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August 17, 2025 ♦ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

*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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Novena, and Exposition Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

† Mary Darin Father Stevé Pautler

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval † Delphine Niepoetter † Donald Deadmond † Earl Bosler † Marie Kannall Father Steve Pautler

Friday, August 22, 2025 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel † For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients. Father Steve Pautler

*Saturday, August 23, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Henry & Dorothy Verdeyen † Steve Schwartz Father Steve Pautler

***Sunday, August 24, 2025**

8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence † Don Rohner † Dorothy Niepoetter † Roger Grasher Father Steve Pautler

Sunday, August 24, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

iving and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Brenda Pennington † Roy Szatkowski Father Steve Pautler

RECONCILIAITON

St. Mary, Centralia - Saturday: 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. St. Mary, Carlyle - Saturday: 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. St. Lawrence, Sandoval - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. or by appointment 618-532-6291 x307

To offer a Mass for loved ones or special intention, Please contact the parish office at 618-532-6291

*Live stream: www.facebook/TimFergPhotosStm



Revised Mass Schedule Beginning September 1, 2025

No Mass on Monday Tuesday - Prayer Service, Felician Chapel, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday - Mass, Felician Chapel, 8:30 a.m. (Class Mass) Thursday - Mass, St. Lawrence, 8:30 a.m. Friday - Mass, St. Mary Church, 8:30 a.m. (All School) Friday - Mass, St. Mary Hospital 12:00 p.m. Saturday - (Vigil), St. Mary Church, 4:00 p.m. Sunday - St. Lawrence Church, 8:30 a.m. Sunday - St. Mary Church, 10:30 a.m.

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!

Get ready to rise to the occasion!

Clinton County HCE invites you to a lively and flavorful morning with Fr. Dominic Garramone—Benedictine monk, PBS 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

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!

Saint Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

St. Dominic Catholic Church in Breese will host the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit on Saturday, August 23rd from 3–7 p.m. and Sunday, August 24th beginning at 9 a.m. at the All Saints Academy Gym, 3rd Street, Breese. Created by soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis, this powerful exhibit features over 150 Church-approved Eucharistic miracles, presented through photos and descriptions that affirm the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Admission is free, open to all faiths, and includes activity pages for children. Come be inspired—all are welcome!

The Way of Lights & Wreaths event is seeking volunteers to create handcrafted wreaths for a silent auction benefiting The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The event runs from November 21 to December 17, 2025, and entries are tax-deductible. Wreath designs will be seen by over 160,000 visitors and featured online at snows.org/wreaths.

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 LIBBY HOOPS - SPARKS, NV TY BATES - PATOKA

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 <u>cre@stmarycentralia.org</u> 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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23-Aug	Steve Miller	Bill Broda	Brylynn Gierten	Gene Gettinger	Ellen Stock	Holmes Family
4:00 PM		Mike Stock	Hunter Starr	Mike Stock		
		Jo Warren	Graham Holmes			
	Tammy Miller		Bliss Pickett			
24-Aug	Lisa Guthrie	Mary Miller	Angela Smith	Tom Holle	Tom Davis	Davis/Smith Families
10:30 AM		Doug Pahnke	Michael Davis	Tom Ballagh	Kim Davis	
		Mike Timmons	Evan Sipe	Jaxson Hancock		
	Cathy Benson	Patty Williams	Aria Quandt			



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Reverend Steven Pautler

Labor Day will be here before we know it, and you know what that means: one last hurrah with the grill before we start trading hot dogs for hoodies. I love a good BBQ. There's something holy about it: the smoke, the sizzle, the smell of burgers and brats wafting through the neighborhood like incense at High Mass. But let me be honest, I *dislike* lighting the fire!

I either douse the coals with too much lighter fluid, **POOF!** Instant Pentecost!—or I play it too safe, and the charcoal just sits there, looking bored. I've even brought out a portable fan to try to coax a little flame into something respectable. It's a dance with fire. When it finally catches, though? Glory! A grill full of flame and a heart full of joy. There's nothing like it.

Now, let me switch gears, but not really. Because this Sunday, Jesus says

something that should stop us in our tracks:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and

how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)
That's not the sweet, gentle, lamb-cuddling Jesus we hang on Christmas cards. That's Jesus with the holy fire of the Gospel, ready to ignite the world, not with destruction, but with transformation. Jesus doesn't bring a cozy campfire to toast marshmallows. He brings the kind of fire that purifies, that clarifies, that sets hearts ablaze with love and truth.

And the thing about fire? It demands a response. You either tend it, feed it, and let it shape you, or you back away because it's just too intense. That's why Jesus goes on to say that this fire might even divide households. When you live for the Gospel, not everyone's going to cheer you on. Some might want you to put the flame out, or at least tone it down.

Just ask any altar server who's ever tried to light charcoal for the thurible, sometimes you have to take it outside and let the wind help. Same with our faith. Sometimes we need a little Holy Spirit breeze to get things going. But once it's lit? Stand back! That incense rises like our prayers, and something beautiful

Has your fire gone out? Are your coals cold? Maybe you've been playing it safe, no lighter fluid, no breeze, no spark. Maybe the Gospel's been reduced to something comfortable and neat, not something risky and powerful. This week, ask the Lord to stir the embers. Ask Him to set your heart ablaze again with the fire of love, truth, mercy, and mission. what's cooking, and leaves them wondering, "Where's that glorious smell coming from?"

Spoiler alert: it's the Kingdom. And Jesus is the flame.



STRAIGHT FROM THE $\mathbb C$ OLLAR 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 miss Mass on Sunday because I'm sick, don't have a way to get there, or I'm traveling and can't find a Catholic church—did I commit a mortal sin?

Answer: Missing Sunday Mass can be a mortal sin, but not always. For it to be mortal, three things must be true: it's a serious matter, you know it's serious, and you freely choose to skip Mass anyway. Sunday Mass is definitely a serious matter, but if you're genuinely sick, lack transportation, or are in a situation where attending isn't reasonably possible (like traveling somewhere with no nearby church), then you're not freely choosing to skip, it's just life happening. That means it's not a mortal sin.

God knows your heart, your circumstances, and your effort. If you're unsure whether your reason was valid or you simply didn't try hard enough, bring it to prayer, or even better, talk it over in confession. God's mercy is always ready and waiting!

Fr. Dominic Garramone will present Basic Bread & Beyond on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese, IL. Tickets are \$20, and pre-registration is requested. Reserve your seat by mailing your info and payment to Diane Sinclair or signing up through the University of Illinois Extension Office in Breese. More details are available in the News and Events section in this bulletin.



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

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	Ralph & Bernice Sprehe
June 2026	David Schwartz
July 2026	Donald & Beverly Kelly
August 2026	Mary Ballagh
September 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

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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

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Santambar 2025

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.



AUTUMNFEST SIGN-UP LOCATED AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

ADMINISTRATION AND **PARISH INFORMATION**

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Closed Monday)

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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 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRINTED HOMILY / HOMILIA 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.

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For the week of August 10, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,354.00
Online Collection	1,498.32
Loose Collection	593.00
School Support	115.00
Building Fund	-0-
Capital Campaign	185.00
Mass Stipend	-0-
Food Pantry	-0-
Cemetery	30.00
Total	\$ 4.775.32

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

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 229,879
Total Pledges received	197,649
Pledges to be paid	32,230
Goal \$400.00 (needed)	\$ \$171.121

Thank you to .. St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 11758 for your support of

Heavenly Father,

We come before You to lift up those who are sick; grant them healing and strength. Comfort the homebound with Your presence and peace. Ease the burdens of all who are suffering, and surround them with Your love. Guide college students in their studies and daily lives, filling them with wisdom and perseverance. Protect the brave men and women in the military; keep them safe and bring them home soon.

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

Helen Guinzy JoEllen Nannie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara Francóis

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.









Pancakes, Prayers, and a Perfect Start to the School Year

Sunday began with the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Tuition Benefit Breakfast, where fluffy pancakes, sizzling sausage, and hot coffee fueled fellowship and support for Catholic educa-

Then we gathered in St. Mary for the **Blessing** of the **Backpacks**, praying for students, parents, and teachers as they begin a year filled with wisdom, kindness, courage, and joy. Each backpack carried not just supplies but the hopes for the year ahead. A faith-filled start to the school year!

Purrs from the Pew Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

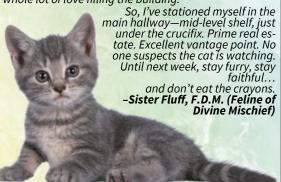
The little humans have returned!

One hundred and forty-one small, loud, fast-moving creatures now roam my once-tranquil kingdom. They spill out of classrooms, stomp down the hallways, and spill out of classrooms, stomp down the hallways, and chatter like caffeinated sparrows. My nap spots? Occupied. My sunbeams? Blocked by backpacks. Even my private hallway perch now hosts third-grade shoes. Bless their tiny, smelly soles.

I tried to hold my ground in the library, but a group of students was doing "reading time," which apparently involves loud whispering and giggling. I fled to the STEM room—big mistake. Glitter. Everywhere. I now sparkle against my will.

But I must confess... there's a certain joy in the cha-

now sparkle against my will.
But I must confess... there's a certain joy in the chaos. Laughter bounces off the walls. Someone dropped a cheese stick under the bench (don't worry, I handled it). I overheard a kindergartener call me "Sister Fluffy," which I shall now accept as my formal title.
Change is hard, especially when it interrupts one's ten-hour nap cycle. But maybe that's what holiness looks like this week: a little noise, a little mess, and a whole lot of love filling the building.





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