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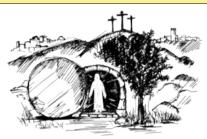
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Partnered with Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Parish Mount Vernon, Illinois, Diocese of Belleville



April 20, 2025 ♦ Easter: The Resurrection of the Lord



*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

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel
Living and † Deceased of St. Mary Parish

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 5:30 p.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Exposition & Novena

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church (All School Mass) Students, Alumni and Benefactors of SMS

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel
Special Intention for St. Mary Hospital

Thursday, April 24, 2025
Thursday in the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. at St. Felician Chapel
An increase of priestly and religious vocations.

Friday, April 25, 2025
Friday in the Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel
† Mary Darin

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Crucephine Pierson † Wade & Elsie Rae Rowlett

Sunday, April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church † Alvin Holthaus † Basil & Rita Harris

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





NEWS AND EVENTS...

Return Your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter

Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter Sunday. Rice Bowls can be dropped off in the large collection bowl located in the gathering space or at the church office. If you prefer, donations can also be made online at crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for your generous support of this important outreach!

2025 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Each year, the faithful of the Diocese of Belleville are invited to support the mission and ministries of the Church through the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Your gift helps continue the works of Christ by supporting vital diocesan ministries and providing assistance to the poor and vulnerable throughout our region. As Bishop Michael McGovern reminds us, this is a powerful way to build up the Body of Christ and live out our call to serve. **Please consider making a gift today!**

Easter Sunday 2025 Respect Life Corner

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Polka Night with The Natural Talent Polka Band!

Join us for a fun-filled evening with The Natural Talent Polka Band from Pulaski, Wisconsin on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in DuBois, IL! Doors open at 5:00 PM, with music from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$15 (available through May 1 at KC Hall and DuBois Farmers & Merchants Bank). Tickets at the door are \$20. Kids 12 and under get in free!

Enjoy great music, dancing, and tasty food and beverages (no carry-ins, please). For more info, call 618-214-0714. Bring your friends and family for a

fantastic community night out!

Servants on Christ's Mission: A Pastoral Vision for the Diocese of Belleville 2024–2027

Servants on Christ's Mission is a pastoral vision to renew the Diocese of Belleville through evangelization, stewardship, and forming missionary disciples. It calls all Vicariates, Partnerships, and Parishes to build vibrant faith communities by developing local leadership and programs. To learn more and get involved, visit **diobelle.org**.

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**

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, 618-830-7604** 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.

DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH WITH US.

Have you or someone you know been considering exploring the Catholic faith? This fall, we warmly invite you to join us for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). To learn more and get involved, please contact Deacon Dan Laquet at 618-532-6291 or email him at daniel.laquet@yahoo.com. We look forward to embarking on this faith journey together with you!

The Importance of PSR - Share Your Faith!

Parish School of Religion (PSR) is a vital part of nurturing the faith of the next generation. It provides our young people with the knowledge, guidance, and spiritual foundation they need to grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church. But PSR is more than just religious education—it is an opportunity for faith sharing.

Our PSR classes meet each Sunday from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in the Parish School. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or parishioner who simply wants to support the spiritual growth of our youth, there's a place for you in this mission. To learn more about our PSR program, contact Mike Klostermann at cre@stmarycentralia.org or call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

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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 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			

	<u>Lector</u>					
Date	Cantor ©	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
26-Apr	Sharon Pierjok	Bill Broda	Griffin Knowles	Gene Gettinger	Florence Peters	Williams Family
4:00 PM		Jo Warren	Shylaa Campbell	Jim Opolony		
		M ike Stock	Callen Williams			
	Tammy Miller		Keegan Williams			
27-Apr	Paulette Pahnke	Doug Pahnke	Rylan Hanson	Tom Holle	Mary Ann Dulumback	Sipe Family
10:30 AM		Mary Miller	Elizabeth Hanson	Tom Ballagh		
		Peter Donnelly	Carl Koger			
	Cathy Benson	Paul Mocaby	Evan Sipe			



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Reverend Steven Pautler

The Stone Is Rolled Away—So Now What?

"He saw and believed." – John 20:8

On behalf of myself, Msgr. Darin, Deacon Steve, Deacon Mark, and Deacon Dan—Happy Easter! There's something beautifully human about Easter morning. It's that deep breath, that exhale after the long journey of Lent and the powerful, emotional days of Holy Week. I think even the church pews seem to sigh a lit-

tle. For many of you, today is filled with family traditions, joyful worship, big meals, and yes—plenty of chocolate bunnies (solid ones, not hollow—we have standards). For those of us in collars, Easter is joy, relief, and maybe just a little sleep. We love this season, but let's just say it's not exactly low-impact ministry.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this Lent and

Holy Week so meaningful. From those who prepared and served our fish fries (I'm fairly certain the smell of fried cod is now permanently embedded in my collar), to the volunteers who led Stations of the Cross, decorated the church, participated in the liturgies, played music, cleaned, cooked, organized, showed up, and supported in a hundred unseen ways—thank you. The Church is at its best when it feels like a family, and that's exactly what you made it feel like. You brought life to the season, and that same life is what Easter is all about.

Today's Gospel from John (20:1–9) is fascinating. It doesn't give us trumpets or a shining, risen Jesus breaking out of the tomb like a superhero. It gives us an empty tomb, a rolled-away stone, and a lot of confusion. Mary Magdalene runs, Peter and the other disciple race to see, and what do they find? Nothing—just linen cloths and a whole lot of questions. And yet... he saw and believed.

That's Easter faith. It's not always about what we can touch or see or prove. Sometimes, it's about recognizing hope in emptiness, trusting love even when

And since we live in Illinois—"The Land of Lincoln"—here's a little historical twist I always find oddly perfect for Easter. Did you know that President Abraham Lincoln's coffin was opened not once, but twice? The first time was in 1887, 20 years after his death. Why? Because rumors had spread that the coffin didn't actually contain Lincoln's body. So they opened it, and sure enough—he was there. Fourteen years later, the same rumors popped up again. And yes, they opened it again, and guess what? Still Lincoln.

Now, imagine if that happened with Jesus. When the disciples went to the tomb, they found nothing. And that wasn't proof of a cover-up—it was proof of a miracle. The rumors about Jesus' body spread too, but this time the absence

confirmed what He had promised: He is risen. No body. Just life.

The angel's question in another Gospel account rings loudly: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It's still a question worth asking. Sometimes we search for hope in the wrong places, trying to bring life out of things that are already gone—old grudges, fears, failures. Easter invites us to stop searching among the dead and instead look for life: in Christ, in our relationships in our community, and in the ways we care for one another.

ships, in our community, and in the ways we care for one another.
So today, let's rejoice—not because the tomb was full, but because it was empty. That emptiness is our fullness. It's the start of something new. May this Easter fill your heart with hope, joy, and renewed purpose. And may you laugh a little too—because resurrection means that even death doesn't get the last

word. God does

He is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! With Easter joy,

Did you know....

The Easter Bunny traces back to 1600s German Lutherans, symbolizing judg-ment and new life, while eggs repre-sent the empty tomb and were a Len-ten treat on Easter Sunday.

SAINT MARY PARISH, MOUNT VERON 2025 ST. MARY PARISH-WIDE May 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM a life-change **AVAILABLE** in the Church office & online! \$30 in office | \$33 online

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

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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:

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May 2025 June 2025 July 2025 August 2025 September 2025 October 2025 November 2025 December 2026 February 2026 March 2026 April 2026 May 2026	Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston Paul Rusiewski Pearl Hamilton Mary Ballagh Gene Uhls Joe & Louisa Marcum Harbin & Jack Marcum Nall-Hollern-Duty Families Open Open Open Open Open
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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 20, 2025

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 Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Adminis-

trative Professionals' Day

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT

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

For the week of April 13, 2025

AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK HAPPY EASTER!

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 Clarice Moran Carol Orrell Barbara Parrot Betty Boxx Miké Kennett Mike Taylor Jerry Grasher

For those who are homebound

Dolores Sanders Helen Guinzy JoEllen Nannie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara Francóis

Requested prayers

Father Carl Schrage Blain Loll Robin Cimera Waylon Vick Natasha 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.



From Our Hearts to Yours — Thank You!

The St. Mary School PTO would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this year's Fish Fry such a wonderful success. Whether you brought a dessert for the free-will donation table, fried fish in the kitchen, served with a smile, set up tables, cleaned up afterward, or simply came and enjoyed a delicious meal with your family—we are so thankful for you!

Events like this don't just happen—they're made possible by the incredible spirit of our school and parish family. We're especially grateful for the students and their parents who stepped up to serve and support in countless ways. Your generosity, time, and cheerful hearts brought our cafeteria to life and reminded us all what makes Catholic education so special: a community that comes together in faith, fun, and fellowship.

Proceeds from the Fish Fry will directly support Catholic education at St. Mary School, helping us continue to provide a nurturing environment where our children can grow in knowledge and faith.

Thank you again for showing up, pitching in, and making a difference. We are truly blessed! With gratitude, St. Mary School PTO



Come Grow With Us! Registration Now Open at St. Mary School

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Mary School is now officially open! We are excited to welcome new and returning families into our vibrant learning community where faith, knowledge, and service come together each day. Whether your child is entering preschool, kindergarten, or transferring from another school, St. Mary's offers a warm and welcoming environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Catholic education is one of the most powerful gifts we can offer our children. At St. Mary School, we don't just teach curriculum—we form disciples. Our students learn to see the world through the eyes of faith, guided by values like compassion, integrity, and respect. But we can't keep this gift to ourselves! If you love what St. Mary's offers, share it with others—neighbors, friends, coworkers. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to help more families discover the blessing of Catholic education. Let's continue to build a community where Christ is at the center and every child can shine.

Email: mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org Call: (618) 532-3473



Purchase tickets at St. Mary School Office, St. Mary

Parish Office, or online at stmarycentralia.org



PRINTED HOMILY

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 por tomarse un momento para reflexionar.





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