



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)

ASCENSION

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN



**CALENDAR WINNERS
May 15, 2023**

Cathy Quick
Odin

Dennis Seeley
Trenton

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 27, 2023

Acts 1:12-14
Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: John 17:1-11a

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

May 21, 2023

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians: 1:17-23
Matt 28:16-20

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Processional: #429, Hail the Day that sees Him Rise.
Offertory: #708, Give Us Your Peace.
Communion: #728, All That Is Hidden.
Recessional: #430, Go Make of All Disciples.
Readings: 916



**ROSARY
AND BLESSING OF GRAVES**
St. Lawrence Cemetery
10:30 a.m.
Bring Lawn Chairs
Inclement Weather: St. Lawrence

Memorial Day,
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

**Holy Mass and
Blessing of Graves**

Calvary Cemetery
9:00 a.m.
Bring Lawn Chairs
Inclement Weather: St. Mary

Ordination of Deacons

Saturday, June 3, 2023
Cathedral of St. Peter
Belleville, Illinois
10:00 a.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Mr. Dan Laquet
Saturday, June 3, 2023
St. Mary Catholic Church
4:00 p.m. Mass

Reception and Dinner

Immediately following Mass
St. Mary Parish Center

Reception and Dinner For Dan Laquet

**Please submit your registration
for the dinner ASAP**
618-532-6291



The PSR Catechists gathered at the St. Lawrence KC Barbecue, Sunday May 14, 2023 to congratulate Vicki Laquet on her upcoming retirement May 31st. They presented her with this beautiful prayer quilt.

MASS Intentions

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church
Roy Szatkowski +

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church
Alison Niepoetter + Ruth Wilbur+
Norma Speiser + Charles & Elsie Daniels+
10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church
Lloyd George Antoine Jr. +

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

12:00 p.m. St. Mary Hospital Chapel
For Healing +Dr. Charles Fischer

Thursday, May 25, 2023

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

Friday, May 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Chapel
Don & Mary Williams +

Saturday, May 27, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church
Jack & Jerry Byrne +

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Church
+
10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church
Roy Szatkowski +

Monday, May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. - Calvary Cemetery
Bill Nall + Living and Deceased Veterans

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Please submit the name (s) of those graduating from College, High School, Jr. High School, Kindergarten, to Katie by May 21st. Phone: 618-532-6291



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.

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

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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 (5/14/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$5970.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	684.27
Loose	292.50
SMS School Support	20.00
Building Fund	185.00
Local Needy	120.00
Seminarian Education	100.00
Mass Stipend	20.00
Total Gifts Received	\$7391.77

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - ST. MARY HOSPITAL CHAPEL - 12:00 P.M.

THURSDAY - ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH - 8:30 A.M.

FRIDAY - ST. MARY CHAPEL - 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY- ST. MARY CHURCH

RECONCILIATION - 3:15 P.M. MASS—4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY - ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

RECONCILIATION - 8:00 A.M. MASS—8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY - ST. MARY CHURCH - 10:30 A.M.

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.

St. Mary Church

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

**Roy
Szatkowski**

*In
Loving
Memory*



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>
June 2024	<i>Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen</i>

St. Mary Chapel

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in loving memory of...

**Theresa
Verdeyen**

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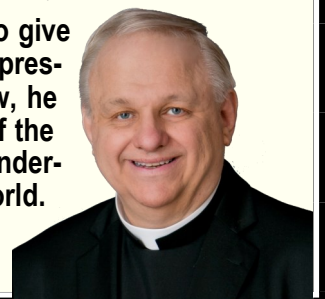
June 2023	<i>Dennis & Jeanette Laquet</i>
July 2023	<i>Beverly "Mickey" Kelly</i>
August 2023	<i>Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston</i>
September 2023	<i>Robert & Gary Kabat</i>
October 2023	<i>Dr. Charles Fischer</i>
November 2023	<i>Anthony M. Pautler</i>
December 2023	<i>Donald Kelly</i>
January 2024	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

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY 21, 2023

Although the Apostles' Creed tells us that Jesus "ascended into heaven," this important statement about Jesus is not included in the Gospel of Matthew. Yes, the story is told by Mark, when he says that the Lord Jesus "was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." Luke recounts the ascension when he says that Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany, "and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." John does not actually give an account of the ascension, but he hints at it when he quotes Jesus as saying, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." After the resurrection, Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

But Matthew? He offers a Gospel without an ascension. To hear the story of this important event, you have to flip to the Acts of the Apostles and read about the day when Jesus "was taken up to heaven, after giving instruction through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen."5 After talking with them in Jerusalem, Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."6

So why would Matthew omit this important story from his Gospel? Perhaps he wanted to give us new insights into the nature of God, into our mission as Christians, and into his ongoing presence with us. When Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission at the end of Matthew, he tells them to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These words contain a uniquely Trinitarian understanding of God, and they give us guidance on how we are to act as Christians in the world. Then Jesus says, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Take The Time To Stand Up For Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, there are many joyful annual occasions happening in our parishes, schools and PSR programs. The Easter joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus ripples out in celebrations of the Sacraments such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. Our "Alleluia" songs rejoicing in Jesus' victory over sin and death continue throughout the 50 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday and our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Yet even in this joyful Easter Season, we can feel a shadow expanding over us as we witness mounting threats to the dignity of human life in southern Illinois.

Whether it is the decisions of elected officials to expand the availability of abortion on demand in our state, talk of hospitals considering performing late-term abortions on unborn babies diagnosed in the womb with special needs, and increasing talk about introducing physician assisted suicide in Illinois, all of this is chilling.

Every one of these actions involves the willful, deliberate taking of human life. The deterioration of respect for human life and attempts to do so under the guise of "compassion" is happening rapidly and requires an equally rapid response from all of us who believe the fundamental right to life -- grounded in the knowledge that each human life is a gift from God -- cannot be trampled upon.

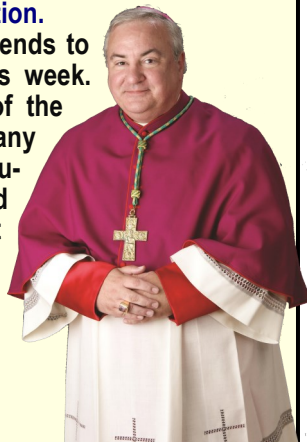
The end result of these threats to life is tragic: not only is the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life.

Brothers and Sisters, today it is more important than ever to take the time to stand up and speak a message of solidarity with those whose lives are most vulnerable, weak and defenseless so that we may safeguard their lives and also so that the consciences of many good people may not become indifferent or complacent in the face of real threats to innocent life.

Take the time to contact your elected officials and let them know that you want laws that strengthen respect for human life, not legislation that weakens it. Contact hospitals and health care leaders and share with them your opposition against performing procedures that end human lives in places that were established for the healing and preservation of life. If you need assistance in contacting your representative, the excellent staff at the Catholic Conference of Illinois is ready to assist you. Simply visit their website at: www.ilcatholic.org for more information.

Encourage family members and friends to find their voice and speak out this week. Our loving, respectful promotion of the dignity of every person will help many people recognize the truth that all human life is worthy of respect and protection. May the Risen Christ help us to "lift up our hearts" and proclaim the Gospel of Life this week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am inviting the faithful in our area to gather for Mass on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 31, at 6:00pm at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon. The Visitation celebrates the meeting of the Blessed Mother with her cousin St. Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56). This beautiful encounter of two women, each expecting a child, moves us to marvel with them at the gracious goodness of God who is the Author of all life.

In this time when the sanctity of human life is often disregarded, it is important for us to pray together for an increase in respect for human life at all of its stages, with all of its vulnerabilities. Relying on the power of God, we affirm that every human life should be cherished and respected from conception until natural death; hospitals and healthcare agencies should remain committed to preserving life, not ending it; and that the consciences of healthcare workers should be respected and protected so that they are never coerced into actions that violate their spiritual core.

Please join with me at St. Clare on May 31 at 6:00pm. May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life give us the strength we need to share the Gospel of Life with our families, friends and neighbors.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern
Diocese of Belleville



RESPECT LIFE



A Prayer for Blessing a child in the womb

God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven. Lord, who have brought to this woman the wondrous joy of motherhood, grant her comfort in all anxiety and make her determined to lead her child along the ways of salvation.

For the father:

Lord of the ages, who have singled out this man to know the grace and pride of fatherhood, grant him courage in this new responsibility, and make him an example of justice and truth for this child.

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, second typical edition © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC



CENTRALIA PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Our annual fundraiser for the Centralia Pregnancy Care Center has begun. Baby Bottles can be found at each entrance of the church. Please fill with change and return them no later than Father's Day.

Church Women United

Conducts an annual campaign called "Blanket Sunday". **\$10 will buy one blanket.** These blankets are provided when disasters such as tornados, hurricanes, fires, etc. happen. They may provide warmth to the homeless or people in homeless shelters. Your generosity to this very worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated.

A second collection will be taken on May 27th and May 28th. You may also drop your donation off at the church office or by mailing it to the church office (424 E. Broadway). If issuing a check, please make it payable to St. Mary Church. With your contribution, we are confident that our parish will help many. Thank you for your help with this campaign.



**Sally Tiemann, Key Woman
Church Women United**

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)

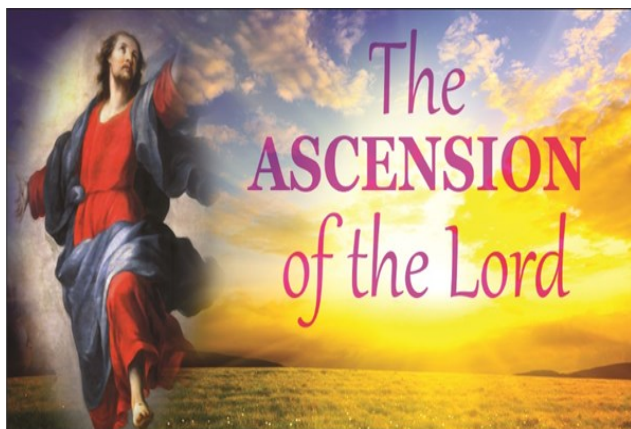
Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Chapel

Saturday (vigil) Mass, St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass, St. Lawrence 8:30 am / Sunday Mass, 10:30am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS LIST - IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

27-May 4pm	Sharon Pierjok	Fr. Steve Natalia Guerrero	Griffin Knowles Dan Laquet Carson Pigg	Gene Gettinger Mike Stock James Opolony	Ellen Stock	Knowles Family
Cantor	Steve Miller					
28-May 10:30AM	Garrett Ford	Fr. Steve Braeden Williams	Manuela Maco Bryden Hall Reid Hall	Tom Holle Tom Ballagh	Sally Tiemann	Doug Pahnke Usher Usher
Cantor	Ross Ross					



7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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!

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

Cantor for Sunday Mass at St. Mary.

Message from Margie Russell,
I am retiring as Cantor after 20 years. I would love to invite someone with a love of singing to take her place. Thanks Margie for sharing your musical talent with the Parish

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND SMS PARENTS

St. Mary School, PTO

RUMMAGE SALE

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

JUNE 15th. - 17th.

ST. MARY SCHOOL GYM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Your Kind Donations of...

Kitchen items, small appliances, Adult & Children's Clothing, Toys, Bedding, Books, Movies, Home Décor, Sports items, Outdoor & garden items, Tools & Hardware, Small furniture & Pet items CD's Holiday Decorations, Office items, Much more, too many to list



RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEER DATES

Friday, June 9th - Set-up/drop off 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday, June 10th - Drop off 9:00 a.m. - 12:00
Monday, June 12th - Drop off 9:00 - 6:00
Tuesday, June 13th - Drop off 9:00 - 6:00
Wednesday, June 14th - Drop off 9:00 - 6:00
Thursday, June 15th - 5:00 - 7:00
Friday, June 16th - 8:00 - 5:00
Saturday, June 17th - 8:00 - 10:00

Please note that on Saturday after the sale we will need HELP to transport the leftover items to the Goodwill and take down the tables and racks!

Thursday, June 15, 2023
DOORS OPEN 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
\$5.00 fee for early entry

Friday, June 16, 2023
DOORS OPEN 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 17, 2023
DOORS OPEN 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
\$5.00 PER BAG



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Brother Knights,

The Niemeyer Insurance Agency is looking for motivated men who are interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent. Please contact Chelsi. Her information is listed above.



BOTTLE CAPS COLLECTION HAS CONCLUDED!

We have achieved our goal for Bottle Caps Thank you to everyone who donated caps! The caps will be made into play ground equipment for the kids to enjoy. Even with the thousands of Bottle Caps, there is a \$1000.00 charge for manufacturing. If anyone would like to donate to offset the cost, please contact Maria Pryor, 618-532-3473. Thanks!

NEW TRACK RECORD 2023

OLD RECORD	1600M	1998	5:12.24	Chris Riley
NEW RECORD	1600M	2023	5:01.56 (STATE)	Carson Pigg

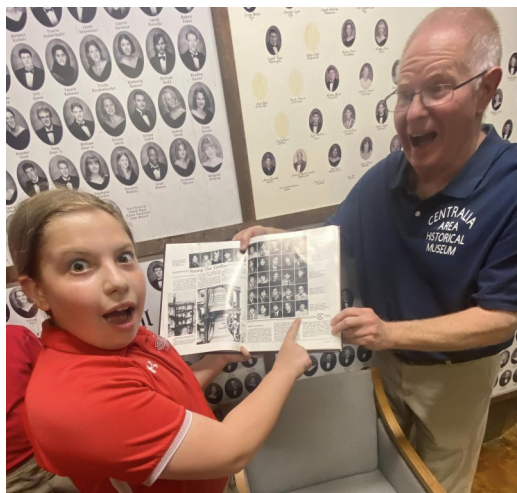
**Congratulations
Carson!**



Congratulations, Carson Pigg, on your 3rd place finish in the 1600 today at State with a time of 5:01.56!! The top 3 finishers were less than one second apart.



8th grade celebrations continued today with lunch with Father Steve. They were treated to Buffalo Wild Wings, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, and ice cream cake. We are extremely grateful for such a present priest. Fun was had by all!!!



5th & 6th had a lot of fun visiting the Centralia Area Historical Society Museum today. Going through old Year Books, finding people they know! She found Miss Lynn Thomas Featherling in the yearbook.



Sister Michael did a science experiment with Kindergarten. She put an egg in vinegar for a week. On Friday, they were amazed when they got to feel that egg had become rubbery, and Sister Michael busted it open! We are very thankful for Sister Michael's visits twice a week.



PSR Family Faith Day, End of School Year, 2023. The students, parents and catechists gathered for the final gathering of PSR until the Fall. Sister Andrea, and Dan Laquet talked to the students about vocations.



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