



March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday

SAINT MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY, CENTRALIA & ST. MARY, MT. VERNON

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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, MARCH 18, 2024

GEORGIA KRETZER – SANDOVAL
JAN HAWKINS - CENTRALIA

FATHER STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Centralia.
Call 618-532-6291 for an appointment.
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Away from the Parish
Friday, March 22, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish, Mt. Vernon.
Call 618-244-1559 for an appointment.
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Away from the Parish

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OCTAVE

Palm Sunday	4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Fr. Steve	10:30 a.m. Fr. Benny
HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. Msgr. David	Adoration until 9 pm
Good Friday	3:00 p.m. Fr. Steve & Father Benny	
Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m. - Msgr. David	
Easter Sunday	8:45 a.m. Msgr. David	10:30 a.m. Fr. Steve
EASTER EGG HUNT - COURTYARD AFTER 10:30 - MASS		
Sunday April 7th Divine Mercy Sunday And First Communion	8:45 a.m. Msgr. David	10:30 a.m. Fr. Steve and Fr. Benny
FIRST COMMUNION DURING 10:30 A.M. - MASS		



ST. MARY SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 - 11:00 A.M.

St. Theresa of Avila Parish
812 N. Main St. Salem, IL 62881
Bishop Michael McGovern



ADDITIONAL WEEKEND MASSES

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st
8:45 A.M. - ST MARY

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 7th.
8:45 A.M. - St. Mary Church



Saturday, March 23, 2024

Palm Sunday

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

† Crucephine Pierson † Fr. Jose Mathai

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Linda Bauer † Jack Marcum

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel (NO MASS)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Chapel

† Michael Atchison † Jeanne Faith

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. (Adoration until 9:00 p.m.)

† Debased members of St. Mary's Parish

† Verdeyen & Willenborg Family

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

† James Balsano Martocco † Carl Dunn

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

The Mass of Easter Day

8:45 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Joanne & Patrick Huff, † Clara Huff Schake

10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church

† Margaret Pautler † Mandi Hardy

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

Roy Kroezen
Blain Loll
Robin Cimera
Waylon Vick
Natasha Lang
Brian "Gooter" Guthrie
Ruby Stratmann
Deb Steward
Mark Schwartz
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

For the suffering

In Ukraine

In the Holy Land

Throughout the World

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 MARCH 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$4,167.00
Online Envelopes	768.45
Loose Collection	377.56
Building fund	110.00
School Support	310.00
Easter Offering	230.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Good Friday	50.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Total	\$6,093.01

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR
DONATION FOR EASTER
FLOWERS BY TUESDAY,
MARCH 26, 2024**



Join Our Team at St. Mary's Parish

We are excited to announce that St. Mary's Parish is looking to fill two vital roles within our community. We invite passionate and dedicated individuals to apply for the positions of Receptionist and Coordinator of Religious Activities (CRE).

Receptionist: As the first point of **contact**, we are seeking a friendly and organized individual who can manage our front desk, assist parishioners, and support the administrative needs of our parish office.

Coordinator of Religious Activities (CRE): This role calls for a dynamic and spiritually motivated person to oversee our religious programs, especially the (PSR), Parish School of Religion. Both positions offer the opportunity to work in a fulfilling environment, dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of our parishioners and the wider community.

How to Apply: Please submit your application, detailing your interest and qualifications for the position, to:

Father Steve at: spautler@stmarycentralia.org. 618-532-6291 x 307

We look forward to welcoming new members to our team who are committed to our mission of faith and service. Don't miss this chance to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others and grow in your own spiritual journey. Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Join us in our mission to spread faith, hope, and love within our community and beyond. Apply today!



MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Reverend Benny George

Why do we need the Stations of the Cross?

"Therefore, doing the Stations of the Cross was still more laborious than consoling, and required a sacrifice. It was much the same with all my devotions. They did not come easily, and they very seldom brought with them a strong sensible satisfaction. Nevertheless, the work of performing them ended in a profound and fortifying peace: a peace, became more and more real, more and more sure, and finally stayed with me permanently" Thomas Merton.

As a child I was not sure why, during Lenten season, one should go for the Stations of the Cross. Even then it was a Passion within me to go from the school for the Stations and listen about the different actions and finally feel the sorrowful atmosphere when Jesus was crucified and feel angry with the soldiers who mistreated Jesus.

When in seminary I found it in a different way of devotion as we celebrated it every Friday of the lent. Now it has become something that I don't want to miss, and I often look at these stations placed on the Church walls, which seem to come alive only in the Lenten season. Other times they just stay there without anyone's attention.

While attending the Stations of the Cross and meditating on them, I feel different and started to think more about Jesus and the tremendous suffering He had to undergo on our behalf. Somewhere during the stations I always offered my sufferings and find lighter and in peace to walk home.

Where did the Practice come from?

Along the Via Dolorosa (way of the Cross) Jesus' journey of about a mile from Pilate's court to Calvary, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is believed to have often retraced the sorrowful way her Son made on Good Friday. The practice later originated in the mediaeval Europe, with pilgrims unable to visit the Holy Land. In 1342 the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the Holy Land. People received indulgences for praying at the following stations of the Via Dolorosa.

At the end of 17 th Ce. The erection of the stations in the Churches became popular for those who could not make it to Jerusalem. Pope Benedict XIII extended the indulgences to all in 1726.

Pope Clement XII permitted Stations to be created in all Churches and fixed the numbers at 14, in 1742. Pope Benedict XIV exhorted the priests to enrich the Churches with the Way of the Cross.



MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Bishop Michael McGovern

I am writing to you today through this column to invite you to participate in two consultative efforts in the Church. This first is an opportunity to share your thoughts in response to two questions for the Synod of Bishops in Rome. The second is an invitation to contribute your thoughts to our process of creating a pastoral vision for the Diocese of Belleville.

First, as many of you know, the Synod of Bishops was convened by Pope Francis in Rome last October. In preparation for the Synod, we held meetings at many parishes in our diocese in order to listen to the Holy Spirit, and one another, concerning our faith and how we could become a more synodal Church. In preparation for the second half of the Synod to be held this coming October, the Holy See has invited our comments about two questions. I am inviting our readers to pray about the two questions below and submit your thoughts either electronically or via the US postal service.

Where have I seen or experienced success-and distress- within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission of the Church?

How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

The second consultative effort is to hear from you about the priorities of

MARCH SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

—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
April 2025	OPEN

SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION

— 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	Patricia Walter
March 2025	OPEN
April 2025	OPEN

our diocese for the next three to five years. I hope all of us are aware of the many good things happening in the Catholic community of southern Illinois. I am very grateful for the many people who share their time, talent and treasure so that the Body of Christ is filled with life across our twenty-eight counties. As we look to the future, I believe that we need to consider what should be the priorities for our diocese from 2024-2029. While there will be meetings in many of our parishes in April to hear the priorities identified by fellow Catholics in a synodal style, we are also encouraging people to contribute by writing. This will allow more of the faithful to be consulted.

For instance, you might suggest three to five areas that should be the priorities we focus on as a local Church in the coming years. I encourage you to also state why you think a given ministry or service should be a priority. For example, if you identify the promotion of vocations, the promotion of family life, helping the poor, and teaching the faith to our children as priorities, kindly also include a sentence or two about why you believe each is a priority.

I would appreciate the responses to the Synod questions to be sent by March 25th so a synthesis can be submitted to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Kindly submit your thoughts about priorities for the Diocese of Belleville by April 8th. A work group will read the comments and create a synthesis that will help in the creation of a pastoral letter for the Belleville Diocese.

You may write to us at: **The Chancery, Office of the Bishop, 222 South Third, Belleville, IL 62220.** Or you may respond online at www.diobelle.org and complete the jot form found on the website. I look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks.

May the remaining days of Lent be a time of prayer and conversion for each one of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

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.

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

Associate Pastor

Fr. Benny George | Ext. 000 | frbenny@stmarymtvernon.org

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Maria Pryor | Ext. 303 | mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org

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Vicki Laquet | Ext. 301 | parish@stmarycentralia.org

Coordinator of Religious Education

Cassandra Groff | Ext. 306 | cassandra.groff.cre@gmail.com

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

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.

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory
28-Mar	Sharon Pierjok	Sr Andrea	Devin Meier	Paul Pierson	Todd & Kim D.	Angela Smith
7PM		Bill Broda	Logan Meier	Gene Gettinger		Michael Davis
Holy		GiGi Broughton	Carson Pigg	Jim Opolony		
Thursday		Paul Mocaby	Blaise Schwartz			
29-Mar	Linda Schwartz	Diane Uhls	Charleigh Garren	Paul Pierson	Vicki Laquet	Ellen Stock
3PM	Priest	Susan Niepoetter	Laynee Garren	Gene Gettinger		Jo Warren
Good	Deacon	Pete Donnelly	Emma Burris	Tom Holle		
Friday		Braeden Williams	Josh Citera			
	Parishioners					
Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory
30-Mar	Bill Broda		James Burris	Paul Pierson	Cindy Lusch	Michael Atchison
8PM	Steve Miller	Mike Stock	Emma Burris	Gene Gettinger	Mary Ann D.	Heather Dixon
Easter		Mary Miller	Camden Williams	Mike Stock	Anna Adams	Jeanne Saith
Vigil		Bill Broda	Julie Siegler		Vicki Laquet	Tina Biagi
31-Mar	Don Litteken	Manuela Maco	Devin Meier		Sally Tiemann	Timmons
10:30AM		Mike Timmons	Blaise Schwartz	Tom Ballagh		Family
Easter		Doug Pahnke	Tucker Aydt	Doug Pahnke		
		Paulette Pahnke	Reid Hall			

Mowing Season begins soon!

**Please remove all OLD
flowers and grave blankets
by March 30th.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Eighth Grade Commencement

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church

AutumnFest 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Support Our Neighboring Parishes

St. Dominic Catholic Church, Breese, Golden Egg Raffle. Grand prize \$20,000, five \$1,000 prizes and two \$500 Consolation prizes. Drawing held after 11 am Easter Morning Mass. To purchase tickets call the rectory 618-526-7746

Chicken Dinner, St. Felicitas Church Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL 62231. Fried Chicken, Dressing Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw, and Applesauce.

Mater Dei Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction, Saturday, April 13, 2024. Detailed invitation and reservation form are available on Mater dei's website: www.materdeiknights.org

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)

SAVE
THE
DATES
July 7
July 8

Bishop Michael McGovern
and The Diocese of Belleville
Invite you to
Emmaus Days



**FULL TIME TEACHER &
PART TIME TEACHER**

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Mary School in Centralia, IL, a Prek-8 parochial school, is hiring a FULL TIME TEACHER & A PART TIME TEACHER for the 2024-2025 school year.

The ideal candidate holds a teaching certificate from the state of IL or has a bachelor's degree seeking certification and must be a Christian.

If you are interested in joining an extremely rewarding environment, please contact Mrs. Maria Pryor at (618) 532-3473 or email your resume with at least 3 professional references to maria.pryor@stmarycentralia.org.

- Benefits:
- Medical, dental & vision insurance
 - 403b Retirement Program with automatic employer contribution plus the opportunity for additional match
 - Small class size

PALM SUNDAY



HOW TO DONATE, PURCHASE TICKETS, AND KEEP UP-TO-DATE... GO TO:

<https://stmarypto.schoolauction.net/derby>
or: stmarycentralia.org

St. Mary Church 2024 Parish Auction

Jockeys & Juleps

Join us to
Celebrate the
150th

*Kentucky
Derby*



NEW this year ...
Pre-registration & express
check-out options available!

**Saturday
MAY
4th 2024**

Gates Open at 4:30 PM
with an opportunity to
wager on your favorite horse!

Derby Viewing & Cocktails 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Live Auction 8:00 PM

Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions, Gourmet Dessert Auction,
Cash Bar with Signature Cocktails, Raffle, Music, and More

Tickets \$30 Per Person or
Table for 8 People \$240



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