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August 10, 2025 ♦ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

Saturday, August 9, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) † Gordon Elliston † Ted & Mary Guinzy Father Steve Pautler

*Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish † Dominic Shaffer † Mike Shaffer Father Steve Pautler

*Sunday, August 10, 2025 Blessing of Backpacks, students and faculty 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Harold "Bud" Miller † Lawrence & Agnes Goebel Mary Jo Kluck Father Steve Pautler

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

† Dr. Charles Fischer Father Steve Pautler

Thursday, August 14, 2025 (Vigil) (No 8:30 a.m. Mass) Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval † Betty Russell † Charlie Syrek † Kirsten Nalewajka † Rosa Suarez

Father Pat Peter

Friday, August 15, 2025 (All School Mass) Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

† Dorothy Verdeyen Father Steve Pautler

12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary † For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients. Father Steve Pautler

*Saturday, August 16, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) Holy Souls in Purgatory

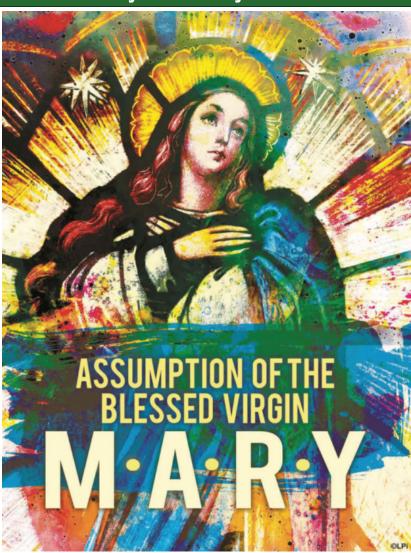
† Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston Father Pat Peter

***Sunday, August 17, 2025** 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval

Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence Father Pat Peter

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Joša Bacalloa † Msgr. Francis Tecklenburg Father Pat Peter



Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

St. Lawrence Church (Vigil), Thursday, August 14th - 6:30 p.m. NO 8:30 a.m. MASS AT ST. LAWRENCE

St. Mary Church, Friday, August 15th - 8:30 a.m. (All School) St. Mary Hospital, Friday, August 15th - 12:00 p.m.

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/TimFergPhotosStM

NEWS AND

EVENTS...

Autumnfest 2025 Needs

Autumnfest is coming up, and we need your help to make it a success! We're asking for donations of stuffed animals for the kids' games, baskets for the basket raffle, cakes for the cake walk, and desserts for the Chicken Dinner. Gilster-Mary Lee has generously donated cake mix and icing—these will be available soon at the back of church if you'd like to bake a cake. Not sure what to give? Cash donations are always appreciated and go a long way in supporting the event. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available online and at the back of church. We need many hands to keep things running smoothly. Thank you for helping us make Autumnfest great!

Upcoming Parish Picnics St. George Parish, New Baden

Saturday, August 9: 3:00 p.m. – Midnight Chicken Dinner 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. Quilt and Gift Card Bingo, Games, Raffles, Basket Stands, Children's Bounce Houses https://www.stgeorgenewbaden.org/

St. Michael Parish, Radom

Saturday, August 9 Dinner, Raffles, Quilt and Cash Bingo, Basket Stand and Kids Games http://www.stmichaelradom.com/

St. Rose Parish, St. Rose

Saturday, August 9 https://www.strosechurchil.com/

Get ready to rise to the occasion!

Clinton County HCE invites you to a lively and flavorful morning with Fr. Dominic Garramone—Benedictine monk. cooking show host, and master of all things doughy. His presentation, "Basic Bread and Beyond!" will take place on Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese, IL. Known for his energetic and engaging style, Fr. Dominic will serve up not only expert baking tips but also plenty of laughs and inspiration. His cookbooks and other specialty items from Saint Bede Abbey will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20, and pre-registration is **requested**. All proceeds support local community projects through Clinton County HCE. To register, call 618-594-3669, reach out to any HCE board member, or stop by the Clinton County Extension Office in Breese. Don't miss this chance to feed your soul—and maybe even your starter!

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025 GRANT FORD -ST. LOUIS, MO KIM PRATHER - 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!

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 co family, or if you would complete the informat	ontact with you! If I like to receive th	né weekly bulletir	n in the mail, please
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	Lector					
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16-Aug	Sharon Pierjok	Tina Biagi	Griffin Knowles	Gene Gettinger	Florence Peters	Knowles Family
4:00 PM		Susan Niepoetter	Nolan Wolfe	Jim Opolony		
		Sharon Pierjok	Sofia Flores			
	Rose Ross	Diane Uhls	Max Alton			
17-Aug	Doug Pahnke	GiGi Broughton	Emma Burris	Tom Holle	Gayla O'Brist	Burris Family
10:30 AM		Pete Donnelly	Camden Williams	Tom Ballagh	CeCe O'Brist	
		Paul Mocaby	Gracelyn Burris			
	Tom Hawkins	Paulette Pahnke	Gabriella Uribe			



MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

Deacon Dan Laquet

Commentary for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, ra-

ther, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in Middle Eastern cultures. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church, and to all of us. Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man-eating, drinking, making merry, and only concerned with the temporal things of this world—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living our lives in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

STRAIGHT FROM THE COLLAR PADRE STEVE. WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...

Got burning questions, holy curiosities, or just want to stump your parish priest? Send them to spautler@stmarycentralia.org and I'll give it my best shot—collar, coffee, and a sense of humor included!

This week's question: If I receive Communion at a Catholic Wedding Mass or Funeral Mass on a Saturday, can I receive Communion again that evening at the Saturday Vigil Mass?"

Answer: Yes, you can! The Catholic Church allows the faithful to receive Holy Communion twice in one day, provided that the second time is during a full Mass that you attend. So, if you participate in a Wedding or Funeral Mass on Saturday and receive Communion, you may also receive again that evening at the Saturday Vigil Mass—which fulfills your Sunday obligation. The Church's Code of Canon Law (Canon 917) makes this clear, stating that a second reception of Communion is permitted as long as the second reception is within a Eucharistic celebration.

What's not allowed is receiving Communion a second time at something that's not a Mass, like a Communion service, adoration, or outside of a liturgy. The intent behind this guideline is to keep our reception of the Eucharist rooted in the full celebration of the Mass, which includes the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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

Ethel Porter

eptember 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	Ralph & Bernice Sprehe
June 2026	David Schwartz
July 2026	Donald & Beverly Kelly
August 2026	Mary Ballagh
eptember 2026	Gene Uhls
October 2026	Dr. Charles Fischer

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

Mary Ballagh

September 2025	Gene Unis
October 2025	Joe & Louisa Marcum
November 2025	Harbin & Jack Marcum
December 2025	Nall-Hollern-Duty Families
January 2026	Open
February 2026	Alfredo & Carmen Coronado
March 2026	Roger Morton
April 2026	Open
May 2026	John, Elizabeth & Paul Peters
Juné 2026	Open
July 2026	Pearl Hamilton
August 2026	Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston
September 2026	Robert & Gary Kabat

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.



Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Shriners Hospital on Saturday, August 23rd at the St. Mary School Gym! Doors open at 5 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal, desserts by free will offering, and even make your own candle for just \$10. All proceeds go toward raising funds for Shriners Hospital. Tickets are available from Christy Kuder at 618-322-2955 or Caitlin Harting at 618-918-1705. Don't miss this fun and meaningful evening!





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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please contact Deacon Dan Laquet, or Father Steve 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. After hours calls, automatically forward to his cell phones.

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1 Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57

Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/

Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15 Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Clare, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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 August 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,412.00
Online Collection	1,689.32
Loose Collection	414.00
School Support	380.00
Building Fund	30.00
Capital Campaign	510.00
Mass Stipend	-0-
Food Pantry	10.00
Cemetery	-0-
Total	\$ 9,445.32

Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 08/04/2025

Total Campaign Pledges	\$	228,879
Total Pledges received		196,520
Pledges to be paid		32,359
Goal \$400,00 (needed)	\$:	\$171,121

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. LAWRENCE

Knights Helping Students Breakfast and Country Store





Sunday, August 10, 2025 • 8:00 a.m- 11:00 a.m.

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus invite you to their Knights Helping Students
Breakfast and Country Store at St. Lawrence Parish Hall in Sandoval, IL. This is a free-will
offering event, and all proceeds will go toward assisting students with tuition at St. Mary
School in Centralia. Enjoy a delicious breakfast menu featuring sausage, ham, eggs, biscuits
and gravy, pancakes, fruit cocktail, coffee, milk, and juice. Dine in or take advantage of the
convenient carry-out option. Come out for a great meal and help support local

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

For those living in Care Centers

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

For those who are homebound

Helen Guinzy JoEllen Nannie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara Francois

Requested prayers

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.









Splash-tastic Summer Send-Off!

To wrap up our awesome Summer School Program, students and staff were treated to a giant inflatable water slide right in the parking lot! From belly laughs to soaked swimsuits, everyone dove into the fun, literally! It was a day full of sliding, splashing, and smiles all around. A huge shoutout to the amazing team who made this epic event happen. What a perfect way to end the summer, wet, wild, and wonderful!

As the sun peeked through the clouds and mu-

As the sun peeked through the clouds and music played in the background, friendships grew stronger and memories were made that will last all year long. Whether it was racing down the slide or cheering on friends from the sidelines, the joy was contagious. Here's to a summer of learning, laughter, and a splashy grand finale!



Blessing of Backpacks!



Sunday, August 10, 2025 Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Students of all ages—Pre-K to college and everything in between—are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 10, 2025, for our Back-to-School Blessing! Whether you're just starting out with crayons or diving into college fextbooks, come receive a special blessing as we launch into a new year of learning, laughter, and maybe a little homework Parents and teachers, come too —we'll have a few surprises and plenty of prayers to go around. Let's start the school year with faith, fun, and a little extra grace for math class!



After Mass, St. Mary School will be open for students and parents to drop off backpacks, organize supplies, and get a head start on being ready for that exciting first day. Come take a peek at your classroom and say hello!

Purrs from the Pew Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

God gave me fur, not patience."
Well, friends, something is definitely going on around here. Sister Fluff reporting live from what used to be my peaceful nap headquarters, the school hall-

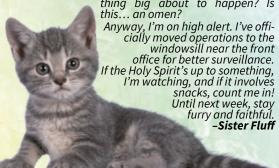
to be my peaceful nap headquarters, the school hall-ways! But this week, the humans have returned in full force, and they've brought... bulletin boards. And coffee cups. And that weird teacher energy that smells like dry erase markers and ambition!

I stopped by the 7th and 8th grade room to investigate. Let me just say, I almost had to shield my delicate feline eyes, the place dazzled! New lights, fresh posters, tidy desks... if last year's room was a mild hairball, this year's setup is a full-blown catwalk! Color me impressed.

Then I padded down to the cafeteria, normally a reliable source of stray snacks—but I had to do a double-take. The floor! It was so clean, I saw my reflection. I winked at myself. It was deserved.

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But here's the odd thing... my summer crew, the kids who read stories to me and gave me contraband treats—gave me hugs and said goodbye. One even got teary-eyed. What do they know that I don't? Is something big about to happen? Is this... an omen?





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