

December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

SAINT MARY



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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 27, 2023 Missy Mallow - Centralia Sally Tiemann - Richview

FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS.

Week of December 4, 2023

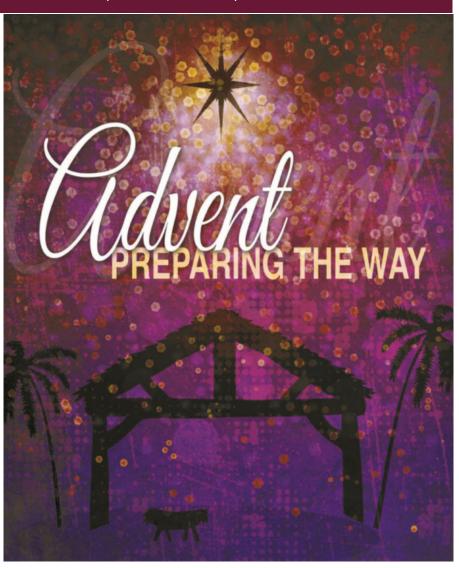
St. Mary Church, Centralia

Contact: 618-532-6291 (appointment) Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm Friday, December 6, 2023 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm **Father Steve will be in Chicago - Dec 1st - 3rd**

St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment) Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 pm Thursday, December 8, 2023 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm **Father Steve will be in Chicago - Dec 1st - 3rd**

SAINT MARY PRIEST SCHEDULE			
Weekend	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	
December 2nd - 3rd	Fr. Benny	Msgr. David	
December 9th - 10th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve	
December 16th - 17th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny	
December 23rd - 24th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve	
December 30th - 31st	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve	



The solemn celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Friday, December 8, 2023. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at St. Mary Church on the eve of the Feast, Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., with the Rosary at 5:00 p.m. On the Feast Day itself, Friday, December 8, 2023, an All School Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Additionally, Mass will be held in the Chapel of St. Mary Hospital on December 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2, 2023 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church † Mary White

Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church † DeBernardi Family

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 (NO MASS)
12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel
† For Healing

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel (Class Mass) † Donald Kelly

Thursday, December 7, 2023 5:30 p.m. St. Mary Church

(Vigil) Immaculate Conception of Mary 5:00 p.m. Rosary

† Beverly Kelly

Friday, December 8, 2023 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church (All School Mass) Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) † Helen & Burton Jarvis

12: 00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel
Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
† Frank & Laura Koch

Saturday, December 9, 2023 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church

† Mary Louise Ellston

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

† Roy Szatkowski

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.

Requested Prayers

Blain Loll
Diane Philyaw
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

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

Living at Home

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

For the suffering In Ukraine In the Holy Land

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 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$4,867.00
Online Envelopes	824.20
Loose Collection	410.00
Building fund	535.00
School Support	240.00
Mass Stipend	30.00
Catholic Campaign for Humanity	110.00
Total	\$7,016.20

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$6,328.00
Online	707.32
Loose	469.95
Building Fund	500.00
School	200.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Catholic Campaign for Humanity	110.00
Total	\$8,340.27

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to you and your family for the St. Mary Parish Christmas Party! This joyful event will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at our Parish Center (Gym), promising an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and festive cheer.

The evening will commence with a Social Hour at 5:00 p.m., providing a wonderful opportunity to mingle and share in the Christmas spirit. At 6:00 p.m., we will gather for a delightful meal, followed by an array of entertainment and the anticipation of attendance prizes. It's a perfect occasion to celebrate the season's blessings together.

To help offset the costs of this special event, we are kindly requesting a donation of \$15.00 per person attending. You can conveniently complete your registration online at: stmarycentralia.org, or if you prefer, contact the Parish Office. Please ask for Vicki at 618-532-6291 to assist you with your registration or any inquiries you may have. Hope to see you at the Christmas Party! Please respond by Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Tickets will be available after Mass at the entrance of Church

We express our deepest condolences to the family and friends on the passing of our good friend and parishioner Carolyn Youck. Carolyn passed into eternal rest, November 22nd.. Eternal Rest grant unto her Lord, may she rest in the peace of Christ.





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Reverend Steven Pautler

PREPARE THE WAY

"As we enter the season of Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a time of hopeful anticipation, a period where we not only remember the historical birth of Jesus but also prepare for His coming into our lives today and His second coming at the end of time.

The theme 'Prepare the Way' invites us to make a path for the Lord in our lives. It's a call to spiritual renewal, to clear away any obstacles that keep us from fully embracing God's love and grace. This preparation isn't just about external decorations or festive celebrations; it's about internal transformation.

First, we are encouraged to engage in prayer. Prayer connects us with God, allowing us to listen and understand His will for us. This Advent, let us set aside time each day for prayer, opening our hearts to God's presence.

Second, the practice of fasting and abstinence during Advent is a way to cleanse our bodies and souls. It's a form of self-discipline that helps us to focus on the spiritual rather than the material, reminding us of the greater nourishment that comes from God.

Third, Advent is a time for giving and acts of charity. Jesus taught us the importance of loving our neighbors. By reaching out to those in need, we prepare the way for the Lord, for as we serve others, we serve Christ Himself.

Lastly, Advent is a time of reflection and confession. We are invited to examine our lives, acknowledge our sins, and seek reconciliation with God. Confession purifies our hearts and renews our relationship with God, allowing us to receive Him fully when He comes.

As we light the candles of the Advent wreath each week, let us remember that each flame is a beacon of hope, peace, joy, and love - virtues that Christ brings into our world. In this holy season of Advent, let us 'Prepare the Way' for the Lord in our hearts and in our communities, embracing His coming with joy and anticipation."





DECEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

-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
JANUARY 2025 Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen

SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION

- 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

JANUARY 2025 OPEN

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
CITY HOPE CHURCH AUDITORIUM
ADMISSION FREE - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a afternoon of holidy music favorites and pre-concert activities

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Tuesday: Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday:

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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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 conduct 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

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 re-ceive the weekly bulletin in the mail please complete the

below informatio	n and return it to the	e 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	Reader	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory	Cantor
7-Dec	Pam Balsano	Dcn Dan Laquet	Sem. Luke	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Vigil Mass		Susan Niepoetter	Emma Burris				
5:30PM		Mary Miller	Camden Wms				
9-Dec	Sharon Pierjok	Dcn Dan Laquet	Natalia Guerrero	Paul Pierson	Ellen Stock	Wolfe	
4:00 PM		Sem. Luke	Nolan Wolfe	Gene Gettinger		Family	
		Bill Broda		Mike Stock			
		Diane Uhls					
		Susan Niepoetter					
10-Dec	Pete Donnelly	Dcn Dan Laquet	Carson Pigg	Tom Holle	Ushers	Nocerino	
10:30AM		Sem. Luke	Tucker Aydt	Tom Ballagh		Family	
		Paul Mocaby	Turner Aydt				
		Jaxson Hancock	Blaise Schwartz				
		Mike Timmons					



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ST. MARY SCHOOL COOKIE TRAY SALES & PRE-ORDER FORM

How to Order: Drop in the Collection Basket, Mail or Drop Off Order Form to St. Mary School: 424 E Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801 or Email

Large Tray \$50 5-6 dozen mixed cookies and candles	Small Tray \$25 2-3 dozen mixed cookies and candie
From:	Phone:
To:	Phone:
Address:	
I prefer to pick up my tray (s) at St. Mary School Fr	riday, December 15th from 3pm - 5:30pm
Personalized Christmas Note:	

Amount: \$

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: (Sarah Alton) email: sford1987@gmail.com or call 618-322-6459 PLEASE PLACE ORDERS BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023



ATTENTION **CHRISTMAS** COOKIE BAKERS!

To ensure the success of our sale. we are reaching out to our talented church community bakers to contribute cookies or candies. We kindly request that these homemade treats be brought to the school on Thursday, December 14th, or first thing in the morning on Friday, December 15th. In addition to baked goods, we are also seeking volunteers among our skilled church ladies to craft bows for the trays. Don't worry about materials; we will supply the ribbon, which I can deliver to either the Parish office or the school office. Your support in baking and bow-making is invaluable to us. For any questions or further information, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Alton at 618-322-6459. We are deeply grateful for your participation and look forward to making this event a sweet success. Thank you so much! - SMS, PTO.



Check Enclosed Payable to "St. Mary School"

SEASON OF ADVENT

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT BEGINS - DECEMBER 3 **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT BEGINS - DECEMBER 10** THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT BEGINS - DECEMBER 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 24

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE MARY — HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION —

(VIGIL) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - 6:30 P.M. (SM) FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH - 8:30 A.M. (SM) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 12:00 P.M. (HOSPITAL)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY'S DURING ADVENT 3:15 P.M. - 3:50 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH - 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (SM) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - 12:30 P.M. (SM) MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH - 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (MTV) or by appointment, call 618-532-6291 x307

DECEMBER 24TH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE - 4 PM (VIGIL) SUNDAY 10:30 AM

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25TH THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(VIGIL) DECEMBER 24TH - 3:30 P.M. (MTV) (VIGIL) DECEMBER 24TH - 6:00 P.M. (SM)

MID-NIGHT MASS) DECEMBER 25TH - 12:00 A.M. (MTV) (MID-NIGHT MASS) DECEMBER 25TH - 12:00 A.M. (SM)

(MASS ON CHRISTMAS) DECEMBER 25TH - 9:00 A.M. (MTV) (MASS ON CHRISTMAS) DECEMBER 25TH - 9:00 A.M. (SM)

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

NO WEEKDAY MASSES - DECEMBER 26TH - 29TH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE - 4 PM (VIGIL) SUNDAY 10:30 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST. (NEW YEARS DAY) NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2024 -SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST - 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE - 4 PM (VIGIL) SUNDAY 10:30



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