



December 31, 2023  
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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, DECEMBER 25, 2023

Joanetta Wood - Centralia  
Valencia Bailey - Centralia

### FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS.

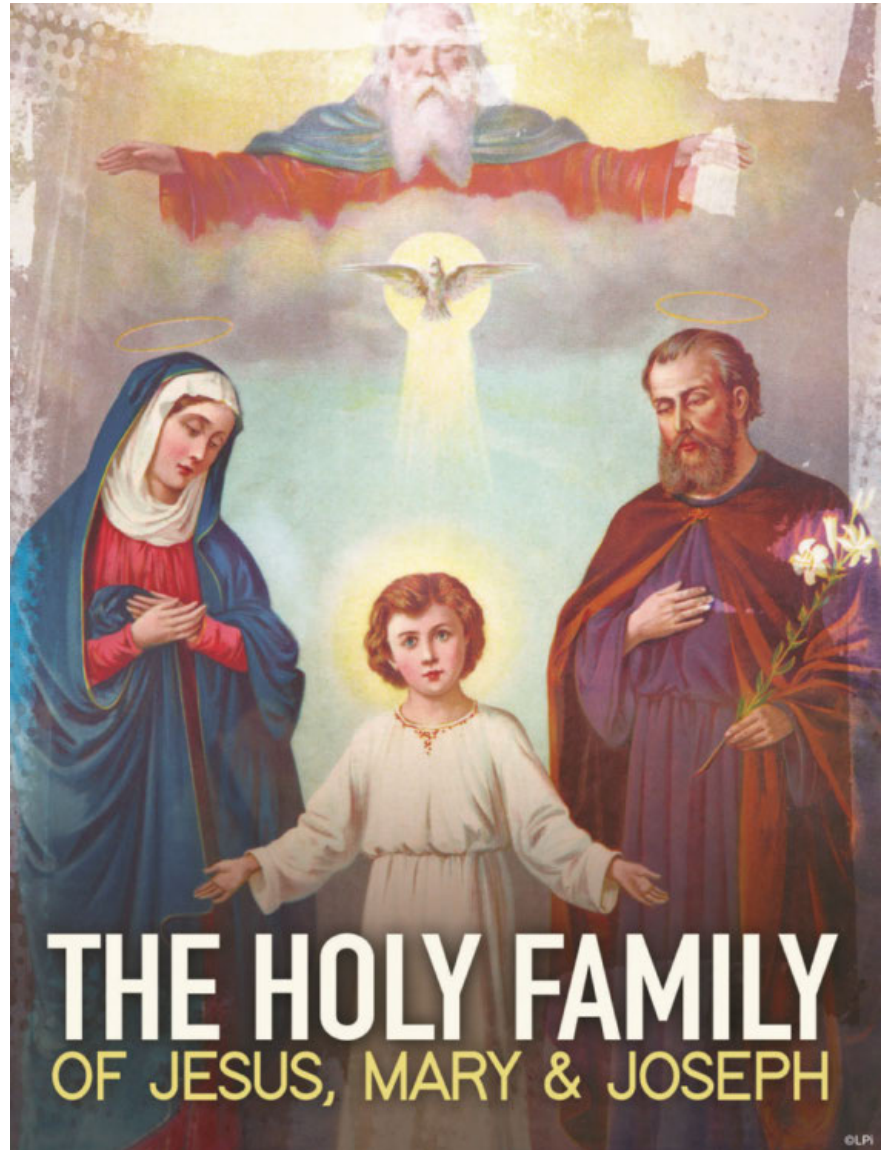
Week of January 2, 2024

#### St. Mary Church, Centralia

Contact: 618-532-6291 (appointment)  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm  
Friday, January 6, 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm

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

Contact: 618-244-1559 (appointment)  
Wednesday, January 3, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm  
Thursday, January 4, 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SAINT MARY PRIEST SCHEDULE		
Weekend Masses	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
December 30th - 31st	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve
January 6th - 7th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny
January 13th - 14th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny
January 20th - 21st	Msr. Darin	Fr. Benny
January 27th - 28th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny
February 3rd - 4th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve



May this year bring you countless moments of joy, opportunities for growth, and an abundance of love. Embrace each day as a precious gift, an opportunity to spread kindness, to cherish loved ones, and to make a positive impact in the world. Let's fill this year with meaningful connections, acts of compassion, and a deep sense of gratitude for all the blessings we receive. Wishing you a truly splendid and blessed New Year!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

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

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Vigil)*

† Florence Garnier † Crucephine Pierson

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church**

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

† Dorothy & Henry Verdeyen † Theresa Verdeyen

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. St. Mary Church**

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*

*The Octave Day of Christmas (Not a Holy Day in 2024)*

† The Holy Souls

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

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

† For Healing

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel**

† For students and teachers

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

**No 5:30 p.m. Mass**

*January - February - March*

**Friday, January 5, 2024 (All School Mass)**

**8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel**

† Fay Vaccaro † Carolyn Youck

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel**

*First Saturday Mass*

† Increase of Vocations

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

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

*The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)*

† Jerry Beguelin

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

† Joe & Louisa Marcum † Hope Marcum Harbin

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

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

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

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## STEWARDSHIP

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Building fund

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Mass Stipend

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Please note, that during the winter months of **January, February and March**, there will be no **5:00 p.m. Rosary** or **5:30 p.m. Mass** in St. Mary Chapel. We will resume Mass in April. Thank you!

## 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)**

## 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.

## JOIN MARY'S MERRY QUILTERS MONDAY, ST. LAWRENCE PARISH - 9:00 A.M.

In the tapestry of life, it's the threads of love, faith, and fellowship that make the most beautiful patterns. We hope you'll consider weaving your unique thread into our quilting group. Whether you come for the quilting, the community, or both, know that a warm welcome awaits you. Contact Sally Tiemann, or visit us at St. Lawrence.







## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Reverend Steven Pautler**

As we stand on the brink of a new year, it is a sacred time for reflection, gratitude, and hope. The journey through the past year, with its unique trials and triumphs, has been a testament to the enduring strength of our faith and the unbreakable bonds of our parish community. As your pastor, witnessing the steadfastness of your belief and the depth of your compassion has been a profound source of inspiration and humility.

In this new year, I invite each of us to embrace resolutions that not only nurture our personal spiritual growth but also strengthen the fabric of our wider faith community. Let us commit to deepening our relationship with God through more fervent prayer, regular participation in the sacraments, and a dedicated study of the Holy Scriptures. These practices are the bedrock of our faith, offering guidance, solace, and connection with the Divine in our daily lives.

Our parish is a holy community, a family bound together by our shared belief and love for God. This year, let's reinforce these sacred ties by actively engaging in our church's life. Whether it's through joining ministry groups, contributing to parish events, or offering a listening ear and a helping hand to those among us who are struggling, every act of fellowship echoes the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthens our communal bond in Him.

Following the example of Christ, let us be ever more committed to serving others. This could take the form of organized charity initiatives, volunteer work, or even small, everyday acts of kindness. In doing so, we not only aid those in need but also embody the love and mercy that are central to our Christian faith.

In a world that can sometimes seem divided and uncertain, let us be ambassadors of God's peace and love. This means practicing patience, showing forgiveness, engaging in dialogue with kindness and respect, and always seeking to understand before being understood. Let's remember that every person is a child of God and treat them with the dignity and love that this recognition demands.

Finally, let us remember our sacred duty to care for God's creation. This year, may we be more mindful of our stewardship of the earth, engaging in practices that preserve and honor the natural world as a reflection of God's majesty and generosity.

As we embark on this journey through the new year, let us do so with hearts full of faith, eyes open to the needs of others, and hands ready to serve in God's name.

May the peace, love, and joy of Christ be with you all throughout the year.

*Father Steve*



*As I reflect on the kindness and warmth shown to me this Christmas, I am deeply touched by your beautiful cards, thoughtful gifts, heartfelt messages, and warm phone calls. Each of these gestures has brought a*

*special joy to my heart.*

*Your generosity and thoughtfulness humble me. It's a true blessing to be part of such a caring and loving community. These expressions of kindness are a reminder of the strong spirit of fellowship and love that we share in our parish family.*

*Thank you for remembering me and for all the ways you contribute to our parish community. Your actions embody the true spirit of Christmas, and I am grateful for each one of you. Many Blessings and Peace in the New Year!*

*Father Steven Pautler*

## DECEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

—Bill Nall & Carol Hollern—

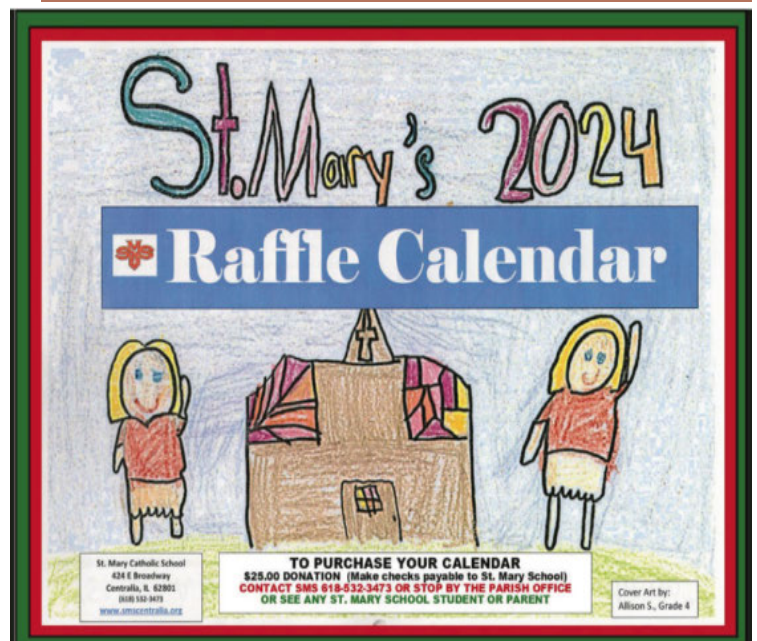
January 2024	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2024	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2024	Elliston & Garnier Families
April 2024	Michelle Lehman
May 2024	Ralph & Bernice Sprehe
June 2024	Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen
July 2024	Dr. Jerry Beguelin
August 2024	Mary Ballagh
September 2024	Gene Uhls
October 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.



## Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.

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**Parish Phone: 618-532-6291**

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### Pastor

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### Coordinator of Religious Education

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### St. Mary School Secretary (618-532-3473)

Lynn Featherling | Ext. 302 | lynn@stmarycentralia.org

## 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.

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

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
1-Jan	Bill Broda	Dcn Dan Laquet	Emma Burris	N/A	N/A	N/A
830AM		Mary Miller	Camden Williams			
Solemnity		Sr Andrea				
of						
Mary						
6-Jan	Pam Balsano	Dcn Dan Laquet	Bill Broda	Gene Gettinger	Florence Peters	Ellen Stock
4PM		Nolan Pryor	Liliana Nocerino	Mike Stock		Diane Uhls
		Natalia Guerrero				
		Mary Jo Jones				
		Jo Warren				
7-Jan	Martina Maco	Dcn Dan Laquet	Manuela Maco	Tom Holle	Todd & Kim	Bauer
10:30AM		Paulette Pahnke	Bryden Hall	Tom Ballagh	Davis	Family
		James Burris	Reid Hall	Brian Hancock		
		Doug Pahnke				
		Braeden Williams				





**Thanks to everyone who made the Cookie Tray Sales so successful!  
Three hundred trays were prepared and hopefully enjoyed!**



**Santa Claus stopped by following the All School Mass, December 19, 2023. He had treats for the students and a Merry Christmas!**



**St. Mary School, students and faculty saying goodbye to Seminarian Luke as he prepares to return to the seminary after Christmas. Students extended their hands in blessing for a safe trip and blessings as he prepares for the ordination as a Deacon and Priest.**





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