

#### November 12, 2023 | 32nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

# SAINT MARY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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#### WELCOME

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### St. Mary, Centralia

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm\* Sunday Mass: 10:30am

\*Live-Stream Saturday Vigil www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM

#### St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm Sunday Mass: 10:30am

#### RECONCILIATION

#### St. Mary, Centralia

Saturday: 3:15pm - 3:50pm or by appointment 618-532-6291 x307

#### St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment 618-244-1559

## SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 Ron Sears - Salem Jane Meier - Centralia

# FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS.

#### Week of November 12, 2023

#### St. Mary Church, Centralia

Contact: 618-532-6291 (appointment) Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm Friday, November 17, 2023 - 9:am - 3:pm

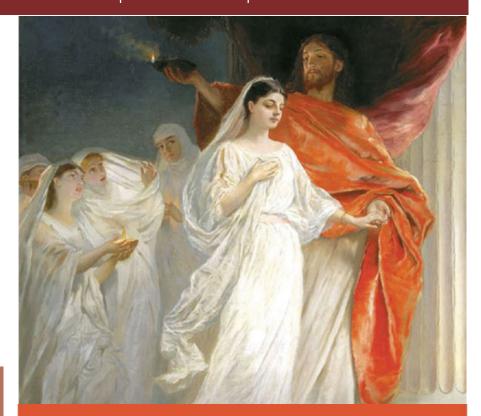
#### St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment) Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - 9 am - 3:pm Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm

#### **WEEKEND PRIEST SCHEDULE**

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) -11/11 - Msgr. Darin 11/18 - Msgr. Darin - 11/25 - Fr. Steve - 12/02 - Fr. Benny

10:30 a.m. 11/12 - Msgr. Jurek - 11/19 Fr. Shavitz - 11/26 - Fr. Benny - 12/03 - Msgr. Darin



"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCI

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#### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Mary Church as we come together to give thanks for the blessings in our lives. **Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m.** 



This sacred gathering will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the abundance of gratitude we hold in our hearts and to express our appreciation for the many gifts we have received throughout the year. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to share in this moment of gratitude and to worship together as a community. Let us join in prayer, song, and reflection as we offer our thanks to the Lord for His countless blessings. St. Mary School, Thanksgiving All School Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 starting at 8:30 a.m.



#### ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars now for the St. Mary Altar Society Annual Parish Christmas Party, Sunday. December 10, 2023. Social time starts at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. Registration information coming soon!

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church

Honoring our Veterans Living and Deceased

† Arthur & Helen Biagi

Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Harold & Bud Miller † Lawrence & Agnes Goebel

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel

† For healing

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel (Class Mass)

† Joan Wszelaki & Thomas Fiock

Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:30 p.m. St. Mary Chapel Rosary recited at 5:00 p.m.

+ Jamica Waigntok

† Jamice Wzientek

Friday, November 17, 2023 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Albert & Evelyn Kehder

Saturday, November 18, 2023 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church

† Michelle Lehman & † Dr. Jerry Beguelin

Sunday, November 19, 2023 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Ray Szatkowski

#### MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention is essentially the reason for which the Mass is offered. We ask a \$10.00 stipend for each Mass intention. Families can be placed together. For additional information contact the Parish Office 618-532-6291.

#### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Please contact Prayer Chain Leader Mary Miller if you have a prayer intention 618-292-1229. If you would like to have an intention added or removed, or a visit from the Pastoral Team please contact the Parish Office 618-532-

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **Requested Prayers**

Blain Loll
Diane Philyau
Robin Cimera
Waylon Vick
Natasha Lang
Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie
Ruby Stratmann
Deb Steward
Mark Schwartz
Father Jim Dougherty
Those away at College

## **Serving in the Military** Dylan Huether

Living in a Care Centers

JoDene Nall
Jane Greene
Jeff Alig
Nancy Herrera
Shirley Kabat
Elizabeth Bergbower
Red Schwartz
Constance "Connie" Mullen

Deloris Meador Bertha Huehne Clarice Moran Barbara Parrot Carol Orrell Betty Boxx Kay Gunther Mike Kennett Mike Taylor

#### **Living at Home**

Dolores Sanders
Mary Darin
Mary Jean Martinelli Warner
Helen Guinzy
JoEllen Nannie
David & Ida May Guthrie
Barbara Francois

## For the suffering In Ukraine

In the Holy Land Throughout the World

#### **GIVE ONLINE TODAY!**

Online parish donations offer the ease of contributing even when you're not present. It's a convenient solution for those who've relocated, are on the move, or having discovered our parish online. Join us today.

Go to our website: stmarycentralia.org



You can drop your weekly contribution in the collection basket at any neighboring parish. It will be sent to St. Mary's and your gift will be credited to you!

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Weekly Envelopes	\$5370.00
Online Giving	1536.32
Loose Collection	295.00
School Supplement	255.00
Building Fund	485.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	50.00

Total \$7991.32

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday 9:15 a.m. PSR - Parish School of Religion (School) Sunday 11:30 a.m. R.C.I.A (Parish Meeting Room) Monday 9:00 a.m. - Mary's Merry Quilters (St. Lawrence) Monday 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Parish Meeting Room)



#### JOIN PSR EVERY SUNDAY ST. MARY SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

The Catholic faith is a treasure trove of wisdom, guidance, and love. Embarking on this journey through the Parish School of Religion is an opportunity to not only understand our faith better but also to experience its transformative power in your life. If you would like to register your child please contact Cassandra Groff, CRE, at 618-532-6291 x306.



We express our deepest condolences to Sister Mary (Monica) Szczepkowski, on the recent death of her sister Rosemary who was 94 years of age. She died on October 26th. Eternal Rest be granted to her Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

We express our deepest condolences on the passing of our good friend and parishioner Mary Ann Plakovic. Mary passed into eternal rest, October 30th. May she rest in the peace of Christ. A private family funeral and burial will be held in the future.





# **FROM THE**DEACON'S DESK

#### **Deacon Dan Laquet**

Our readings this weekend focus on two virtues that are intertwined — wisdom and preparedness. Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, tells us that wisdom is not elusive for those who actively seek it, are open to it, and attempt to understand it. Wisdom provides a great sense of peace for those who are deserving of it. The book of Wisdom offers comprehensive guidance on understanding God, the value of wisdom, and on living a virtuous life. Wisdom is highlighted as a divine gift that aids us in making good decisions and understanding the world around us. It suggests that wisdom is eternal, existing even before the world was created, and serves as a lens through which we can comprehend God's actions and His purpose in those actions.

In Old Testament times wisdom was seen as a tremendous virtue in the eyes of everyone. Wisdom was more important than storing up knowledge, it was knowing how to apply that knowledge. If you had wisdom, you had extraordinary common sense, and you knew how to use it to help others, to care for others, to be an asset in the community. It meant that whatever you did, no matter where you did it or how you did it, you did it well, and you did it with God's spirit upon you and with humility. You were admired by all, and practical problems of the day were brought before you to help provide solutions. In 1 Kings 3:5-12, God appeared to King Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give to you." Solomon, who could have asked for wealth, power, immortality, or victory over his enemies, chose wisdom so that he could successfully rule and guide God's people. That's how important wisdom was viewed!

Matthew's Gospel passage presents us with another parable. In this parable, Jesus is the bridegroom, and we, as members of the Church, are the bridesmaids. We are betrothed to Jesus through our baptism and are expected to live virtuous lives while waiting for His return. Half of the bridesmaids possess wisdom, and display readiness and vigilance. The other half are called foolish, and their lack of preparation leads them to miss an opportunity that can never be recovered. Which bridesmaid group do you fall into?

The parable stresses the need for personal accountability and the value of being prepared for all events, especially important ones. Important events in our lives can happen when we least expect them, thus the need for constant readiness. Each of us is responsible for our own readiness, whether that's in our faith life, our relationships with others, or our personal endeavors in life. We must keep the "lamp" of our faith stocked with "oil" through prayer, personal growth in our faith journey, study, acts of mercy, and vigilance in how we live our lives, because when the time comes, no one can share their spiritual readiness with us. Live a vigilant and faith-filled life now as wisdom demands. We must be wise in our choices and actions to allow us to live a life more aligned with God's will. If we live our lives intentionally, we will avoid the regrets that will surely come later on.

With this parable, Jesus provides evidence that our lives are a calling from God, and with humility we should treasure it. God has called us into a life of someone who cares, someone who loves, someone who forgives, someone who looks out for the needy and the poor, someone who really understands the meaning of this life we have been given. We must carry the fire of His light within our hearts, for with it we can light the world. There are many people out there who need to experience our kindness, our goodness, our happiness, and we are the ones God has called to deliver it. We are called to serve, and when we serve, we become the children of God we were meant to be.

## NOVEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

## - 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 October 2024 David Schwartz

November 2024 Dr. Avelino & Sequndina Lazo December 2024 Nall, Hollern, & Duty Families

#### **SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION**

### -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
November 2024 Holy Souls in Purgatory

December 2024 Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff

To help cover the expenses of the candle, we offer the opportunity each month for individuals to dedicate it intention. A \$60.00 donation is requested. Please reach out to the Parish Office., to make your intention.

#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & INTENTIONS**

In November, we take a moment to reflect upon and honor the souls of our loved ones who have passed on. At the rear of the Church, you'll find the Book of Remembrance. Kindly inscribe your intentions there, and we will keep them in our prayers throughout the month. The entire month of November stands as a testament to the love and connection that transcends the boundaries of life and death. We are encouraged to visit cemeteries, light candles, and offer Masses for the repose of departed souls. Such practices, deeply rooted in tradition, reflect the Church's enduring belief in the communion of saints.



Michael Hoerchler
Segundina Lazo
Joan Wszelaki
Julia Rogers
Dorothy Bostick
William Carr

Jerry Beguelin Alvin Holthaus Louisa Marcum Katharina Basch Helen LeBeau Debra Smith

Victor Velazquez Dennis Peters Rita Howard Kathryn Connaway Fay Vaccaro Mary Ann Plakovic

#### Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

#### Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SACRAMENTS & PREPARATION

#### INFANT BAPTISM

Attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. One parent must be registered as an active member of the parish.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office six months prior to the intended date. Please schedule a date and time with Father Steve.

#### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please contact Deacon Dan Laquet or Father Steve. RCIA classes are ongoing.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOME VISITS

Anointing of the Sick is offered the First Friday and First Saturday of each month. For Sacramental Home visits please contact the parish office. In the event of an emergency call 618-532-6291 x307, for Father Steve. After hours calls go to his cell phone.

### DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-640-3044

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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#### 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

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I am interest he	ping the parish financially.
☐ I would like Fat	ner Steve to visit or call me.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS - PLEASE GET A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts	
18-Nov	Sr Andrea	Dcn Dan Laquet	Julie Siegler	Paul Pierson	Diane Uhls	Siegler	
4:00 PM		Sem. Luke	Allison Siegler	Gene Gettinger		Family	
		Nolan Pryor		Jim Opolony			
		Natalia Guerrero					
		Bill Broda					
19-Nov	Garrett Ford	Dcn Dan Laquet	Manuela Maco	Tom Holle	Sally Tiemann	Ushers	
10:30AM		Sem. Luke	Reid Hall	Tom Ballagh			
		Mike Timmons	Bryden Hall	Brian Hancock			
		Patty Williams	12	Jaxson Hancock			
	2	Doug Pahnke					





# MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.



Whether you're new to the Bible, seeking to rekindle your relationship with the Word, or looking for a community to share in your spiritual journey, our Monday Evening Bible Study welcomes you with open arms. For additional information please contact Pete Donnelly.

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES

#### THANKSGIVING FIXIN'S

ST. THERESA OF AVILIA ROAST TURKEY DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

#### **QUILT & CASH BINGO**

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH—RADOM, ILLINOIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - DOORS OPEN 11:00 A.M.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER!

FATHER STEVE OR FATHER BENNY WOULD <u>NEVER</u> TEXT YOU, OR EMAIL YOU ASKING FOR <u>GIFT CARDS</u> OR A <u>FAVOR</u>

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