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June 1, 2025 ♦ Seventh Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Seventh Week of Easter 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Mary Darin

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Seventh Week of Easter 9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:30 p.m. at Félician Chapel Rosary, Exposition & Novena

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Anthony & Margaret Pautler

Thursday, June 5, 2025 Seventh Week of Easter 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel Special Intention for St. Mary Hospital

*Saturday, June 7, 2025
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

† Agnes & Lawrence Goebel † Harold "Bud" Miller

† James G. Green

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

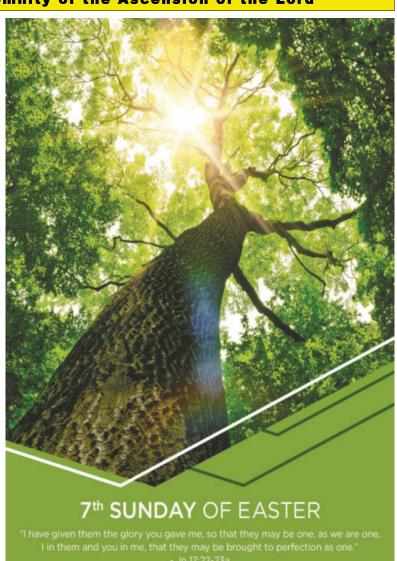
Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Agnes & Lawrence Goebel † Harold "Bud" Miller † Reverend Joe Rascher

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE ORDINATION OF DEACON LEVI JAMES TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 - 10:00 A.M. **Cathedral of St. Peter**

200 W. Harrison St., Belleville, IL 62220

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



Clergy Appointments

Reverend Steven M. Pautler, appointed Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Carlyle and St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Marydale, as well as St. Lawrence Parish in Sandoval. This appointment is in addition to Father Pautler's appointment as Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Centralia. This appointment is effective July 1, 2025, and remains in effect for a period of two years.

We are expecting Father Lourdhuraj Kodikala, a priest from India, to arrive in the Diocese of Belleville in the near future. Fr. Lourdhuraj will be available to assist you with these parishes."

Reverend Monsignor David Darin, appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Vernon. This appointment is effective July 1, 2025, and remains in effect for a period of two years.

Given, May 14, 2025, Diocese of Belleville, Reverend Godfrey Mullen, O.S.B., Diocesan Administrator.

NEWS AND

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



understanding of the Catholic faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. 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!

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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 Pastor

Reverend Steven Pautler

At our final school Mass before summer break, I tossed out two simple questions to our St. Mary students: "What did you like most about school this year?" and "What are you doing this summer?" Now, if you think the answers were full of theological depth and saintly aspirations, well...

grab a snow cone and think again.

Let's start with the first question—What did you like most about St. Mary School? The top responses? **Recess, snacks, and friends**—a holy trinity of childhood joy. But what warmed my priestly heart (and not just because someone again, turned the A/C thermostat to 80!) was this: student after student said, "My teachers." Over and over again. What a beautiful testament to the vocation of teaching! Right here at St. Mary's, faith isn't just taught—it's lived, modeled, and passed on. You could say we're building saints with glue sticks and grammar books.

Now, question number two—What are you doing this summer? Oh boy. We had it all: visits to "the Mouse" in Florida (Mickey, not a parish rodent—I checked), swimming, camping, and even one proud soul who said, "I'm going to mow grass." A true suburban missionary. But the overwhelming winner? "Sleeping in!" Apparently the only bells they want to hear this summer are not from the 8:00 AM class bell. And hey, even Jesus told the disciples to rest a while—so who am I to argue?

Which brings us to this week's Gospel from **Luke 24:46-53**—Jesus blesses His disciples and is taken up to heaven. But before He goes, He gives them a mission: "You are witnesses of these things." That's our call too. As we step into summer, it's not just a vacation from math facts and spelling lists—it's a new season to live our faith in flip-flops and sunscreen.

So I'll ask you the same question I asked our students: **What are** *you* **doing this summer?** Sleeping in is fine. A little fishing? Perfect. Even a trip to the Magic Kingdom—enjoy! But here's the real challenge: **Does God get any extra time?** Maybe it's ten minutes in prayer, a good Catholic book, a family rosary, or helping a neighbor. Because the mission Jesus gave His disciples? It didn't end at the Ascension—it started there.

And if you're like me, you'll be spending part of the summer answering emails that begin with "Father, quick question..." and end somewhere around the Book of Revelation, trying to figure out who keeps resetting the church sign to say "Taco Tuesday," and dodging invitations to "just stop by for a minute" that mysteriously last three hours and involve moving furniture. It's the kind of pastoral cardio they never warned us about in seminary. Pray for your pastor—he's fueled by grace, coffee, and whatever baked goods show up in the office unannounced.

In all seriousness, our students remind us what joyful, authentic faith looks like. They laugh loudly, sing off-key, ask big questions, and hug hard. May we carry that same spirit into the summer—less stress, more joy, and yes, maybe a nap or two. After all, even saints need siesta.



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

John & Elizabeth & Paul Peters

June 2025 July 2025 August 2025	David Schwartz Beverly Kelly 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
July 2026	Donald & Beverly Kelly

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

Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston

June 2025	Paul Rusiewski
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 .
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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

Msgr. David Darin continues to make progress in his recovery, and we remain hopeful that he will be back with us soon, God willing. His presence is missed by so many, and we look forward to the day we can welcome him back to the altar and into the rhythm of parish life. In the meantime, please continue to keep him in your prayers—your spiritual support means more than you know.



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 June 1, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19 **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 **Next Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12:13 or Rom 8:8-17/ln 20:19-23 or In 14:15-16, 23b-26

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Observances for the week of June 1, 2025

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

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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 mo-ment to reflect. La homilia 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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For the week of May 25, 2025

AVAILABLE NEXT WFFK

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

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You all those in care centers, those confined to their homes, the sick and suffering, and the brave men and women serving in the military. Surround them with Your healing presence, grant them strength, peace, and the comfort of knowing they are never forgotten. May Your grace sustain them each day and remind them of Your abiding love.

For those living in **Care Centers**

JoDene Nall Jane Greene Shirley Kabat Clarice Moran Carol Orrell Barbara Parrot Mike Kennett Mike Taylor Jerry Grasher

For those who are homebound

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

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** 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.





School's Out, Vibes Are On: Cruisin' Into Our Summer Eras!!

We out, bruh! We're heading into our summer eras and ready for some well-deserved fun and relaxation. Wishing all of our students and families a safe and happy summer break. Enjoy every moment, and we'll see you in August, refreshed and ready for a new year! Soak up the sunshine, make some memories, and don't forget—St. Mary's will be cheering you on every step of the way!



A Little Tale from the Big Day: **Kindergarten Graduation at St. Mary School**

It was a sunny morning at St. Mary School, the kind of day that made you believe even the crayons were smiling. The gym was decked out in streamers and joy, and every folding chair seemed to lean forward in anticipation. Why? Because today wasn't just any day—it was Kindergarten Graduation for Bailey, Audrey, Geneva, Beau, Charlie, Cruz, Maaevrie, Harrison, Natalie, and Spencer.

The little graduates marched in, some with proud grins, others with





We are so proud of the determination and commitment put forth by Carson and his fellow Stallions at Christ our Rock this 2025 track season. He has advanced to state in the 3200 meter race. Congratulations on another amazing season! Your parish is behind you 100%!

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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