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June 8, 2025 ♦ Pentecost



"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire..." (Acts 2:3)

*Saturday, June 7, 2025

Pentecost Sunday - Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

Agnes & Lawrence Goebel † Harold "Bud" Miller † James G. Green

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the Day 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Theresa Verdeyen

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:30 p.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Exposition & Novena

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel † Mary Darin

Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel Special Intention for St. Mary Hospital

*Saturday, June 14, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity † Beverly Kirgan † Stevé Schwartz

Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Roy Szatkowski

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

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.







NEWS AND EVENTS...

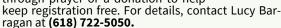
The Romanization of Christianity

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 Lating Youth ages 12–17 will

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



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.

Quilt Raffle at St. Boniface Germantown

St. Boniface Church in Germantown is holding its 5th Annual Quilt Raffle, offering 20 queen-sized, hand-quilted prizes! Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$25 each. Winners go back into the drawing for more chances. To purchase, drop your payment with name and phone number in the collection basket at St. Boniface or St. Cecilia, or mail it to: St. Boniface Church, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your ticket stub. Drawing is Sunday, June 22.

Pope Leo XIV—Heart of Faith

OSV celebrates the election of Pope Leo XIV and shares his call to put Jesus at the heart of faith formation. OSV offers a free downloadable PDF to help young people learn about and pray for our new pope. To access the resource, click the link and explore more about the Alive in Christ cate-chetical series for parishes and schools. https://osvcurriculum.com/

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

—-MAY \$500 WINNER—-DUGAN MURPHY - PONTE VEDRA, FL

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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!

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 of family, or if you would complete the information	contact with you! I ld like to receive t ation below and re	he weekly bulleti	n in the mail, please
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	<u>Lector</u>					
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21-Jun	Garret Ford	Susan Niepoetter	Griffin Knowles	Gene Gettinger	Chris Kirk	Knowles Family
4:00 PM		Diane Uhls	Hunter Starr	Jim Opolony	Diane Uhls	
		Tina Biagi	Hannah Heltsley			
	Tom Hawkins	Sharon Pierjok	Anabella Nguyen			
22-Jun	Martina Maco	Manuela Maco	Angela Smith	Tom Holle	Todd Davis	Davis/Smith Family
10:30AM		Devin Meier	Michael Davis	Tom Ballagh	Kim Davis	
		Logan Meier	Aria Quandt	Jaxson Hancock		
	Cathy Benson	Carson Pigg	Esperanza Villagomez			



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR Reverend Steven Pautler

How many of you can actually remember your Confirmation? Go ahead, think about it. For some of us, it's a bit of a blur—like an old home movie that skips a little when it gets to the good part. But I guarantee you, if you were confirmed by Bishop Zuroweste, you remember one thing crystal clear: the questions and the tap on the check!

And these weren't whispered sweetly in the sacristy. Oh no—these were asked publicly, in front of God and everybody at Mass. It was like "Who Wants to Be a Catholic Millionaire," except no lifelines and the prize was the Holy Spirit.

When the Bishop came to town, it was an event. The altar servers took their cassocks home to have them washed and pressed—yes, even middle school boys managed to look presentable. The sisters had us prepped like we were heading into theological battle: *How many Gospels? What is the Trinity? Name the Sacraments in order, go!* Meanwhile, Father was quietly making sure the rectory was stocked with plenty of good Scotch. You know—for "after the Spirit descended."

And let's not forget the outfits. Back then, we were stuffed into stiff white robes that made us look like either angels or marshmallows—depending on your build. Hair slicked back, shoes too tight, and that corsage your aunt pinned on like she was tacking up drywall. And heaven help the kid who fainted during the bishop's prayer (yes, it happened—we all stepped over him like he was just resting in the Spirit). Today's Confirmandi stroll in with confidence, hair gelled just right, shoes that actually fit, and maybe even a pair of Converse under their dress pants. But whether you were confirmed in the days of incense and interrogation or in the age of digital photos and donuts afterward, the Holy Spirit doesn't change. He's the same fiery breath of God, showing up every time with power, purpose, and maybe—just maybe—a wink at how far we've come.

Those were the days of starch and structure, of fear and fire. And yet—despite all the nerves and the memorization—those were the moments the Holy Spirit entered into our lives. Not because we had all the right answers, but because we were ready to receive the One who brings all the answers.

Today, Confirmation looks a little different. The Confirmandi are more relaxed—some even smile during the Bishop's homily (bless them). They might not know all the answers (neither did we), but the same Spirit still comes down.

As Jesus says in John 7:37-39: "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive."

Confirmation is not graduation from the faith—it's the start of something. Like the Apostles in the Upper Room, we receive the Spirit and then go out and do something with it. We don't just sit there glowing like a Bic lighter. No, we're set ablaze to light the world.

So whether your Confirmation came with a slap on the cheek, a memorized catechism, or a relaxed nod and a sponsor who forgot their ID—remember this: the Spirit remains. He still whispers. He still burns. And He still calls us to get off our pew and into the world. And hey—if Bishop Zuroweste was here, he might still ask you, "How many Gospels?" Just smile and say, "Four, Your Excellency." Then pray he doesn't follow up with, "Name them in order." The Spirit has come. Now let's get to work.

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

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
Ralph & Bernice Sprehe
David Schwartz
Donald & Beverly Kelly
Mary Ballagh

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

Paul Rusiewski

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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	John, Elizabeth & Paul Peters
June 2026	Open
July 2026	Pearl Hamilton

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.



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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MORE INFORMATION SOON!

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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 8, 2025

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/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16 Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37 Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Thursday:

Friday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Flag Day

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's 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 25, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,230.00
Online Collection	898.32
Loose Collection	369.00
School Support	270.00
Building Fund	170.00
Capital Campaign	2,330.00
Mass Stipend	40.00
Total	\$ 7.307.32

For the week of June 1, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,852.00
Online Collection	1,009.88
Loose Collection	312.00
School Support	720.00
Building Fund	20.00
Capital Campaign	230.00
Mass Stipend	40.00
Candles	120.00
Local Needy	50.00
Seminarian Education	100.00
Total	\$ 7,307.32

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

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 198,939
Total Pledges received	161,559
Pledges to be paid	\$ 37,380

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 Naťasha 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.









Little Hands, Big Hearts: Lemonade & Learning.

Summer fun is in full swing at St. Mary School—and we did it! Our lemonade stand is still standing strong, all thanks to the amazing support from our community. A huge thank you to all the family members, friends, businesses, and colleagues who took time out of their day to stop by. Your presence meant the world to us and helped our students learn some pretty incredible lessons—like empathy, teamwork, gratitude, event planning, food preparation, and social responsibility.

The kids had an absolute blast serving you, and we couldn't be more proud of how they stepped up. It's clear that most of them

totally got the assignment! The top photos show the children proudly running the lemonade stand, while the bottom ones give a glimpse into all the hard work that went into preparing the delicious snacks. None of this would've been possible without you. Who says summer school can't be fun? We just proved otherwise! This day will be one of those sweet summer memories our kids—and all of us—will never forget.





Remembered in Faith, Honored in Love.

On a beautiful Memorial Day morning, we gathered at Calvary Cemetery to honor our departed loved ones, especially those who served and died in the military. Surrounded by quiet reverence and the warmth of the sun, Deacon Dan and Father Steve led us in a heartfelt outdoor Memorial Mass near the statue of the Blessed Virgin. After the service, everyone was invited to stand by the graves of their loved ones for a special blessing and sprinkling of holy water. As Father Steve and Deacon Dan moved through the cemetery, offering prayers and blessings, the community stood together in faith and remembrance. It was a peaceful and meaningful day, filled with gratitude, reflection, and love for those we carry in our hearts.



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