

SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Family of St. Mary, Centralia & St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

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St. Mary, Centralia Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. RECONCILIATION

> Saturday 3:15 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. or by appointment 618-532-6291 x(307)

Live-Stream (Saturday Vigil) https://www.facebook.com/ TimLFergPhotosStM

St. Mary, Mt. Vernon Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment 618-244-1559

20th. Sunday

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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**



CALENDAR WINNERS August 14, 2023

Ashley Cullins-Sears Centralia

Resa Neff Centralia



Congratulations to James Burris, who has been accepted into the Deacon Formation Aspirancy Year, a year of introductory formation before Formal Classes begin in the fall of 2024. Aspirants, alongside their wives (some not present) from Belleville Diocese and Cape-Springfield Diocese, convened at the Cathedral of St. Peter Bishop McGovern spoke to the attendees, and Deacon Steven Kramer, a professor of homiletics at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI, led the retreat. to the Diaconate Formation Aspirancy Year. The five year formation begins Please support James and his family as he travels this road, with prayers and encouragement.





As the warmth of summer gradually fades and the anticipation of a fresh academic year fills the air, we came together to honor a distinct tradition: the Blessing of the Backpacks. A backpack is not merely a bag; it shoulders the textbooks, the tools of learning, and aspirations for what's yet to come. Within its confines lie the pens and pencils that fuel imagination, as well as drawings, toys, and cherished possessions. It's heartwarming to watch our youth eagerly present their new belongings for a special blessing.

Centralia Father Steve's Office Hours - Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - Friday, August 25, 2023

Mt. Vernon

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

FOR APPOINTMENT CONTACT THE OFFICE 532-6291

FOR APPOINTMENT CONTACT SUE 244-1559



Saturday, August 19, 2023 4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston +

Sunday, August 20, 2023

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Dr Jose Bacallao + Maria Gibson +

Roy Szatkowski +

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

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

+ For the suffering

Friday, August 25, 2023

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

+ Donald & Beverly Kelly+

Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Douglas Pedrotty +

Sunday, August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Mary Ballagh +

BEGINNING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Saturday, Weekend (Sunday) Mass

(Vigil) Reconciliation 3:30 p.m. - Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Weekend Mass

10:30 a.m. - St Mary Church

Tuesday, Weekday Mass

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

Wednesday, Weekday Mass

8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Chapel (Class Mass)

Thursday, Weekday Rosary and Mass

5:00 p.m. - Rosary - 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Friday, Weekday Mass

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



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, Mark Schwartz, Father Jim Dougherty, 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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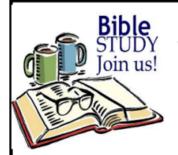


Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish and School

You may place your envelope in the basket at St. Lawrence, Sandoval or St. Mary, Mt. Vernon or any neighboring parish and your gift will be credited to you.

ST. MARY PARISH SUPPORT (8/13/2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$5,238.00	
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	654.27	
Loose	409.00	
SMS School Support	541.00	
Building Fund	20.00	
Cemetery	20.00	
Food Pantry	80.00	
Mass Stipend	240.00	
Total Gifts Received	\$7,258.27	



Monday Evening at SMS School for one hour of Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Contact Pete Donnelly

Date	Time	Event/ Contact	Details	
Every Sunday	STARTING SEPTEMBER 10, 2023	Contact CRE, Cassandra Groff	Students meet in class- rooms located at SMS and the Parish Office.	
Every Sunday	Starting September 10th 11:30 a.m.	Contact Deacon Dan 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.	

August 2023 St. Mary Church Sanctuary Candle

Verdeyen & Willenborg Families

September 2023
Gene Uhls
October 2023
David Schwartz
November 2023
Harold "Pete" Aydt
December 2023
Bill Nall & Carol Hollern

January 2024 Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin

February 2024 Alan & Rosalie Thomas

March 2024 Elliston & Garnier Families

April 2024 Michelle Lehman

May 2024 Ralph & Bernice Sprehe

June 2024 Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen

July 2024 Dr. Jerry Beguelin

August 2024 Mary Ballagh

September 2024

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Gene Uhls

August 2023 St. Mary Chapel Sanctuary Candle Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston

September 2023 Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2023 Dr. Charles Fischer
November 2023 Anthony M. Pautler
December 2023 Donald Kelly

January 2024 Louisa Marcum

February 2024 Crarey & Crouse Families

March 2024 Roger Holley

April 2024 Kabat & Tomaszewski Families

May 2024 *OPEN*

June 2024 Hope Marcum Harbin

 July 2024
 Joe Marcum

 August 2024
 OPEN

September 2024 Robert & Gary Kabat

20TH. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 20, 2023 Seminarian Luke Fitzgerald

By now, nearly everyone has either seen or heard about the movie "Sound of Freedom." For those who do not know, the movie is about the true story of Tim Ballard, a Federal Agent, and how he ended up risking his life and livelihood to rescue victims of child human trafficking. While the movie is not graphic, there have been a large number of controversies due in part to the truth being spoken about human trafficking, not only abroad but even in our own local areas. It is hard to listen to, speak about, or even think about these horrors that the victims have had to endure in their lives.

So, how is it that I or even others in the public can speak about this being a good movie while many in Hollywood speak against it? Personally for me, it's because this movie gives a voice to those who have none. It speaks about a bigger problem going on not only in dark corners halfway around the world but also for anyone with power or money in our own country. It shows how there are people willing to stand up against the powerful at the risk of losing everything they have for what is right.

Recently, there have been others in the entertainment industry whose careers have also suffered because of their own outspokenness. Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson, and Aston Kutcher and all recently spoken up for not only what they believe but also against the horrors of human trafficking and how Hollywood has played a roll in it. Also, each of them have had to pay dearly in different ways for going against the elites. Now, I'm not one to back away from pointing out great saints, like Saint Stephen the Martyr, who also spoke boldly and openly about Christ and their faith to the elites of their day, but when I see big names in Hollywood starting to shine a light in the dark corners of their industry, it give me hope. Hope that you and I can too find the courage needed in our own lives to stand with Christ no matter what the cost and help bring an end to any wrongdoings that might be going on. Hope that a voice will be given to those that don't have one. But more importantly, Hope that God is not only at work but still in control even in the darkest of places.

Hymns 8/20/2023

Processional #586
Praise, My Soul
Offertory #702
Prayer of St. Francis
Communion #785
Behold the Lamb #579
We Praise You Recessional
#605 Thanks Be to God
Readings 988

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Dear Friends in Christ:

Many of the Catholic schools in our diocese will be starting classes in mid-August. In fact, some schools will open on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I'm glad that the students will celebrate Mass together on that holy day because it will remind them of the life and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will also be a teachable moment for the youth about the goal of our lives: life forever with the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Mother and all the saints and angels in heaven!

"Keep eternity in mind" was a frequent saying of a Carmelite priest who acted as my spiritual director when I was a young priest. On August 15, as we thank God for raising Mary body and soul into eternal glory at the end of her life on earth, let's "keep eternity in mind." We frequently use the word "journey" to describe our lives on earth; yet that "journey" at some point will come to a destination. It's important that we keep in mind the eternal home we long for while we live here on earth, as people motivated by God's love.

I encourage everyone to participate at Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take time at church to reflect upon the loved ones who have preceded us in life and passed away into the arms of God. Ask that God grant them the gift of life in heaven even as we wait for the resurrection of the dead at the end of time on earth. Let's "keep eternity in mind" and stay focused on following the Lord Jesus who leads us to the Father's house.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern



The Quest Retreat program designed for Freshman and Sophomores in High School. The first weekend will take place on November 4 and 5 at Sacred Heart Parish in Duquoin, and the second weekend will take place on March 2 and 3 at St. Dominic's Parish in Breese. Quest is an overnight retreat where participants learn about and share their faith through a series of activities and talks. The Quest program begins around 10 am on Saturday and closes with a



evening. For more information feel free to contact this email bellevillequest@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday Dolores

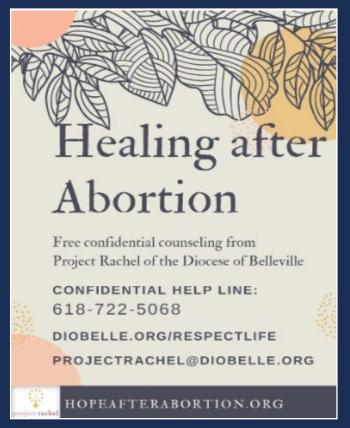
Congratulations to Dolores Sanders who recently celebrated a birthday. On her big day, family and friends took her out to dinner. Father Steve happened to run into her and offered her a 93rd. birthday blessing.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXPRESS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEWS ARTICLES
ARE DUE BY
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

RESPECT LIFE







20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."-Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan. us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



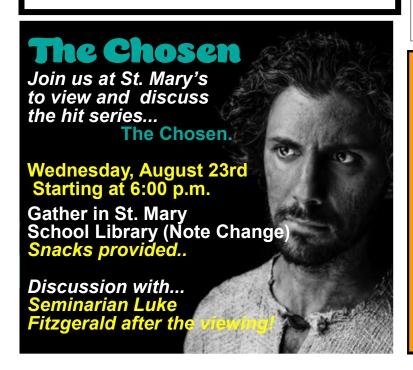
HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR

\$50.00 **RAFFLE TICKET** \$50.00

Please note that only 400 Raffle Tickets are available for sale. Once all tickets have been sold, no further purchases can be made. To ensure you secure a ticket, please complete the provided form and return it to the St. Mary Parish Office. Upon receipt of your form and payment, we will send you an official ticket with a unique number to the address you have specified. Alternatively, you can acquire your ticket directly from the parish office or obtain it from the back of the church You may also scan the QR code above to obtain your ticket. If you require additional information, please contact the parish office at 618-532-6291

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Phone	# OF TICKETS	AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$
Make Checks Payable: St. Ma Drop into the collection basket	or return this form to: St. Ma	ary Parish,

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MEMORIAL 5K RUN

Saturday, September 9, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary School Parking Lot Pre-register at: http://www.stmarycentralia.org or call 618-532-3473

Never Forget Memorial Service SMS Choir and Memorial Service begins at 5:00 p.m. on the picnic grounds



SEATURING.



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SERVING - 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Deep Fried County Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Cole Slaw and Roll.

Dessert is available for a free-will offering

Purchased at the door: Adult \$14.0 — nild \$7.00

Advance Tickets: Adult \$12.00 Child \$6.00 (Contact the Parish Office)

-Live Entertainment -**DJ Music** 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Stir of Echoes 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



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KID'S GAMES INFLATABLES AND MORE!

OUTDOOR

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT US AT 618-532-6291 or visit us at: stmarvcentralia.org





SK PUN & YOUTH FUN RUN

ST. MARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATON: stmarycentralia.org

Adult Registration: \$25.00 Youth Registration \$15.00





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 are \$10.00 per Intention. Please call: 532-6291

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.

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		
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I am requesting the	following:	
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 424 E. Broadway Street Centralia, IL 62801

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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.

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

26-Aug	Linda Schwartz	Luke Fitzgerald	Liliana Nocerino	Gene Gettinger	Vicki Laquet	Ellen Stock	Tom Hawkins
4pm		Jo Warren	Bill Broda	Mike Stock		Diane Uhls	
		Susan Niepoetter		James Opolony			
		Natalia Guerrereo					
27-Aug	Don Littenken	Logan Meier	Manuela Maco	Tom Ballagh	Sally Tiemann	Patty Williams	Rose Ross
10:30AM		Mike Timmons	Bryden Hall	Tom Holle		Ushers	
		Mary Miller	Reid Hall	Doug Pahnke			
		James Burris					







All SMS parents are asked to work a shift at Autumn Fest as many volunteers are needed to make this fun event a success! Shift sign-ups will be coming out soon!

The PTO is challenging school families to help with the Basket Walk! If students donate 75 or more baskets, all students will receive a prize. Make a themed basket and send it in with your child. Baskets can also be dropped off in the school office. Suggested value of baskets would range from \$10-\$20. Please have all baskets turned in by Tuesday September 5th.

- Other items needed and appreciated:
- Gently used stuffed animals for the Stuffed Animal Walk
- Cakes, Brownies, Cookies or other desserts for the Cake Walk. Drop off times will be announced closer to event.
- Prizes for Kids' Game Area





NEIGHBORING PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

St. Lawrence Parish

412 N. Vine Street Sandoval, Illinois 62882 Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. Thursday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish

1550 Main Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 Sunday Mass (vigil) 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Monday Mass 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Mass 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m. Thursday Mass (Hospital) 8:30 a.m. Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

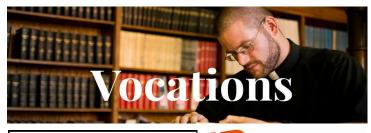
812 W Main Street Salem, IL 62881 Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Mass 9:00 a.m. Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

N Madison & Sycamore Kinmundy IL 62854 Sunday Mass 9:15 a.m.

St. Ann Parish

631 S. Mill St Nashville, IL 62263 Saturday: (Vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m.







Thursday **August 24th** 6:00 p.m.

Joe's Pizza 819 Jordan St.. Mount Vernon, IL 62864

High School Graduates through 30's

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