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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 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

27th. Sunday

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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



Kristi Brooks - Centralia

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Parking Lot
Open to St. Many School Students and
St. Many Parts by St. Students

Decorated Vehicles Welcomed!
You must arrive by 5:50 p.m. and stay until 7:00 p.m.
For additional information contact the School Office
618-532-3473



EACH THURSDAY DURING OCTOBER

ST. MARY CHAPEL

5:00 P.M.

CELEBRATION OF MASS TO FOLLOW 5:30 P.M.



Please note that the St. Mary Parish Rectory Phone Number 618-532-5041 will be disconnected. Please direct all calls for Father Steve to the Parish 618-532-6291 x307. After hours calls will be forwarded to Father Steve's Cell Phone. Thank you!





Centralia Father Steve's Office Hours - Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - Friday, October 13 2023

Mt. Vernon

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - Finance Council Meeting 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 10,, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FOR APPOINTMENT CONTACT THE OFFICE 532-6291 or Father Benny George - 618-472-6677

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FOR APPOINTMENT CONTACT SUE 244-1559 or Father Benny George - 618-472-6677

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - CYCLE A

MASS Intentions

Saturday, October 7, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

The Palazzolo Family+

Sunday, October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Ray Szatkowski+

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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

Dr. Jerry Beguelin+

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Joan Waszelaki+ Thomas Fiock+

Thursday, October 12, 2023

5:00 p.m. Rosary 5:30 p.m. Mass - St. Mary Chapel

Victor Velazquez+

Friday, October 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church (NO MASS)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Rosalie Thomas & Dr. Jerry Bequelin+

Sunday, October 15, 2023

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Harold "Bud" Miller+

Lawrence & Agnes Goebel



Our good friend and parishioner Mary Mann, had a fall and fractured her hip. She had surgery on September 7, 2023 and is doing well. Let's give her some cheer and send her a Get Well Card. Her address is: Mary Mann, 5 Orchard Dr. Centralia, IL 62801.

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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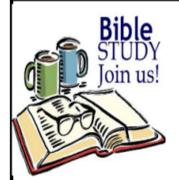


Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish and School

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 (10/1/2023)

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Weekly Envelopes	\$5195.00
Online Giving Weekly Envelopes	739.27
Loose	395.25
SMS School Support	447.00
Building Fund	290.00
Retired Religious Fund	55.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	50.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
Total Gifts Received	\$7211.52



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.	

October 2023 St. Mary Church Sanctuary Candle

David Schwartz

October 2023

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

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October 2024 David Schwartz

October 2023 St. Mary Chapel Sanctuary Candle

Robert & Gary Kabat

October 2023 Dr. Charles Fischer

November 2023 Anthony M. Pautler

December 2023 Donald Kelly

January 2024 Louisa Marcum

February 2024 Craney & Crouse Families

March 2024 Roger Holley

April 2024 Kabat & Tomaszewski Families
May 2024 Virobik, Held, & Cozadd Families

June 2024 Hope Marcum Harbin

July 2024 Joe Marcum

August 2024 Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston

September 2024 Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2024 Joe & Louisa Marcum

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 8, 2023 Reverend Steven M. Pautler

Reflection on the Synod of Synodality: A Priest's Perspective

The Church, in her timeless wisdom and guidance, has always been a vessel of change and adaptation, while concurrently staying rooted in the eternal truth of Christ. The Synod of Synodality, from my vantage point as a Catholic priest, is a poignant representation of this beautiful dichotomy

The very name **"Synod of Synodality"** is intriguing. At its core, synodality is about journeying together, emphasizing the importance of listening, mutual understanding, and the shared responsibility of the clergy and the laity in the mission of the Church. This Synod is not just a singular event but a process; a process of discernment, wherein the whole Church is invited to reflect, discuss, and pray.

The most noticeable element that resonated with me was the emphasis on 'listening'. In today's tumultuous times, true listening is becoming a rare art. Our world is filled with noise, distractions, and polarized debates. The Church's call to deeply listen, then, stands as a countercultural statement. Listening to the joys, struggles, doubts, and hopes of the faithful is a reiteration of Christ's compassionate ministry, who always had an ear for the marginalized, the suffering, and the lost.

However, this journey is not without its challenges. As a priest, I am aware of the varying opinions within our diverse and global Church. The concept of synodality could be met with apprehension, misunderstanding, or even resistance by some. The Synod is a reminder that the Church is not a static institution but a living organism. As the world evolves, the Church too needs mechanisms to understand and respond to the signs of the times, all while holding fast to the unchanging truth of the Gospel.

In my daily pastoral ministry, I often encounter individuals who feel disconnected or even alienated from the Church. For them, the Synod offers hope. It sends a message that their voice matters, that they are a part of

this grand, communal journey of faith.

In conclusion, the Synod of Synodality, for me, is a profound moment of grace. It's an invitation to introspection, dialogue, and rejuvenation. As a priest, it challenges me to be more open, more listening, and more inclusive. It reminds me that the Church's strength does not lie in its might or structures, but in its ability to love, to understand, and to walk side by side with its people, journeying towards Christ.

Hymns 10/8/2023

Entrance Hymn #578 All Creatures Of Our God

Offertory #702 Prayer of St. Francis Communion #793 One Bread, One Body Recessional #675 For you are my God.

Readings 1006

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: J1 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Pray for the Holy Father and for the Church

September 26, 2023

Among the Catholic dioceses in the United States, October is Respect Life Month. While we promote year-round the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death, during the month of October we dedicate additional time for prayer, works of charity and advocacy to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Permit me to offer some thoughts about how we can participate in Respect Life Month.

First, be committed to prayer. Offer prayers of gratitude to God for the gift of your life; giving thanks that God created you and gave you your very life. Thank God each day for this most precious gift. Also, spend time praying for a spirit of conversion that more people will be committed to defending human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable. Please join me in offering our diocesan Mass for Life on Thursday, October 12 at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon; we'll pray the Rosary at 5:30pm and Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Second, perform works of charity to assist those whose lives are most vulnerable: the child waiting to be born; the mother in a crisis pregnancy; the refugee who has had to flee home because of war, or famine or danger; the person with terminal illness who does not have many friends or relatives nearby. Sharing our time and our resources to help those who are living on the margins is a beautiful way to help ease their anxiety, bringing light to a dark time for them.

Third, be advocates for the vulnerable who need a voice to speak up on their behalf. Pope Francis is tireless in speaking out about the need for people to move from indifference to involvement on behalf of the helpless, from ambivalence to sincere caring for the needs of those who are often overlooked or seen by some in society as a burden. But it cannot be the Holy Father alone who speaks up; as committed Catholics, we must find our voices and advocate for the protection of human life, whether we are talking about the child in the womb, the migrant or the person in hospice care.

As your bishop, I ask for your immediate efforts to contact our state elected officials and strongly reject the proposal to introduce so-called physician assisted suicide into Illinois. There are clear signs that the state assembly will consider legalizing assisted suicide during the fall term in Springfield. I am writing elected officials this week asking that they reject such a proposal. Please join me in writing to your elected state senator and representative.

Together we must send a clear signal that human life must be respected until natural death.

Please join me in praying daily for an increase in respect for human life, at all of its stages and with all of its vulnerabilities. May the Lord Jesus, who rose from the dead and lives forever, inspire us to become signs of God's love during October as we promote the

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern





27th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!!

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. St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus
Council #11758

Pork Steak Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 2023 St. Lawrence Hall, Sandoval IL

Serving 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Meal includes pork steak, baked beans, potatoes, applesauce, dessert and drink

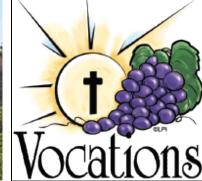
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Saturday & Sunday
October 14th and 15th, 2023
After each Mass

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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		
☐ I would like to join	St. Mary Parish,	please send me
information on how t	o register.	
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I would like Fath	er Steve to visit of	or call me.
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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 parish@stmarycentralia.org

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Cassandra Groff - Coordinator of Religious Education
Susan Niepoetter - Treasure/Bookkeeper
Open - Administrative Assistant
Lynn Featherling - School Secretary

Pastoral Council

Joan Beguelin, 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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DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-640-3044

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

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts	
14-Oct	Steve Miller	Dcn Dan Laquet	Natalia Guerrero	Paul Pierson	The Cozadds	Mary Finckbone	Paulette Pahnke
4:00 PM	Sk. Andrea	Bill Broda	Liliana Nocerino	Gene Gettinger		LuAnn Pugh	
		Sem. Luke	Griffin Knowles	Mike Stock		Terry Bell	
		Doug Pahnke					
		Diane Uhls					
15-Oct	Pete Donnelly	Dcn Dan Laquet	Charleigh Garren	Tom Holle	Todd & Kim D.	Nocerino	Cathy Benson
10:30AM		James Burris	Laynee Garren	Brian & Jaxson		family	
		Mike Timmons					
		Braeden Williams					
		Sem. Luke					

















OPEN POSITION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MOUNT VERNON 618-242-5353 www.stmary.school

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

St. Mary Catholic School serves students from both the local and neighboring communities, offering a comprehensive educational experience from Pre-K through 8th grade. Our institution is dedicated to providing an outstanding blend of academic excellence and faith formation.

STATUS

- Full-time Elementary School Principal
- Start Date: January 1, 2024

DESCRIPTION

As Principal, you will play a pivotal role in steering academic advancement through a curriculum that integrates technology seamlessly, fostering staff development, and nurturing spiritual growth. Collaboratively, you will work closely with the Pastor of St. Mary Parish, seasoned faculty and the School Board to elevate the school's academic and spiritual dimensions. The position offers a competitive salary package complemented by excellent benefits

QUALIFICATIONS

- Practicing Catholic in good standing.
- Hold a master's degree in School Administration or be committed to obtaining one within a designated time frame.
- Possess a minimum of 5 years of classroom teaching experience frame.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your cover letter and resume, complete with five professional references, to:

Reverend Steven M. Pautler St. Mary Catholic School

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