

# **SAINT MARY**

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Partnered with Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Parish Mount Vernon, Illinois, Diocese of Belleville



April 13, 2025 ♦ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



\*Saturday, April 12, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord s Passion

4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Donald & Beverly Kelly † Lee & Jane Shaw

**Sunday, April 13, 2025** 

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church † Roy Szatkowski † Mary Darin

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (NO MASS) 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (NO MASS) 9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Stations of the Cross/lead by SMS Students 2:15 p.m. St. Mary Church

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:30 p.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Exposition & Novena

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church (All School Mass) Peace & Justice

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel Special Intention for St. Mary Hospital

Thursday, April 17, 2025 **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:00 p.m.at St. Mary Church For the departed of St. Mary Parish

Friday, April 18, 2025 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.. at St. Mary Church

Saturday, April 19, 2025

In the Holy Night of Easter 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Dr. Charles Fischer † Steve Schwartz

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

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

† Phil Altadonna

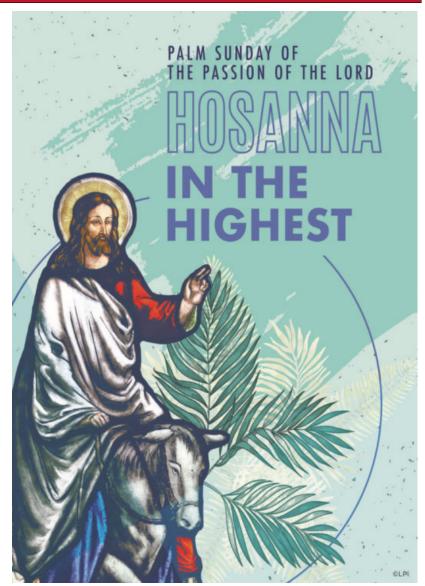
To offer a Mass for a loved one or special intention, please contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

A stipend of \$10 per intention is requested.

\* Live stream, www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM



"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." — Philippians 2:8



The homily for this weekend is available at the entrance of the church in both English and Spanish. Thank you for taking a moment to reflect.

La homilía de este fin de semana está disponible en la entrada de la iglesia, tanto en inglés como en español. Gracias tomarse por un momento para reflexionar.



# NEWS AND EVENTS...

Palm Sunday Breakfast & Country Store join us for the Palm Sunday Breakfast & Country Store on April 13, 2025, at St. Lawrence Parish Hall in Sandoval, IL, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and fruit cocktail. Dine in or carry out options are available, and a free will offering will be accepted. This event is sponsored by Santa Maria 4th Degree Assembly #1518. All are welcome! Be sure to stop by the Country Store for homemade goodies and crafts!

Drive-Thru Only Chicken Dinner -Beaver Prairie St. Felicitas Church in Beaver Prairie will be hosting a Drive-Thru Only Chicken Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The delicious dinner includes 1/2 fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dressing, applesauce, and slaw — all for just \$15 per dinner. Please note, no substitutions will be available. The event will take place at St. Felicitas, 13322 Church Rd., Carlyle, IL 62231. Don't forget to pick up your quilt raffle tickets, which will also be available during the event. We hope to see you there!

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - 11:30 am All are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter, located at 200 W. Harrison St., Belleville, IL, on Tuesday, April 22nd at 11:30 a.m. This sacred Holy Week liturgy brings together the bishop, priests, deacons, and faithful from across Southern Illinois to celebrate the unity of the Church. During the Mass, the bishop will bless the Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism, which will be used throughout the diocese in the year ahead. In a powerful moment of recommitment, priests will also renew their sacred promises of service to God and His people. All are warmly encouraged to join in this beautiful celebration of our faith and shared mission.

## **SMS CALENDAR WINNERS**

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 CYDNEY RICHARDSON- CENTRALIA TIM FERGUSON - CENTRALIA

### **MEETINGS** AND INFORMATION...

#### HARVEST OF BLESSINGS, Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow.

Our Harvest of Blessings Capital Campaign supports vital improvements to our parish and school, including completed projects like the new school flooring, playground shade structure, and parking lot fence upgrades. Your generosity will help replenish savings used for these projects and fund future needs like HVAC systems and flooring. Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens our community and ensures a lasting legacy. Thank you for your support in making this campaign a success! To donate visit, **stmarycentralia.org** 

#### Fill a Bowl, Feed a Soul: Be Part of the 2025 CRS Rice Bowl Mission!

Rice Bowls are available to pick up after Mass—please take one home and join us in supporting those in need around the world. Your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent can make a real difference. Please return your filled Rice Bowls by Easter Week.

# 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. Com for the quilting, the community, or both, know that a warm welcome awaits you. Contact Sally Tiemann, or visit us at St. Lawrence.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M. - PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM

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.

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Tam 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 interested in helping the parish financially.   I would like Father Steve or Msgr. Darin to visit or call me.   Please return to the Parish Office				
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17-Apr	Bill Broda	Bill Broda	Laynee Garren	Gene Gettinger	Sally Tiemann	TBA
7:00 PM		Pete Donnelly	Charleigh Garren	Jim Opolony		(attendees of
		Paul Mocaby	Emma Burris			Chrism mass)
	Don Litteken	Mary Miller	Camden Williams			
18-Apr	Pete Donnelly	none	Tucker Aydt	Tom Holle	Tom Holle	Aydt Family
3:00 PM			Turner Aydt	Gene Gettinger		
			Blaise Schwartz			
	Tom Hawkins		Reid Hall			
19-Apr	Steve Miller	Susan Niepoetter	Emma Burris	Gene Gettinger	Ellen Stock	Tara Timmons
8:00 PM	Bill Broda	Bill Broda	Camden Williams	Mike Stock		Linda Lutz
	Pete Donnelly	Mary Miller	Enrique Villagomez			Randy Buza
	Tammy Miller	Pete Donnelly	Esperanza Villagomez			
20-Apr	Martina Maco	Logan Meier	Julie Siegler	Tom Holle	Sally Tiemann	Siegler Family
10:30AM		Devin Meier	Allison Siegler	Tom Ballagh		
		Carson Pigg	Nolan Wolfe	Brian Hancock		
		Manuela Maco	Reid Hall	Jaxson Hancock		
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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**Reverend Steven Pautler** 

Palms in the Attic, Prayers in the Heart

Each year as Palm Sunday approaches, I'm brought back to one of those simple but sacred memories—receiving palms at church. As a kid, I always felt like I was handed something holy, something ancient. And I suppose I was.

In 1970, when I was ten, I helped my dad, uncle, and brother clean out the old farmhouse that belonged to Grandpa Lawrence and Grandma Gertrude. Grandpa had just passed, and Grandma had been gone since 1959—just before I was born. As we climbed into the attic, tucked into a quiet corner was a cedar box filled with what had to be hundreds of palms. Brittle, dry, aged by time—but clearly treasured. Grandma had saved them, year after year. They weren't just leaves. They were memories. They were prayers.

And just this past summer, I found myself doing something similar

at my parents' house. Sure enough—Mom had her own palms, many of them lovingly folded into crosses. I imagine both of them—Grandma and Mom—holding those palms during the reading of the Passion, back when it was read in Latin, or quietly reading the passion narrative. Maybe Grandpa drove them home afterward, the palms resting quietly in their laps. Maybe they thought, like I do now, about Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus carry the cross, or the good thief who, in the very last moment, asked Jesus to remember him.

It's funny how something so fragile can hold so much strength. Those little branches remind us that even when life feels brittle or broken, we're part of a much bigger story. The palms that we hold today are blessed with the same words and prayers as those held generations ago. In a world that changes so quickly, it's comforting to know that some things—like the love of Jesus and the hope of Easter—stay steady

wonder sometimes if Grandma knew, tucking those palms into her cedar box, that they would speak decades later. Not in words, but in whispers of faith. I like to think she smiled in heaven when I found them. I like to think Mom does too. Maybe that's what we're doing when we pass down these traditions—not just handing on a ritual, but sharing a piece of heaven's joy.

These are more than traditions. They're part of the great tapestry of Holy Week. So this year, as you receive your palm, hold it with joy. Remember someone who once did the same. Display it, cherish it, pray with it. And let it lead you gently toward Easter morning—with memory, with love, and with a smile.

And maybe—just maybe—tuck one away somewhere special. Years from now, someone might find it. And in that moment, they'll not only remember you, but also the love and faith that shaped your life—just as

Jesus shaped His final days for love of us all.

Because that's what these palms really are—they're quiet witnesses. They don't shout or sparkle, but they stand as gentle reminders that faith is passed on not only in great sermons or dramatic moments, but in small, consistent acts of love: a child watching their parent hang a palm behind the crucifix, a grandparent folding one into a cross, a family bowing their heads during the reading of the Passion. These are the holy echoes that shape our hearts—and they just might be the most powerful sermons of all.



During the month April the Sanctuary candle in our parish church burns in loving memory of:

#### Decker & Wilson Families

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May 2025	John & Elizabeth & Paul Peters
June 2025	David Schwartz
July 2025	Beverly Kelly
August 2025	Ethel Porter
September 2025	Gary & Robert Kabat
October 2025	Dr. Charles Fischer
November 2025	Kabat & Tomaszewski Families
December 2025	Donald Kelly
January 2026	Verdeyen/Willenborg Families
February 2026	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2026	Elliston & Garnier Families
April 2026	Steve Schwartz
May 2026	OPEN
June 2026	David Schwartz

May 2025

During the month of April the Sanctuary candle in the Felician Chapel burns in loving memory of:

#### **Angelis Vlahou**

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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.



#### Special Day of Pilgrimage and Indulgence

Every Tuesday St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration - 4:30 pm Celebration of Holy Mass - 5:30 pm Penitentiary Prayers for Indulgences during Mass

> Recitation of the Holy Rosary Immediately after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation After Mass until 6:30 pm

In addition to the acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage that are particular to the Jubilee Indulgence, the Church prescribes "usual" conditions: Be in a state of grace and have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin

> Sacramental Confession Reception of Holy Communion Prayer for the Pope's intentions

#### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

ST. MARY, CENTRALIA SATURDAY FROM 3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

ST. MARY, MT. VERNON SATURDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M

ST. LAWRENCE, SANDOVAL SUNDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND **PARISH INFORMATION**

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Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 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

Diocese of Belleville Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-640-3044

#### SACRAMENTS AND 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 or Msgr. Darin.

#### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Please contact Deacon Dan Laquet, Father Steve or Msgr. Darin. OCIA 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 or x308 for Msgr. Darin. After hours calls, automatically forward to their cell phones.

#### Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-1 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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-

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 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)/ /ls 55:1-11/ls 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

#### Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Monday:

Tuesday: Tax Day Wednesday:

Thursday: Holy Thursday Friday: Good Friday Saturday: Holy Saturday **Next Sunday: Easter Sunday** 

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT

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#### For the week of April 6, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,534.00
Online Collection	1,663.32
Loose Collection	353.00
School Support	315.00
Building Fund	30.00
Easter Offering	35.00
Capital Campaign	625.00
Easter Flowers	-0-
Holy Land	-0-
Catholic Relief	-0-
Mass Stipend	-0-
Total	¢ 2 555 32

#### Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 04/7/2025

**Total Campaign Pledges** \$183.989 Total Pledges received 143,219 40,770 Pledges to be paid

#### **REVISED MASS SCHEDULE BEGINING MAY 3, 2025**

WEEKEND MASSES REMAIN THE SAME

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - ST. MARY CHURCH (MOVED TO THE CHAPEL STARTING MAY 28TH)

THURSDAY - 12:00 P.M. - ST. MARY HOSPITAL FRIDAY - NO MASS

#### **FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

#### For those living in **Care Centers**

JoDene Nall Jane Greene Jeff Alig Nancy Herrera Shirléy Kabat Claricé Moran Carol Orrell Barbara Parrot Betty Boxx Miké Kennett Mike Taylor Jerry Grasher

#### For those who are homebound

Dolores Sanders Helen Guinzy JoEllen Nanńie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara François

#### Requested prayers

Father Carl Schrage Blain Loll Robin Cimera Waylon Vick Naťasha Lang Deb Steward Mark Schwartz Michael Willimzig Adam Brandt Dorothy Jenkins Bart Robbins Marlyn Griffith Janá Martin

Those away at College Those serving in the military Dylan Huether For those in need Throughout the World

Please call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 to add or remove prayer requests. To be added to the prayer chain, contact Mary Miller at 618-292-1229.



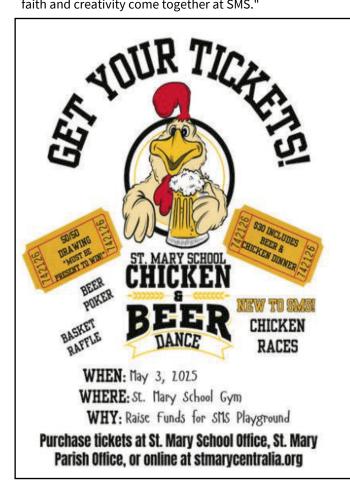
#### First in School History: Charlie's Christmas Art Wins Big!

Charlie, a bright and talented student at SMS, made school history by becoming the first student from St. Mary School to place at the state level in the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest — a program sponsored by the Illinois State Knights of Columbus. Charlie's beautiful artwork earned 3rd place in the entire state, a remarkable achievement that filled his school, teachers, classmates, and family with pride.

The Keep Christ in Christmas contest encourages students to express the true meaning of the holiday season through art. Charlie's thoughtful and creative poster stood out among many entries across Illinois, showing not only his artistic ability but also his understanding of the spiritual message behind Christmas.

To celebrate Charlie's success, his entire class joined in the fun with a special party — complete with pizza and cake! Smiles, laughter, and a little frosting made it a day to remember. "His accomplishment is a shining example of how faith and creativity come together at SMS."







Join us in the Courtyard after Easter Sunday Mass for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, a funfilled tradition sponsored by SMS, PTO! Bring your baskets and your best egg-hunting skills. Plus, don't miss the special Blessing of Easter Baskets, a beautiful way to celebrate the joy of Easter. It's all happening right after Mass—see you there!





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