



November 19, 2023 | 33rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Centralia

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm*

Sunday Mass: 10:30am

*Live-Stream Saturday Vigil

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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 20, 2023

Brenda Altadonna - Centralia

Helen Graham - Collinsville



FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS.

Week of November 19, 2023

St. Mary Church, Centralia

Contact: 618-532-6291 (appointment)

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm

St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment)

Monday, November, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - 9 am - 12 pm

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING
AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH.**

WEEKEND PRIEST SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) - 11/11 - 11/18 - Msgr. Darin - 11/25

- Fr. Steve - 12/02 - Fr. Benny - 12/9 - Fr. Benny

10:30 a.m. 11/19 - Fr. Steve - 11/26 - Fr. Benny

12/03 - Msgr. Darin - 12/10 - Fr. Steve

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 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

† Roy Szatkowski

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel

† For healing

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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

† In Thanksgiving for all God gives us

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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

†

Thursday, November 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

With thankfulness to God (Thanksgiving Day)

† Crucephine Pieson

Friday, November 24, 2023 (NO MASS)

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

†

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church

† Mike Guinzy

Sunday, November 26, 2023

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Henry & Dorothy Verdeyen, † Theresa Vergeyen

**MASS INTENTIONS \$10.00
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE FOR INFORMATION 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 618-532-6291.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requested Prayers

Blain Loll
Diane Philyau
Robin Cimera
Waylon Vick
Natalasha 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

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
Loretta Pedtke

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In the Holy Land
Throughout the World

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STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Weekly Envelopes	\$3933.00
Online Giving	659.57
Loose Collection	430.00
School Supplement	175.00
Building Fund	280.00
Mass Stipend	20.00
Devotional Candles	141.00
Total	\$5638.57

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)

Thank you to the members of St. Mary and St. Lawrence Parishes who attended the Pregnancy Care Clinic's Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, October 26th. In gathering with over 220 supporters your generosity raised almost \$80,000 in funding for the ministry of the PCC. Blessings!



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FROM THE SEMINARIAN'S DESK

Seminarian Luke Fitzgerald

As I was leaving the Navy and about to start my journey as a Seminarian, I had the pleasure of meeting Father Leo Patalinghug. If you have never heard of Father Leo, he a Catholic Priest who started his ministry in parishes in Maryland, eventually becoming a member of the Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). However, he is best known as the cooking priest because of his show "Plating Grace".

While Fr Leo is not the first person that I learned "Eucharist" means Thanksgiving, he was the one who made it stick. Now, because of Father Leo, every time I gather with my family for Thanksgiving, I find a way to mention to them that Eucharist means Thanksgiving and point the correlations between our dinner table and Jesus' dinner altar. Over the years, it was the dinner table on Sunday night that really built the bonds that kept the family together, and how Sunday we gather as a Church to share in the One Bread and One Cup that joins us together as the One Church of Christ.

In my family, Dad was the chef and always had my sister by his side to help in cooking our feast while I would wash the dishes after dinner and my mom would dry and put them away. On Sunday the priest assists Jesus at the Altar as the bread and wine that are presented by a family become the Body Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Then once everyone has experienced the presence of the Eucharist, I and the other servers assist in cleaning the altar. Through active participation, we are all brought together in a unique way where we are not merely ministered to but ministered with. Together as one, we present ourselves to the altar, where Jesus picks up our gift of self and returns it back as his whole self to feed and nourishes us.

There is something powerful and mysterious in sharing a meal with others, which is probably why God in all his Goodness has found it fitting to feed us not just any normal intimate meal but to take it a step further in the Eucharist. Where our eyes fail to understand, faith guides us in receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is one of the greatest mysteries that we could hope to grasp. Currently, in that regard, the 5th and 6th grade class is learning about the Eucharist, and while the lessons that I have done or plan to teach are fine, the best teacher was taking them to Adoration in the chapel and letting Jesus teach the mystery that my words would fail to explain.

The lesson for me that day was to remember that the real teacher is Jesus, but for the students, they found a new peace and joy that words could not explain. That is the power of the Eucharist that we all can experience if we stop all the different distractions and put ourselves out there for God to do as He wills. So, this Thanksgiving, I challenge each of us to put ourselves out there, dive into the joy of the family, see just what God can do when we turn off the distractions for 30 minutes. And see if you can make it to a Thanksgiving Mass and thank God for the time and people that are in your life.



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 & Segundina 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 19, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest, and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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.

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PARISH STAFF

**OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CLOSED MONDAY)**

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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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ 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.

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

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
23-Nov	Bill Broda	Sem. Luke	James Burris	N/A	N/A	Paul & Theresa
Thanksgiving		Susan Niepoetter	Emma Burris			Cozadd
9:00AM		Mary Miller	Camden Wms			
25-Nov	Steve Miller	Sem. Luke	Nolan Wolfe	Paul Pierson	Florence	Wolfe Family
4:00 PM		Jo Warren	Josh Cimera	Gene Gettinger	Peters	
		Bill Broda		Mike Stock		
		Diane Uhls				
		Mike Stock				
26-Nov	James Burris	Sem. Luke	Emma Burris	Tom Holle	Ushers	Mike & Sandi
10:30AM		GiGi Broughton	Camden Wms	Tom Ballagh		Timmons
		Pete Donnelly	Shylaa Campbell	Doug Pahnke		Family
		Braeden Wms				
		Mary Miller				



MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Most Reverend Michael McGovern

Dear Friends in Christ:

In this month of November, we are mindful of the many opportunities we have to serve our brothers and sisters in their need. With the weather changing, we think of the homeless and people who lack the basic necessities to lead a decent, human life. What are the opportunities we have to make a difference in the lives of people living on the margins of society?

For instance, many Catholic parishes organize food pantries to assist those who may not have enough money to purchase food for an entire month. I think also of places like the Newman Center for Catholic students at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Last Thanksgiving, the Newman Center served 1,000 meals to people looking for help. I encourage our readers to find a way you can assist the hungry by providing food for the poor.

If you hear of a coat drive, take a few moments to look in your closet. Is there a coat that you can donate to help a person this winter? What about hats, scarves and gloves? Many of us may have surplus winter clothes; is there a simple way to donate items so that the poor have warm clothes to wear this winter?

Our Lord Jesus teaches us in the 25th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew that what we do to assist the poor is tantamount to assisting Christ. But the Lord also teaches us that neglecting the poor will be judged as the equivalent of neglecting Christ. I've always found Matthew 25 to be a good reminder that to live as a disciple of Jesus, service to the poor is a daily commitment. In a particular way as your bishop, I find myself wanting to take the time to work more directly with the poor. I hope all of us reading this article will "take the time" to assist the poor this Thanksgiving and throughout the year.

Please know that you are in my daily prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATION RAFFLE



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 1952 participates in the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle. If you would like to purchase a booklet for \$15.00, please click and follow the directions. Only \$6.00 of the purchase cost is returned, and St. Mary's Council 1025 keeps \$9.00 for each booklet they sell for their charitable needs.

**REMEMBER TO ENTER - (1025)
SO CENTRALIA RECEIVES CREDIT**



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PreK Kiddo's made thank you wreaths in preparation for Thanksgiving



SAINT MARY SCHOOL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



PreK attended Mass for the first time and received their achievement awards and recognition



1st - 4th grades honor roll and achievement awards



5th - 8th grades were recognized for their academic achievements, good citizenship and areas of excellence.

Thanks to everyone who supported the SMS, PTO, Turkey Bingo and Vendor Fair. It was a big success. Thanks to the volunteers who put up tables, chairs worked the bingo and lunch stand and helped to clean everything up.



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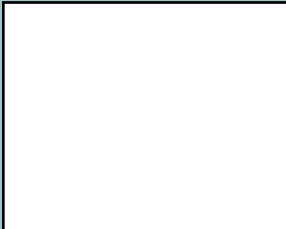

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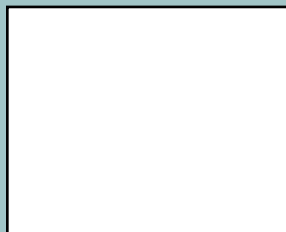
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