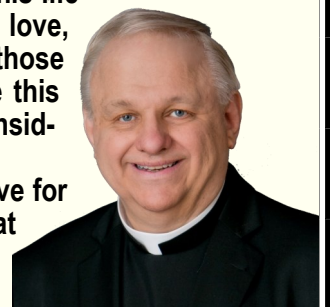
### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

We welcome everyone to St. Mary and St. Lawrence Parishes as we celebrate Easter this year! It is always a special joy to welcome home so many of our friends and family members who may have been away at school or who may have moved away and are now back "home" visiting family. A visit home can also be a time to reconnect and recommit to a closer walk with God. A 'returning home' can be a return to the faith of our childhood or the starting again of our faith as an adult. Taking time with God daily in pauses of prayer to speak with Him or to read some scripture, keeps our awareness of God awakened in our lives, and is easy to begin again. There are many quality Catholic apps on our smart phones to assist us in prayer.

Each Easter calls us to remember the reality of the resurrection of Jesus and the power of God to conquer death. Easter is a reminder of the promise that God will one day restore all things in Christ. He will save the beautiful and heal the broken. Whatever our hardships are or our struggles, God is truly still present. He remains with us. Persevere in prayer, speaking to God from where you are.

If you are not with family this season or if they have passed from this life, you are especially lifted up in our prayer. Holidays can be very lonely times for many. More and more we are called to look beyond this life as the years pass. God's promise is that one day He will heal all our hearts providing the love, comfort and lasting friendship that we all desire. Let us pray for each other. Pray for those around you. Please be mindful of those members of your family who you know are alone this season. Make a special effort to reach out to them or make a phone call. If you are able, consider going to make a personal visit. This is a great offering of love toward God and neighbor.

I pray your Easter is marked with the gift of an increased faith and confidence in God's love for you and for others. May you find comfort in His presence with you this Easter and bring that presence to others. May God bless you and all those you cherish. *Blessings, Fr. Steve*





## The Importance of Conscience Protection 29 March 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Southern Illinois has many institutions dedicated to health care. There are a good number of hospitals, both Catholic and non-Catholic, that serve the people in our communities. Unfortunately some secular medical providers currently perform procedures that are objectionable because of their moral and ethical implications. There is a growing concern that medical staff (doctors, nurses, etc.) could experience pressure to participate in procedures at a hospital or clinic that violate the consciences of medical personnel. This week I am writing to you asking your full support for conscience protection for all medical personnel.

What is a human conscience? God creates us with a capacity to know and love him, and we have a natural desire to seek the truth about him. Fortunately, we don't search for God unaided; indeed, he calls us to himself and writes his law on our hearts to help us draw closer to him.

Conscience helps us hear the voice of God; it helps us recognize the truth about God and the truth about how we ought to live. Conscience is "a judgment of reason" by which we determine whether an action is right or wrong.

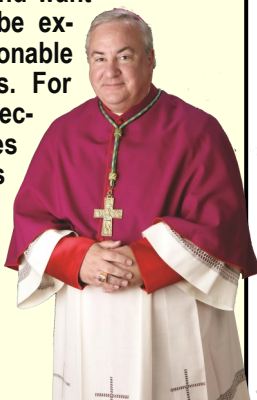
Jesus told the apostles, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15). We deepen our relationship with God by following him, and in doing so, we become more fully ourselves.

It is important we form our consciences through prayer and the sacraments, learning about our faith and the teachings of the Church (the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an excellent resource), reflecting on the example of people who would not violate their conscience even under pressure, and fostering friendships with people who help us to know the good and choose to do what is good.

My friends, I encourage you to learn more about how we can help health care professionals fulfill their hopes to be instruments of healing and not face pressure in their professional lives to participate in procedures such as abortions. Take the time to inform the leadership of medical institutions that you are an advocate for the staff members and want assurances that no staff member will be expected to participate in morally objectionable practices that violate their consciences. For more information about conscience protection, see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org)).

Please know of my prayers for all of you as we approach Holy Week. May the Lord Jesus, the Bread of Life, bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern



Beginning Holy Thursday, reception of Holy Communion will again be offered under both Species. The Precious Blood will only be located at the front of Church. The Sacred Blood of Christ will be offered in cups near the south and north side entrances of the Church. **Please** only receive if you have no cold or flu symptoms. (cough, fever, etc.)



## RESPECT LIFE



In our catechesis about the family we have to insist that Mary, as St. John Paul underlines in *Evangelium vitae*, is truly the Mother of God, the Theotokos, in whose motherhood the vocation to motherhood bestowed by God on every woman is raised to its highest level (103).

In the motherhood of Our Lady, the Creator gives humanity the greatest example of motherhood for two reasons: it was the motherhood of her divine Son and it was the motherhood brought about by a woman who, was free from original sin and thus was full of grace, as the Archangel Gabriel proclaims at the Annunciation. She, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, is "the new Eve, 'full of grace' of the Holy Spirit, is preserved from sin and the corruption of death..." (2853). Our Lady was not only free from Original Sin but also: "By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin in her whole life long." (CCC 493)

On the Cross, Jesus made Mary the mother of all, by giving her as mother to St. John the Apostle. This incredible gift is fully actualized by the ones who receive in baptism the magnificent status of adopted children of God and thus become incorporated into His divine family. At the same time her motherly heart is particularly concerned for the ones who have not received baptism through no fault of their own.

As a consequence, Mary's motherly heart has particular concern for the babies in the womb at risk of abortion. Her heart is also filled with compassion toward those children born in irregular situations and who are deprived of a proper family formed by a man and a woman committed to one another in a permanent and faithful union.

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### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

## 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.

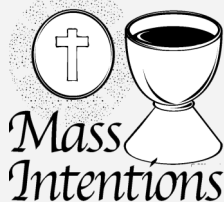
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

**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](http://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

April 15th and April 16th	8:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	S. Pierjok	L. Guthrie
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	B. Broda	TBD
Altar Servers	N. Pryor C. Pigg J. Siegler A. Siegler	D. Meier L. Meier Z. Shipley O. Sipe
Ushers:	G. Gettinger M. Stock	T. Holle T. Ballagh J. Toedte
Greeters:	P. T Cozadd	Ushers
Offertory	Siegler Family	A. Defend B. Defend B. Pickett L. Warren
Cantor:	Margie Russell	Rose Ross



# Help Wanted

St. Mary Parish needs to fill some open positions. If you know anyone interested (you do not have to be a Parishioner), please get in touch with Father Steve at 618-532-6291 x 307 or email: [spautler@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:spautler@stmarycentralia.org). Thank you so much!

## DRE/CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education).

Vicki Laquet, our present Coordinator of Religious Education, has submitted her retirement date of May 30, 2023. St. Mary Parish is seeking an individual who would assume the responsibility of coordinating the Parish School of Religion, RCIA, Ministry Schedules, Youth Ministry, etc. This position is part-time for 24 hours per week. Schedule and Compensation are negotiable.

## St. Mary School, 5th & 6th Grade Instructor.

St. Mary School seeks a 5th/6th-grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The ideal candidate is someone adequately 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, contact Mrs. Maria Pryor at 618-532-3473 or send resumes to: [maripryor@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:maripryor@stmarycentralia.org)

## (PSR) Parish School of Religion.

Our Parish School of Religion is in need of PSR Catechists for the 2023 - 2024 School Year. Openings for 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th grades. No previous experience is needed but a basic understanding of Catholic Doctrine would be beneficial. Contact Vicki Laquet 618-532-6291.

## Catholic Relief Services Coordinator.

We are seeking an individual to be the representative for Catholic Relief Services. You would receive Emails and information from Cheryl Sommer who is the Representative for the Belleville Diocese. Thank you to Mary Ford and Tim Ferguson for the many years they have served as parish representatives. Please contact Vicki Laquet for more information 618-532-6291



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of our diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.

I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christians who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with his most incredible gift of peace. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

In the Risen Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern

## Royal Princess Par-tee

Join us for a magical tea party  
Story Time  
Magical princess crafts  
Bippity Boppity Boo Hair & Nail Shop  
Professional Photos with the Princess (for purchase)

Ages 3-9 are invited

St. Mary School Gym  
April 15, 2023/12:00-3:00

Tickets:

Children Tickets \$35    Adult Ticket \$15

2023 Royal Princess Par-Tee (shirt) \$15.00

Ticket & T-shirts only available through presale  
(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets must be ordered by March 24

Stay tuned for VIP Table ticket raffle



To Purchase



Questions:

Jennifer True 618-532-3473  
Caitlin Harting

## WELCOME BACK! Nine88 Bluegrass Band

# CHURCH PICNIC

Mark Your  
Calendars!  
Sunday, July 9th  
Mass - 10:30 a.m.  
Dinner and Music  
To Follow in  
SMS Gym



The trap is set! I am waiting for that crazy long eared critter to try to steal Gracie's eggs. My keen sense as a total feline predator will kick in. I put some catnip inside the eggs to draw that critter in. Problem is my brother Blaise has been trying to take the eggs and get at the treat. No doing! This is one serious kitty on the prowl. If that critter stops by your house better warn it to stay away from Gracie's place, I have my trap set!

Happy Easter! Love Sister Gracie







Love God  
Love each other  
Transform our world

# Saint Mary School

## *The Cardinal Express*



The Quad County Spelling Bee was held last week at the ROE Office in Mt. Vernon. Eight students competed in this event. (Two from each county) William Huth, 5th grade at Wesclin Elementary School took home the trophy as Champion. Carson Pigg, St. Mary School, Centralia came in second place. All of the students did amazing!



## 8th Grade Community Dance





**Knights of Columbus  
Fourth Degree Assembly  
Pork Loin Dinner**



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