

# **SAINT MARY**

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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May 25, 2025 ♦ Sixth Sunday of Easter



\*Saturday, May 24, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) † Bishop Stanley Schlarman † Donald & Beverly Kelly

Sunday, May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Roy Szatkowski

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Sixth Week of Easter 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Mary Darin

Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Fifth Week of Easter
9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:30 p.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Exposition & Novena

\*Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Dr. Charles Fischer

Thursday, May 29, 2025
Fifth Week of Easter
12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel
Special Intention for St. Mary Hospital

\*Saturday, May 31, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) † Angelis Vlahou † Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, June 1, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

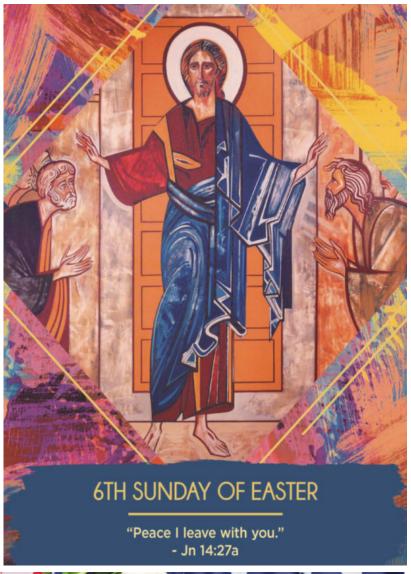
10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church
Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary
† Hope Harbin | Special Intention

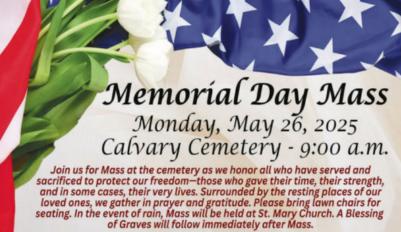
To offer a Mass for a loved one or special intention, please contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291. A stipend of \$10 per intention is requested.

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

# Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass each weekend. It is also recited every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Felician Chapel and every Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Felician Chapel.





# NEWS AND EVENTS...

St. Mary School Rummage Sale June 5-7, 2025 The St. Mary School PTO Rummage Sale will be held June 5–7 in the school gym. Donations of gently used items (no computers, TVs, or car seats) are accepted May 30-June 4 during posted hours, and volunteers are needed! The early bird sale (\$5 admission) is Thursday, June 5 from 5–7 PM, with regular hours Friday, June 6 from 8 AM-5 PM and Saturday, June 7 from 8–11 AM (\$5-per-bag special). Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser!

**Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad** 

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology is honored to serve the Church in our region by providing theological and spiritual formation for lay men

and women through our Graduate Theology Program. You are invited to an online Open House on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology. These programs are designed to deepen your



saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse

#### The Romanization of Christianity

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows invites you to a two-part Scripture Series with Mark Etling titled "The Romanization of Christianity - Continued." This engaging series will explore how Christianity was transformed during the Roman era and will take place on Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Shrine Visitors Center. The cost is \$15 per session or \$30 for the full series. All are welcome to attend and deepen their understanding of early Church history.

**Diocesan Hispanic Youth Day** 

The Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry will host Hispanic Youth Day on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Latino youth ages 12-17 will come together for prayer, music, and community under the theme "Peregrinos de Esperanza: Going Forth with Joy!" Please support this event through prayer or a donation to help keep registration free. For details, contact Lucy Barragan at (618) 722-5050.

Our Lady of Gaudalupe Pilgrimage

Registration is open for a 6-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, January 15-20, 2026. Led by Fr. Bob Flannery, Sue Huett Asbeck, and Cheryl Sommer, the trip costs \$2,994. The registration deadline is June 30, 2025. For details, visit: gocatholictravel.com brochure link.

# **SMS CALENDAR WINNERS**

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025** AMANDA SPENNER – CENTRALIA ANDREA WILLIAMS - 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 OUILTERS 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!

#### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PSR!

We are so grateful for your support of our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program this past year. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated catechists, generous volunteers, supportive parents, and all parishioners who helped pass on the faith to the next generation. Your prayers, time, and commitment make all the difference.

We're already looking ahead to next year—and we'd love for you to be part of it! Whether you'd like to enroll your child or volunteer to assist, there's a place for you in our PSR family.

For more information, contact Mike Klostermann at cre@stmarycentralia.org or call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291. See you in September!

Welcome to St. Mary We want to keep in c family, or if you woul complete the informa	ontact with you! I d like to receive t tion below and re	he weekly bulleti	n in the mail, please
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7-Jun	Don Litteken	Susan Niepoetter	Callen Williams	Gene Gettinger	Chris Kirk	Hudspeth Family
4:00 PM		Diane Uhls	Keegan Williams	Jim Opolony	Diane Uhls	
		Tina Biagi	Arabella Hudspeth			
	Rose Ross	Sharon Pierjok	Brylynn Gierten			
8-Jun	Paulette Pahnke	Doug Pahnke	Tucker Aydt	Tom Holle	Gayla O' Brist	Aydt Family
10:30AM		Mary Miller	Turner Aydt	Tom Ballagh	CeCe O'Brist	
		Mike Timmons	Gabriella Uribe			
	Cathy Benson	Patty Williams	Esperanza Villagomez			

# MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON Deacon Dan Laquet

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Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus ascended into heaven. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus will not be seen in his earthly body anymore. Luke describes

this "withdrawal" of Jesus in terms of being "lifted up", and Mark, in his Gospel, describes it as "being taken up into heaven". I would like to focus on two phrases from the first reading of today which capture important dimensions of our Christian life, namely, we have our eyes fixed on heaven but at the same time we have our feet firm on the ground.

Eyes Fixed on Heaven: "He was lifted up while they looked on" (Acts 1:9)

The feast of today invites us to look up, to have our eyes fixed on heaven. Luke tells us in the gospel: "Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven." He goes on to add in the Acts of the Apostles, as we heard in the first reading of today, "As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight." What did this mean for his apostles?

This description of Luke reminds us of what happened in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Second Book of Kings (2King 2:9-15) tells us how one day Elijah was with his disciple Elisha near the river Jordan. Suddenly there appeared a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire. Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind as Elisha looked up to heaven. From that time Elisha received the spirit of his master and was empowered to continue his mission in the world. In fact, from then on Elisha was able to perform the same deeds as his master, this would also be the case for Jesus' apostles.

Luke reminds us, through his own narration in the readings of today, that we will be empowered by the Spirit to do the same things that our Lord and master Jesus performed. In similar words, St Paul, writing to the Colossians, assures them – and us: "Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed..., you too will be revealed with him in glory" (Col 3:1-4). That is why, in the gospel of today, Luke tells us that after the parting of Jesus his disciples "went back to Jerusalem full of joy".

Feet Firm on the Earth: "Why are you standing here looking into the sky?" (Acts 1:11)

Looking up to heaven is not meant to be an escape from life here below. The disciples are told in the Acts of the Apostles, "Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven" They can't possibly be "witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth's remotest end", if they kept standing there just gazing at the sky. The disciples' belief in the Risen Lord, the power of the Spirit in them, and their hope in the second coming of Jesus must be expressed in their commitment to transforming the world. Yes, they need to have their feet firm on the earth.

Elsewhere, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those servants that the Lord, on his return, will find busy at work serving their brothers and sisters." (Lk 12:35-48). During the transfiguration of the Lord, when Peter wanted to pitch tents on the mountain-top to get lost in the clouds, Jesus brought them down the mountain, back to the challenge of daily life (Lk 9:28-37). Moments of looking up to heaven, being on the mountain-top, and experiences of being elated are necessary and important in our spiritual lives. They are moments of grace. However, the fruits of those moments are truly expressed in the trials of daily life. People of faith must also have their feet firm on the earth. As Christians we are not lost in the narrow confines of this world. We have a sense of upward and forward-looking hope. At the same time, we are 'not lost in the clouds." For us, genuine holiness consists of the meaningful integration of the spiritual and mundane aspects of our daily life.

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

### John & Elizabeth & Paul Peters

David Schwartz
Beverly Kelly
Ethel Porter
Gary & Robert Kabat
Dr. Charles Fischer
Kabat & Tomaszewski Families
Donald Kelly
Verdeyen/Willenborg Families
Alan & Rosalie Thomas
Elliston & Garnier Families
Steve Schwartz
Open
David Schwartz
Donald & Beverly Kelly

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

#### Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston

Paul Rusiewski

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July 2025	Pearl Hamilton
August 2025	Mary Ballagh
September 2025	Gene Uhls
October 2025	Joe & Louisa Marcum
November 2025	Harbin & Jack Marcum
December 2025	Nall-Hollern-Duty Families
January 2026	Open
February 2026	Open .
March 2026	Roger Morton
April 2026	Open
May 2026	Open .
June 2026	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.

# **Prayers for Msgr. Darin**

Loving God, we ask You to bless Msgr. Darin with a smooth and steady recovery. Renew his strength each day, surround him with skilled caregivers, and let him feel the comfort of Your healing presence. We will share any updates on his progress as they become available.



## Reconciliation Schedule

St. Mary, Centralia
Saturday, from 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
St. Mary, Mount 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 May 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56 Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

#### Observances for the week of May 25, 2025

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Wednesday:

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses):

St. Paul VI, Pope

Saturday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

#### PRINTED HOMILY / HOMILÍA IMPRESA

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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT

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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 May 18, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,716.00
Online Collection	982.82
Loose Collection	357.00
School Support	-0-
Building Fund	-0-
Capital Campaign	150.00
Local needy	45.00
Mass Stipend	30.00
Seminarian Education	40.00
Blanket Sunday	727.00
Total	\$ 6,047.82

#### Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 05/12/2025

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 196.839
Total Pledges received	158.509
Pledges to be paid	\$ 38.330

#### REVISED MASS SCHEDULE **BEGINING MAY 27, 2025**

#### **WEEKEND MASSES REMAIN THE SAME**

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL TUESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - ST. LAWRENCE TUESDAY - 4:30 P.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL **EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND BENEDICTION** 

WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - ST. MARY CHURCH 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 Jaffe Green Jeff Alig Nancy Herrera Shirley 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 Nanńie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara Francóis

#### **Requested prayers**

Father Carl Schrage Msgr. David Darin Blain Loll Robin Cimera Waylon Vick Natasha Lang Deb Steward Mark Schwartz Michael Willimzig Adam Brandt **Dorothy Jenkins Bart Robbins** Marlyn Griffith Jana 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.



**Heading Off to High School!** 

Our St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation was nothing short of magical. It's never easy saying goodbye to Junior High, but this sendoff? Absolutely perfect. The church was filled with joy, a few tears, and a whole lot of pride. Our Gospel reminded us: "Be not afraid." And that's what I told them—heading off to high school might feel a little scary, but God walks every step with you.

I've had the joy of knowing this amazing crew since they were in third grade. I've watched them grow in faith, friendship, and wisdom. I've seen them serve at Mass, lead by example, and bring laughter to the halls. What a gift they've been to our parish and school community.

Each graduate brings something unique and beautiful to their families, our church, and the world. They are smart, kind, funny, faith-filled, and ready for the next chapter.









We're deeply grateful to Ashlee Wethington Photography and Tim Ferguson for generously capturing and sharing beautiful moments from graduation, first communion, sports, and school events. Thank you so much—we truly appreciate you! Your time and talent mean so much to our community. Thanks to you, these special memories will be cherished for years to come.

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

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Mary School is now open! Whether you're new or returning, we welcome you to a Christ-centered community where students grow in faith, academics, and character. Love our school? Share it with others and help us grow the gift of Catholic education!

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

St. Mary School is hiring for a junior high teaching position. They are looking for a qualified teacher to join an amazing environment with the best students. All applicants must be Christian, and a strong background in math is preferred. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested candidates can email their resumes to:

mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org

For more information, you can contact us at: 618-532-3473 or visit

www.smscentralia.org.



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