



January 28, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of 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, JANUARY 22, 2024

Jessica Hudspeth - Odin
Karen Burbach - Sac City, IA

FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Centralia.
Call 618-532-6291 for an appointment.
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, January 31, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

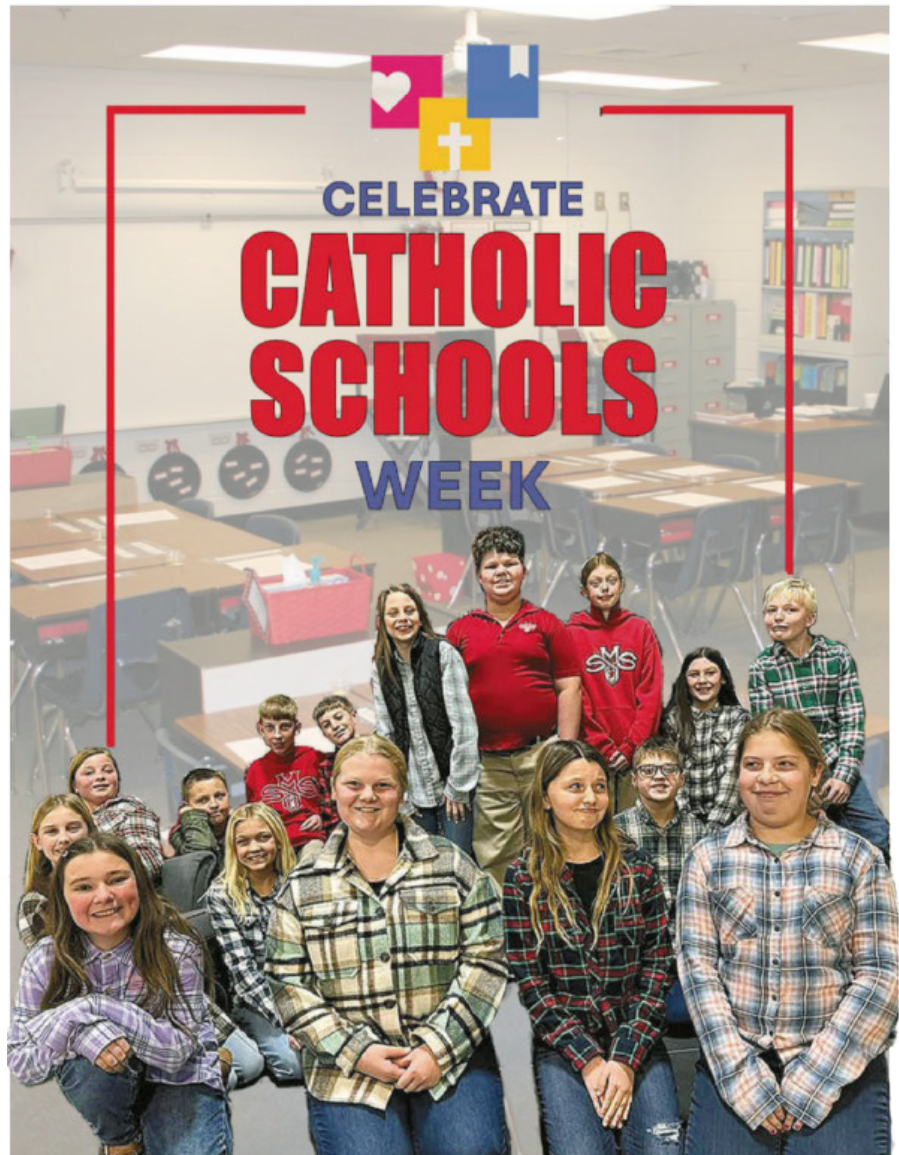
St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish, Mt. Vernon.
Call 618-244-1559 for an appointment.
Wednesday, February 1, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 2, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

SAINT MARY PRIEST SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
January 27th - 28th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny
February 3rd - 4th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve
ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS		
February 10th - 11th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve
February 17th - 18th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve
February 24th - 25th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule	8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church	12:00 p.m. St. Mary Hospital	5:30 p.m. St. Mary Church
Stations of the Cross With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Each Friday St. Mary Church 2:15 p.m.	Each Thursday St. Mary Church 6:00 p.m.	



CANDLEMAS DAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024
ST. MARY CHAPEL - 8:30 A.M.

ST. BLASÉ (FEB 3RD)
BLESSING OF THROATS
FRIDAY - 8:30 A.M.
All Weekend Masses





Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

† Crucephine Pierson, Fr. Jose Ancheril Mathai

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Jamie Balsano Martioccio, Roy Szatkowski

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 (All School Mass)

8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

For students and staff of St. Mary School

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel

† Rosemary Szymkowski

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

NO MASS

Friday, February 2, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. St Mary Chapel

Increase in Vocations

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

Blessing of throats after Mass

† Mandi Hardy

Sunday, February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

Blessing of throats after Mass

† Joe & Louisa Marcum, Hope Marcum Harbin

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)

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

Mike Kennett

Mike Taylor

Jerry Grasher

Living at Home

Dolores Sanders

Mary Darin

Helen Guinzy

JoEllen Nannie

David & Ida May Guthrie

Barbara Francois

Loretta Pedtke

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Throughout the World

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Envelopes	\$9,964.00
Online Envelopes	\$806.95
Loose Collection	\$458.00
Building fund	\$300.00
School Support	\$425.00
Altar Society Dues	\$420.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$95.00
Mass Stipends	\$40.00
Devotional Candles	\$60.00
Total	\$12,568.95

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.

Kaskaskia College Sprehe Scholarships

The Ralph and Bernice Sprehe St. Mary/Kaskaskia College Scholarship Trust applications are available for registered members of St. Mary Parish. These include the 2024-2026 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2024-2025 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. Contact Nikki Burmester to make arrangements for receiving an application.

call: 618-367-4565 or

email: sprehescholarship@gmail.com

All signed applications are to be returned to Nikki Burmester at 1937 Dogwood Lane, Centralia, IL 62801-4419 or by e-mail at sprehescholarship@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. All applications must be signed, and those submitted by e-mail must be in PDF format.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Steven Pautler



both celebrated on February 2nd, holds particular interest.

This is not merely a coincidence but is rooted in ancient traditions and the rhythms of the natural world. Groundhog Day, a popular cultural observance in North America, is linked to an old European tradition known as Candlemas. Candlemas, which is the Christian Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Traditionally, it marks the 40th day after Christmas and is a significant milestone in the Christian calendar.

The link between Groundhog Day and Candlemas stems from old weather lore. Candlemas was a day when candles were blessed, symbolizing Jesus as the light of the world. This day also held traditional beliefs regarding weather patterns. There's an old European saying: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight; If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go Winter, and come not again." This saying reflects the belief that the weather on Candlemas day could predict the arrival of spring.

Groundhog Day has its roots in this lore. The tradition holds that if a groundhog emerging from its burrow on this day sees its shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat back into its den, and the winter will persist for six more weeks. If it doesn't see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early. Hence, Groundhog Day is a secular manifestation of an older tradition that aligns with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This confluence of a cultural and a religious observance serves as a poignant reminder of the interplay between our faith and the natural world. As we observe the Presentation of the Lord, we are also subtly reminded of the changing seasons and the progression of time, which is beautifully symbolized by the Groundhog Day tradition.

Therefore, take time to rest and prepare for Lent, these observances – the religious significance of the Presentation of the Lord and the cultural charm of Groundhog Day – offer a unique perspective. They remind us of our connection to both our faith and the natural world. As we move through February and into Lent, these celebrations serve as a reminder of renewal, both spiritual and seasonal. They encourage us to reset and prepare, not just for the journey to Calvary with Jesus, but also for the transition from the introspection of winter to the hope and renewal of spring.

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.



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.

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JANUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

–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
February 2025	Alan & Rosalie Thomas

SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION

– 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	Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin
February 2025	OPEN

KNOWLEDGE WANTED!

...but not required.
(you can come for the fun and to show your support!)

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Cash Prizes

Pay through VENMO – Please tag as TRIVIA TEAM. Thanks in advance

Trivia Night

Fundraiser

Saturday, February 24, 2024
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Trivia Begins at 7:00 pm

The Place to Be:
St. Mary School Gym
424 E Broadway
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Price of Event:
\$120 / Table (8 player Max)
EXTRAS:
Mulligans
50/50 Raffle

What's in Store for You:
10 Rounds General Trivia

COOLERS / FOOD WELCOME

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED Call/Text Nicole Garren (618-204-1490) or call the School Office @ 618-532-3473. Will need a contact name and phone number for team. If you would like to be placed near another team, please let us know who that team is. Deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, February 21. After that date, we will do our best to accommodate any requests.

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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)

Parish Phone: 618-532-6291

School Phone: 618-532-3473 - Fax 618-352-2010

Pastor

Fr. Steven Pautler | Ext. 307 | spautler@stmarycentralia.org

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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.

The family of JoDene Nall would like to remind her parish family that on January 31, 2024 JoDene will celebrate her 93rd birthday! She would love to receive cards at her new address:

Mrs. JoDene Nall

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Are you being called to be a Permanent Deacon?

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men and their spouses interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering starting a new class of aspirants in fall 2025. Eligibility is extended to men aged thirty-three to fifty-six by September 2025. Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.

The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

I ENCOURAGE YOU, DEAR STUDENTS, TO MAKE YOUR TIME OF FORMATION AN UNREMITTING QUEST FOR GOD

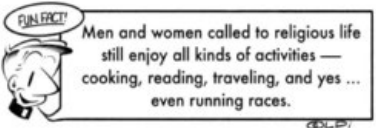


St. John Paul II | Catholic Schools Week

"Did you hear about the runner who lost the race to a religious sister?"



"The runner was **second to nun**"



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ST. MARY SCHOOL

Catholic Schools WEEK

1/28-2/3

- Monday**
 - In Our Faith Community**
 - Students will create gifts for our religious
- Tuesday**
 - Teacher Appreciation**
 - All-school Mass 8:30
 - Faculty Lunch
- Wednesday**
 - In Our Community**
 - Students will create gifts for members of our community
- Thursday**
 - Student Appreciation**
 - Out of uniform & a fun-filled day!
- Friday**
 - Parent Appreciation**
 - Student talent show 9:00 A.M. - gym

KICK-OFF MASS 1/28 @ 10:30

For more information mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org



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