

September 10, 2023 SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

424 E. Broadway Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-6291



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

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

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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

23rd. Sunday

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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





9/11/2001 WE WILL NEVER FORGET





It is with heartfelt warmth and joy that I welcome you to our Annual Autumnfest. Our Autumnfest will not just be a celebration of the season, but it will also carry a special significance as we remember and commemorate the events of September 11th through our '911 Never Forget Memorial," immediately following Mass. Our Autumnfest will be filled with fellowship, gratitude, and the celebration of community. Your presence is that perfect addition to make this event memorable. Please enjoy all that AutumnFest has to offer this year. God's Blessing be with you always! Fr. Steve

Centralia Father Steve's Office Hours - Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - Friday, September 15, 2023 Mt. Vernon

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FOR APPOINTMENT CONTACT THE OFFICE 532-6291

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Saturday, September 9, 2023 4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church Helen & Lou Logullo+ Sunday, September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church Lawrence & Agnes Goebel+ Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:00 p.m. St. Mary Hospital Chapel Katie Basch+ Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Chapel (Class Mass) Joyce, David & Ed Hacker+ Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:00 p.m. Rosary 5:30 p.m. Mass - St. Mary Chapel Dr. Charles Fischer+ Friday, September 15, 2023 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church (All School Mass) Jamie Balsano-Martoccio+ Saturday, September 16, 2023 4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church In Thanksgiving, Vicki & Bob Shaw+ Sunday, September 17, 2023 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church Roy Szatkowski+ Joe & Louisa Marcum+

St. Mary Parish Now Hiring

St. Mary Parish is seeking a Secretary/Receptionist to work four days per week from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Candidates should have good communication skills, a general knowledge of the responsibilities of a parish office. Candidates should be familiar with MS Office, and the operation of office equipment. If interested please contact Fr. Steve or call 618-532-6291, and leave a message. You can email Father Steve at spautler@stmarycentralia.org.

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.



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...



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

COD'S TITHES & YOUR OFFERINGS Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish and School

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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 (9/3//2023)

Weekly Envelopes	\$6115.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	1004.27
Loose	415.25
SMS School Support	535.00
Building Fund	208.00
Holy Day	
Ukraine	180.00
Newman	10.00
Candles	
Total Gifts Received	\$8288.52



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	Gene Uhls

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

Robert & Gary Kabat
Dr. Charles Fischer
Anthony M. Pautler
Donald Kelly
Louisa Marcum
Craney & Crouse Families
Roger Holley
Kabat & Tomaszewski Families
Virobik, Held, & Cozadd Families
Hope Marcum Harbin
Joe Marcum
Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston
Robert & Gary Kabat

Hymns 9/10/2023

Processional #567 God, We Praise You Offertory #614 How Great Thou Art Communion #623 I Have Loved You Recessional #609 For the Beauty of the Earth Readings 994

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time September 10, 2023 Deacon Dan Laquet

Our readings this week focus on a conversion of heart. We are encouraged to overcome sinfulness and to go beyond merely following the letter of the law and to truly learn to love. Supporting each other along the path to holiness and helping each other overcome our sinfulness is a part of being a Christ-centered community of believers.

In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for Israel. He is instructed to warn the wicked to turn from their ways. If he fails to do what he is asked, their guilt falls on him. If he does as God asks him to do, and they don't repent and change their lives, then they will die, and he will be saved because he performed his task as watchman. The book of Ezekiel showcases the prophet's role as a messenger of God through words and actions. Its themes of divine intervention, human unfaithfulness, and the promise of restoration through repentance resonate as Ezekiel conveys both warnings and a pathway to redemption.

Paul's letter to the Romans emphasizes owing love to each other as the true fulfillment of the law. The commandments issued by God to Moses, including those against adultery, killing, stealing, and coveting are summarized in "Love your neighbor as yourself". Love prevents us from violating such commands against our neighbor. Paul's audience is presented with salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and love of each other rather than just strict law adherence. He reminds us of the cost of sin in a community and that through Christ's great sacrifice and God's grace we can live a righteous life.

There are many underlying themes in Matthews Gospel passage. The first is community accountability. Our gospel emphasizes the responsibility of the church community in addressing conflicts and promoting self-awareness of how one's actions affect all. The members are all interconnected and must work together to support each other in their spiritual journeys. This ties in with the theme of conversion of heart. By addressing one another's sin in a kind, compassionate way, it invites individuals to examine their hearts, admit wrong-doing, and seek reconciliation. Jesus' instruction about approaching a brother or sister who has sinned mirror the principles of confession and penance within the Church. It reflects the sacramental aspect of seeking forgiveness and restoring one's relationship with God and the community of believers.

Lastly, Jesus' assurance of His presence when two or three are gathered in His name underscores the reality of divine presence within a united church. It highlights the importance of communal worship, prayer, and decision -making in building a strong faith community. We all have a responsibility to do spiritual works of mercy, like "admonishing the sinner" and "instructing the ignorant". By the practical application of spiritual works in our daily lives we can help guide others, and ourselves, toward the path that God desires us to follow.

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Dear Friends in Christ,

This summer has included some very hot days with temperatures in the 80s and 90s in southern Illinois. While I enjoy the summer, I must admit that I am looking forward to the fall which is perhaps the most beautiful time of the year weather wise.

In September and October I will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with a number of groups in our diocese. On Sunday, September 10, I will offer Mass at the Cathedral with many young adults present for the liturgy and a reception afterward. I will also offer Mass with: families that home school their children; two Catholic school communities; a group of Catholic school teachers; a group of attorneys and judges (the Red Mass); staff; and supporters of a Catholic hospital plus several Sunday Masses in the far southern areas of our diocese.

I mention all of this to offer a glimpse into the importance of the bishop celebrating the Eucharist which unites so many Catholic people in Christ. It is a profound privilege for me, as your bishop, to stand at the altar and offer the Holy Mass so that Jesus Christ may feed, strengthen and sanctify parents, children, teachers, nurses, clergy, attorneys, doctors and people of every walk of life.

Feed, strengthen and sanctify. As our Catholic bishops have called for a Eucharistic revival among Catholics in our nation, I invite you to reflect on how Jesus feeds us in Holy Communion with his own self, his body and blood. The Bread of Life strengthens us with the power of the Lord which is beyond our imagining. Christ sanctifies us by receiving him, so that having received the Holy One we can become holy people.

I look forward to celebrating the Holy Eucharist each day this fall, often with particular groups. But my prayer is that the Lord will unite us together with all the Catholics of our diocese whatever our vocation may be, for our common calling and vocation is to live as the Body of Christ. Please pray for me and know that I pray for you each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovernn

The Chosen

Join us at St. Mary's to view and discuss the hit series... The Chosen.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Gather in St. Mary School Cafeteria Snacks provided..

Discussion with... Seminarian Luke Fitzgerald after the





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If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."-Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. ow often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to



NEIGHBORING PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

St. Lawrence Parish

412 N. Vine Street Sandoval, Illinois 62882 Sunday Mass 7:30 a.m. Thursday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception

of Mary Parish 1550 Main Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 Saturday (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.



Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Vulnerable adults are those who are over 18 years of age and at-risk due to illness, advanced age, abuse or special needs. These adults may be unable to seek assistance or report abuse.

Through this course, those who work or volunteer with vulnerable adults can become aware of ways to assist and ensure safe environments to prevent abuse and neglect.

DIOCESE **OF BELLEVILLE** SAFE ENVIROMENT REFRESHER COURSE

All staff members, teachers, volunteers, coaches, parents who drive students for the school, or PSR, must be in compliance with the Diocese of Belleville, Safe Environment.

If you are new to volunteering with children, please complete the INITIAL TRAINING MODULE.

If not, please go to the website and take the 2023-2024, Protecting Vulnerable Adults module. Please complete your training/update by September 10, 2023.

After you have finished, you may print out your certificate and return it to the School Office. Thank you for your prompt attention!

> https://www.diobelle.org/ education/child-protection



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.

Sunday, October 1 From 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pick up signs in the parking lots of Hobby Lobby - 6549 N. Illinois, Fairview Heights and Associated Bank - 6550 N. Illinois, Fairview Heights We will stand along Highway 159



I'm going out, and I don't want to be recognized. Do you think this disguise will work?

With a little hair color from Sandi Sipe, some glasses, and a cute ribbon, Sister Gracie is going incognito to the AutumnFest. Do you think I will be recognized? I hear there is going to be fried chicken, and all types of delicious scrumptious treats! Can't wait, see you at Autumnfest—MAYBE!!! LOL. Love Sister Gracie!

"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



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 Laguet. 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 Email

L 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.

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 424 E. Broadway Street Centralia, IL 62801

> Parish Office: 618-532-6291 School Office: 618-532-3473 School Fax: 618-532-5180 Rectory: 618-532-5041 Fax: 618-532-4758 bulletin@stmarycentralia.org

Reverend Steven M. Pautler - Pastor Reverend Benny George - Parochial Vicar Deacon Dan Laguet - Deacon Mr. Luke Fitzgerald - Seminarian

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Joan Bequelin, Pete Donnelly, Garrett Ford, Lisa Guthrie Wayne Houser, Nancy Lukasik, Manny Maco, Cassandra Groff, Martina Maco, Mary Miller, Greg Schwartz, Nicole Sandahl, Mike Stock and Patty Williams, Steve Pigg, Theresa Hacker.

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SAINT MARY PARISH NEW OFFICE HOURS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

S 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

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts	Cantor
SEPT 16	Sr Andrea	Deacon Dan	Griffin Knowles	Paul Pierson	Vicki Laquet	Knowles Family	
4pm		Bill Broda	Natalia Guerrero	Gene Gettinger			
		Diane Uhls		Mike Stock			
		Mike Stock					
		Luke Fitzgerald					
SEPT 17	Doug Pahnke	Deacon Dan	Carson Pigg	Tom Holle	Sally Tiemann	Aydt Family	
10:30AM		Luke Fitzgerald	Tucker Aydt	Tom Ballagh			
		Devin Meier	Turner Aydt				
		Logan Meier	Blaise Schwartz				
		Mike Timmons					





	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	3
1	Tues. Aug. 15	Central City	Home	4:30	
-	Thurs, Aug. 17	Patoka	Away	4:30	
	Fri. Aug. 18	TSJ	Home	4:30	
	Wed. Aug. 23	Summersville	Home	4:30	
	Fri. Aug. 25	Field	Home	4:30	
	Aug. 26 - 27	Fall Ball Classic	Centralia	TBA	
	Wed. Aug. 30	Woodlawn	Away	4:30	
	Thurs. Aug. 31	Raccoon	Away	4:30	
	Wed. Sept. 6	Okawville	Away	4:30	
	Thurs. Sept. 7	Carlyle	Home	4:15	
	Mon. Sept. 11	Selmaville	Away	4:30	
	Tues. Sept. 12	Sandoval	Home	4:30	
	Thurs, Sept. 14	St. Paul Highland	Away	4:30	
	Sept. 15 - 28	SIJHSAA Regional	TBA	TBA	
	Sept. 30 - Oct. 5	SIJHSAA State	TBA	TBA	



Two of our alumni in their first High school band performance.



Some of our students lending a helping hand!



Thurs. Aug. 31

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Ned. Sept. 6

Sept. 18 - 25

Raccoon

Okawville

SIJHSAA Regionals

Carlyle

hurs, Sept. 14 St. Paul Highland

Sept.1 - Oct. 5 SIJHSAA State

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Home

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Our PreK-3 SMS sweeties at cheer camp practice this week.



ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE **CENTRALIA COUNCIL 1025** WILL BE COLLECTING AFTER THE 4:00 P.M. MASS & 10:30 A.M.

> **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** SEPTEMBER 16th. - 17th.





Ann & Carl Dunn, enjoying the end of summer on their patio, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, retirement community. Carl's choice of refreshment, is particularly a wise choice.

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program THE SUN has awarded more than 40,000 scholarships totaling more than \$332 million. The program is a proven success with bipartisan voter support. Thou-sands of families rely on tax credit scholarships to help their kids. Without the program sunset being removed, kids and families will face uncertainty or be unable to attend the school they love. Tell your legislator to remove the program's sunset or kids across Illinois will lose their scholarships. **#SAVE MY SCHOLARSHIP**

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