



February 4, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of 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
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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 29, 2024

Misty Schaeffer - Irvington
Samatha Weaver - Centralia

FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Centralia.
Call 618-532-6291 for an appointment.
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, February 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish, Mt. Vernon.

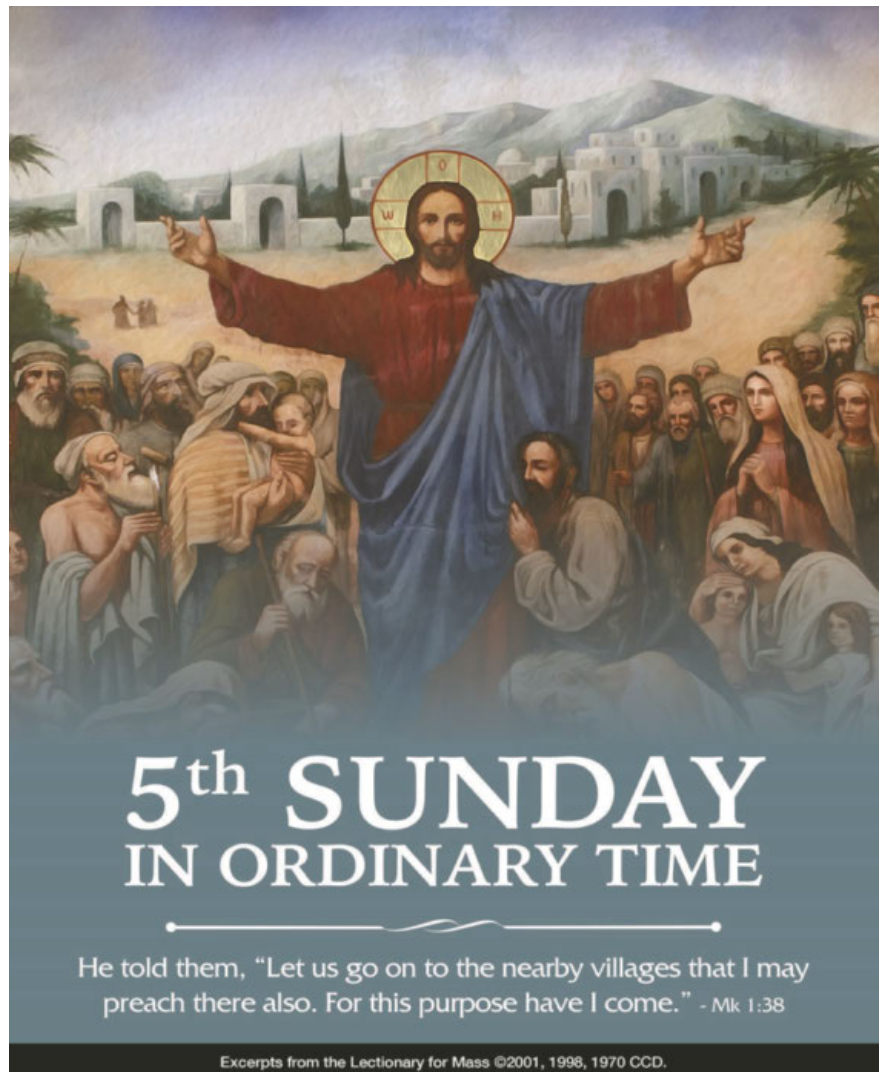
Call 618-244-1559 for an appointment.
Wednesday, February 7, 2024- 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 8, 2024- 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

SAINT MARY PRIEST SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
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
March 2nd & 3rd	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny

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.	



St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. One day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed.

The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





Saturday, February 3, 2024
4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church
Blessing of throats after Mass
 † Mandy Hardy

Sunday, February 4, 2024
10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church
Blessing of throats after Mass
 † Joe & Louisa Marcum & Hope Marcum Harbin

Tuesday, February 5, 2024
12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel
 Healing and Peace † Rosemary Szymkowiak

Wednesday, February 7, 2024
8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel
 † Deceased members of St. Mary's Parish

Friday, February 9, 2024
8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church (All School Mass)
 † Allan & Rosalie Thomas

Saturday, February 10, 2024
4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church
Blessing of throats after Mass
 † Dr. Jerry Beguelin & † Dr. Charles Fischer

Sunday, February 11, 2024
10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church
Blessing of throats after Mass
 † Margie Pautler † Roy Szatkowski



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

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

Envelopes	\$4,859.00
Online Envelopes	760.32
Loose Collection	599.00
Building fund	533.00
School Support	698.00
Altar Society Dues	65.00
Cemetery	45.00
Messenger	115.00
Mass Stipend	110.00
Total	\$7,784.32

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

During my brief vacation to the relatively warm state of Florida I experience some rest and relaxation. This trip coincided with the major freeze we experienced a few weeks ago. On Sunday, I attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. Those who have visited this Basilica are aware of its grandeur and serene beauty.

It was a rare pleasure to simply sit quietly among the congregation. I observed the actions of the celebrant and deacon. Despite the immense size of the Basilica and nearly full pews, they performed their holy duties with reverence and precision.

When I was ordained as a priest in 1981, I made a promise to God and to myself: "When attending a Mass where I preside, I aim to ensure that you feel better when you leave than when you arrived. If the faithful leave questioning why they spent an hour of their life here, I have failed."

That promise still holds true for me. Despite the chaos typical of the Orlando area, I left Mass feeling happy and renewed. God's presence was truly felt that day, making it a highlight of my vacation.

This is a sentiment that everyone, regardless of their walk of life, can embrace. It is particularly significant for priests, deacons, and those aspiring to these roles. It's easy to rush through a homily or not fully engage with the faithful, just to fulfill an obligation. As Lent approaches, it's a time to remind ourselves to let our passion for serving God's church inspire everyone we meet.

As I left the sacred space, I stepped into the nave and noticed a line of over twenty individuals waiting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I joined the line and, after receiving absolution, asked the priest if the line was always this long. He replied, "Yes, every day, Sunday through Saturday." Driving back into the hustle of Orlando, I realized the importance of vacations for our mental and spiritual well-being. That hour spent away from my vacation was a profoundly meaningful time spent with God — mission accomplished.


Father Steve

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Trivia Night

Fundraiser

Saturday,
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Doors Open at 5:30 pm
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The Place to Be: St. Mary School Gym 424 E Broadway Centralia, IL 62801	Price of Event: \$120 / Table (8 player Max) EXTRAS: Mulligans 50/50 Raffle	What's in Store for You: 10 Rounds General Trivia
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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.

FEBRUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

- 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
MARCH 2025	OPEN

SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION

- 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
MARCH 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.

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.



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ALERT**



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FATHER STEVE OR FATHER BENNY WOULD **NEVER** TEXT YOU, OR EMAIL YOU ASKING FOR GIFT CARDS OR A FAVOR
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Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

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
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday:
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
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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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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.
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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.

ST. MARY PRINCIPAL, ORGANIST, TEACHER, LEGEND LEAVES THE EARTHLY WORLD.



Sister Mary Cecilia Maczko, C.S.S.F. Died January 19, 2024 in Swedish Covenant North Shore Hospital, Chicago, IL. Beloved member of Felician Sisters Community for 75 years. Beloved daughter of the late James and the late Sophie. Beloved sister of Dolores (the late Henry) Jachec, James (Regina) and the late Mitchell (Jean). Nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Mother of Good Counsel Convent, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 am following the visitation. Commendation followed at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, donations to Felician Sisters' Retirement Fund, 3800 West Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659 would be appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000 David J. Moore, Director. Sister Mary Cecilia served two assignments at St. Mary Grade School, one as a teacher in the early 60's as the "new" school was being built and returned from 1971 through 1978 as principal and teacher. She also served St. Mary Parish as organist.

From Father Steve...it is apparent that Sister Cecilia left a lasting mark on our parish. In my short time at St. Mary I have heard numerous stories about Sister, some humorous! We all have that favorite teacher we remember all of our lives and Sister Cecilia was one of them. Thanks for the many years of service as a Sister, may she find eternal rest.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK KICK-OFF - SMS CHOIR AT MASS





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Contact Parish Office to Reserve Your Tickets (618) 532-6291



Congratulations to Grace on her baptism. She is being held by Deacon Dan along with, Coy and Sarah Alton her parents, Max, Brooks, Harper, her brothers and sister, Garrett Ford, Patty Donoho, Godparents.



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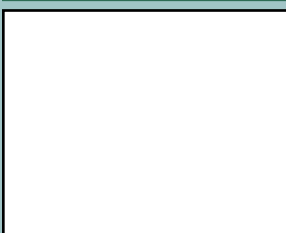


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