

April 16, 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)

DIVINE MERCY

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of
the paschal feast kindle the
faith of the people you have
made your own, increase, we
pray, the grace you have
bestowed, that all may grasp
and rightly understand in
what font they have been
washed, by whose Spirit they
have been reborn, by whose
Blood they have been re-
deemed. 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

APRIL

SMS CALENDAR

WINNERS

April 10, 2023

Dan Budde
Centralia

Rita Thorne
Makanda, IL



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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

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Processional: #505, Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.
Offertory: #413, Alleluia No. 1
Communion: #405, O Sons and Daughters
Recessional: #420, Christ, the Lord, is Risen Again.
Readings: 1030

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - CYCLE A

MASS Intentions

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

+

10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

Jack Mann + Roy Szatkowski +

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

For those receiving First Communion

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

For Healing

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

Beverly Kelly + Donald Kelly +

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence

+

Friday, April 21, 2023

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

Joan Wszelaki +

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Douglas Pedrotty +

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church

+

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Rosanna Palma +

FATHER STEVE WILL BE AWAY FROM THE PARISH...

APRIL 21st. - April 28th.

He will be attending the K of C State Convention April 21st - April 23rd in Springfield. He will be coordinating the Men to be Ordained Deacons Canonical Retreat, April 24th—28th.

Msgr. David Darin will be presiding at all the scheduled Masses

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, 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

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 (4/9/2023)

Easter Offering	\$3,880.00
Weekly Envelopes	4,107.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	1,548.27
Loose	637.00
SMS School Support	155.00
Holy Land	190.00
Building Fund	100.00
Total Gifts Received	\$10,617.27

CEMETERY MOWING SEASON IS FAST APPROCHING.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS WREATHES, 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 & 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>Elliston & 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*

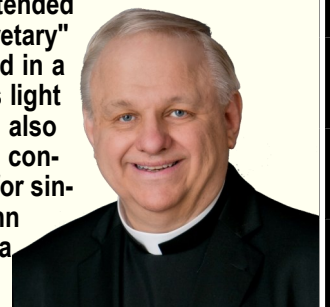


May 2023	<i>Theresa Verdeyen</i>
June 2023	<i>Dennis & Jeanette Laquet</i>
July 2023	<i>Beverly "Mickey" Kelly</i>
August 2023	<i>Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2023	<i>Robert & Gary Kabat</i>
October 2023	<i>Dr. Charles Fischer</i>
November 2023	<i>Anthony M. Pautler</i>
December 2023	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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

A TIME magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed.

Who was Saint Faustina? Sister Faustina was born on August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. From a very tender age she stood out because of her love of prayer, work, obedience, and also her sensitivity to the poor. At the age of seven she had already felt the first stirrings of a religious vocation. Helen made her first Holy Communion at the age of nine, which was very profound moment in her awareness of the presence of the Divine Guest within her soul. She attended school for only three semesters. The Lord Jesus chose Sr. Maria Faustina as the Apostle and "Secretary" of His Mercy, so that she could tell the world about His great message, which Sr. Faustina recorded in a diary she titled Divine Mercy in My Soul. In an extraordinary way, Sr. Maria Faustina's work sheds light on the mystery of the Divine Mercy. It delights not only the simple and uneducated people, but also scholars who look upon it as an additional source of theological research. Sister Maria Faustina, consumed by tuberculosis and by innumerable sufferings which she accepted as a voluntary sacrifice for sinners, died in Krakow at the age of just 33 on October 5, 1938. On April 18, 1993 our Holy Father, John Paul II raised St. Faustina to the glory of the altars. She was canonized on April 30, 2000. St. Maria Faustina's remains rest at the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy in Krakow-Lagiewniki.



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

This year on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we read from the Gospel of John (John 11:1-45) at Mass about Jesus and his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus, two sisters and their brother, who lived in the town of Bethany. Lazarus had died after being gravely ill. Martha and Mary are stricken with grief at the loss of their brother. When Jesus arrived in Bethany four days after Lazarus has passed away, Martha approaches Jesus and said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus assured Martha: "Your brother will rise again." "I know he will rise again", Martha replied, "in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her:

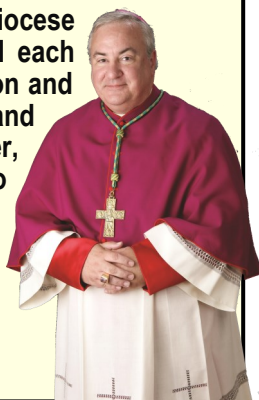
"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God: he who is to come into the world."

As we reread these words in the light of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, we realize that Christ calls each of us, like Martha, to put our faith in him who is "the resurrection and the life." With the resurrection of Jesus, we realize that the Lord offers us not just the continuation of our earthly life, being revived like Lazarus in John's gospel, but Christ offers us a share in his resurrection. Jesus, Risen Lord, lives in a new dimension, freed from the limits of time and space, never to experience death again. United with the Risen Lord by our faith in him, we come to believe that death will not have the last word over our lives; rather the final word belongs to Christ, and it is a word of life and invitation: "Come to me, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

When we reflect on the cross, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we realize that his is a great victory over sin and death. The triumph of the Risen Christ is not a political or economic victory; rather it is the triumph of God's mercy. As the apostles and disciples see that the tomb is empty and begin encountering the risen Lord, they begin understanding that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and that his resurrection from the dead testifies to his identity as Son of God. "Do you believe this?" is the question the Lord places before us. Our answer is the same as Martha: "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God: he who is to come into the world."

My prayer for all the faithful of the Diocese of Belleville this Easter is that we will each affirm our faith in Jesus, the resurrection and the life, by accepting his gifts of grace and entering more deeply, through prayer, scripture, sacraments and service into the fullness of life with him. A Blessed Easter. Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!

In Christ
Bishop Michael McGovern



RESPECT LIFE

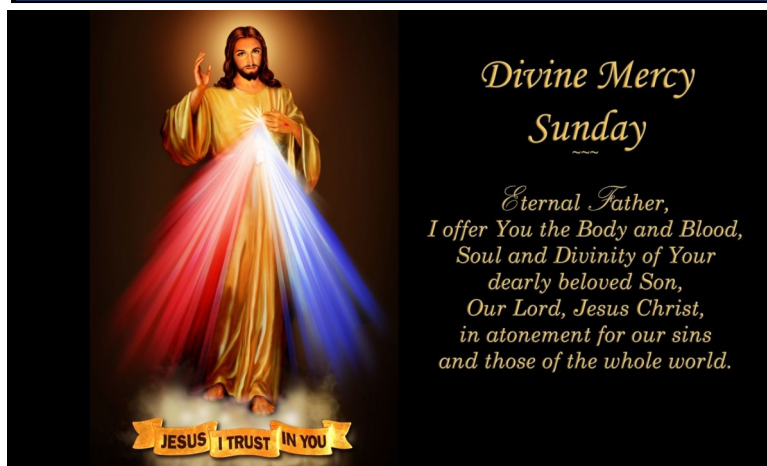


April 16, 2023: Sunday of Divine Mercy On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

Saint Faustina Kowalska's diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, tells of words spoken to her by Christ: "Let the greatest sinners place their trust in my mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than asked. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in my unfathomable and inscrutable mercy."

Let us pray,
For those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgivable sin: May they come to know the Lord's limitless mercy, and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing; We pray to the Lord: Lord hear our prayer!

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way,

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.

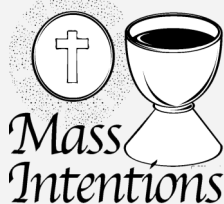
Sacrament of Matrimony: The engaged couple should contact the Parish Office, six months prior to the intended date.

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

April 23rd and April 24th	8:00 PM	10:30 AM
Lector:	L. Schwartz	P. Balsano M. Newcomb A. Ceglinski
Extra-Ordinary Minister Eucharist	D. Uhls	J. Burris B. Williams
Altar Servers	D. Laquet N. Wolfe C. Pigg	J. Burris M. Davis A. Smith B. S Campbell
Ushers:	G. Gettinger J. Opolony	T. Holle T. Ballagh
Greeters:	Ellen & Mike Stock	Todd & Kim D
Offertory	J. Warren D. Uhls	Davis Family
Cantor:	Tammy Miller	P Pahnke

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. 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: mariapryor@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

Royal Princess Par-Tea

Join us for a magical tea party
Story Time
Magical princess crafts
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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

Bishop Michael McGovern invites you to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Farm of Paul and Jan Blankenberger. The Farm is located at the Corner of US-Hwy 45 & County Hwy 1850 N in Enfield, Illinois 62835. You can arrive at their farm by taking US-Hwy 45 South from Interstate-64 at mile marker-exit 110. Travel 9 miles south on US-Hwy 45 to County Hwy. 1850 N. Farm will be on your left. OR Travel 3 miles North of Enfield, IL on US-Hwy 45 to County Hwy 1850 N. Farm will be on your right. "Farm Blessing" signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. We look forward to having you join us!



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.)

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



My brother Blaise has to be the laziest feline on earth! Gracie was busy watching for that silly long eared, hopping critter to appear with his supply of candy filled eggs, while my brother hogged the remote. BTW, that's one sneaky critter, I took a short catnap, and consumed one treat and when I returned to my window, there were colorful eggs all over the yard! How does he do that? Anyways, missed him again, so better luck next year. Meanwhile, I did recover some really tasty treats from the colorful eggs, now I need to join my brother! Happy Easter!





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Love each other
Transform our world

Saint Mary School

The Cardinal Express





WELCOME TO THE CHURCH (Back Row) Mark Simmons, Fr. Steve, Patty Williams, Tammy Miller, Vicki Laquet. (Front) Paul McCaby, Baily Atchison, Heather Dixon, Kylee Atchison, Roy Kroezen, Cynthia Kroezen, Gayla O'Brist, (Middle) Pete Donnelly, Martha Simmons, Mary Miller, Cindy Weatherford, Sharon Schwartz

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