

# **SAINT MARY**

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September 14, 2025 ♦ Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

\*Saturday, September 13, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) † Donald & Beverly Kelly † Dr. Charles Fischer Father Pat Peter

\*Sunday, September 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence & For farmers and all who work to provide food Father Pat Peter

Sunday, September 14, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Luiša Solari † Roy Szatkowski Father Pat Peter

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel Rosary, Novena, and Exposition Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel (Class Mass) † Dr. Charles Fischer Father Steve Pautler

Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval † Anna Basch s † Helen Grasher † Betty Lusch † John Niepoetter

Father Stevé Pautler

Friday, September 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

† Mary Darin For Students, Faculty and Alumni of SMS Father Steve Pautler

Friday, September 19, 2025 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients. Father Steve Pautler

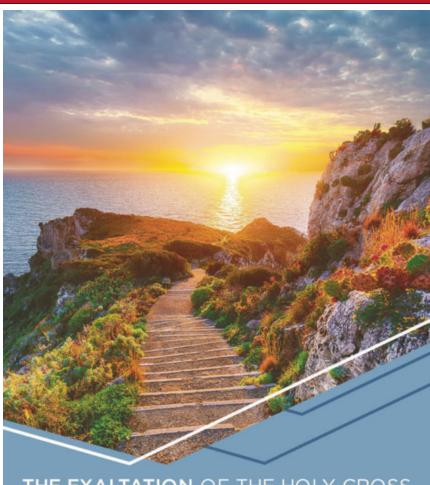
\*Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil) † Anthony & Margaret Pautler † Dr. Mary Darin Father Steve Pautler

\*Sunday, September 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence † Barb Rohner Father Steve Pautler

Sunday, September 21, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

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

Mary, our Mother, wrap us in your mantle of love and lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus.



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For



A huge thank you to all our Autumnfest volunteers—you made the day run smoother than butter on hot pancakes! From cakes to cleanup, you poured your heart (and maybe your back muscles) into making it a joyful celebration. Because of you, St. Mary's shined with faith, laughter, and the kind of fun that only happens when God's people roll up their sleeves together!

Thank you to all our Autumnfest supporters, sponsors, and patrons, you turned a simple parish festival into the social event of the season (move over, State Fair!). Your generosity, laughter, and appetite for raffle tickets, bratwursts, and delicous food made it all possible!



### **NEWS AND**

## **EVENTS...**

#### **Famous Drive through Chicken Dinner**

St. Teresa Church in Marydale will host a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meals are \$15 each and include ½ fried chicken (4 pieces), dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and slaw—all packaged and ready to enjoy. A handmade quilt raffle will also be featured. The church is located six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127; simply follow the signs. Stay connected and follow updates on Facebook at @MarydaleStTeresa.

#### Other Famous Drive through Chicken Dinner!

St. Felicitas Church in Beaver Prairie will host a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL. Meals are \$15 each, and signs will be posted along New Route 50 west of Carlyle and on Route 127, six miles north of Carlyle, to help guide you to the event.

Lbarragan@diobelle.org or 618-722-5050.

#### **Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests**

You and your families and friends are warmly invited to the 3rd Annual Open House at the Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests on Sunday, September 21st, from 3–6 p.m. at 2620 Lebanon Ave, Bldg. 4, Belleville, IL 62221. Come enjoy a tour of the residence, share in food and drinks, and spend time visiting h our retired priests who have given so much of their lives in service to the Church.



#### 2025 Autumnfest Raffle Winners

- Sharon Pierjok \$1,000.00
- Phyllis Aydt \$500.00
- Louie Curl \$250.00
- Ronald Donoho \$100.00
- Tom Ballagh \$50.00 (Donated back to the church thank you, Tom!)
- · Andy Feig Golden Road Mango Cart Umbrella
- Mike & Sharon Reed Recreation Center Passes
- Natalie Mueller Ace Gift Card

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported the 2025 Autumnfest and raffle. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make this event a wonderful success. A special thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated money, prizes, and time—your contributions truly made a difference and brought joy to many. We are grateful for your continued support of our community!

## **SMS CALENDAR WINNERS**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 RITA THRONE – MAKANDA, IL MAGGIE CHATMAN – ALTADENA, CA

### **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.

Curious about the Catholic faith? Longing to join the Church? OCIA is open to those who want to learn more, become Catholic, complete their Sacraments, or reconnect with the richness of the Church. We especially invite spouses and family members who attend Mass but are not Catholic—this is a beautiful opportunity to ask questions, grow spiritually, and share in the life of the Church with your loved ones. Sessions begin Sunday, September 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Meeting Room (11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.). To sign up or learn more, contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 or Deacon Dan Laquet at daniel.laquet@yahoo.com. Come as you are—everyone is welcome!

#### **PSR BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) will begin on Sunday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish School. This program provides essential faith formation for our parish youth, helping them grow in their knowledge and love of God. More details about registration will be shared soon. For more information, contact Mike Klostermann at <a href="mailto:cre@stmarycentralia.org">cre@stmarycentralia.org</a> or call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291. See you in September!

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20-Sep	Sharon Pierjok	Bill Broda	Griffin Knowles	Gene Gettinger	Paul Cozadd	Knowles Family
4:00 PM		Mike Stock	Shylaa Campbell	Mike Stock	Theresa Cozadd	
		Jo Warren	Anabella Nguyen			
	Cathy Benson		Max Alton			
21-Sep	Pete Donnelly	Manuela Maco	Tucker Aydt	Tom Holle	Mary Ann Dulumback	Sipe Family
10:30AM		Devin Meier	Turner Aydt	Tom Ballagh		
		Logan Meier	Brody Kasban	Jaxson Hancock		
	Rose Ross	Carson Pigg	Evan Sipe			



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**Reverend Steve Pautler** 

#### Reflection for the Exaltation of the Cross: Our True Family Heirloom!

How many of you have something in your home that was "passed down"? Maybe it's grandma's wedding ring, a photo that somehow survived the 1900s without being taped to a refrigerator, or even a

slightly suspicious fruitcake that's been making the rounds since 1978.

Family keepsakes come in all shapes and sizes. In my own family, one such treasure was a lithograph of Jesus on the Cross, carried to America by my ancestors in the 1850s. Imagine it, across the Atlantic in a crowded ship, through wars, tragedies, and joys, that image stayed with the Pautler's. At some point, my dad Tony received it from his aunt. When Dad passed in 1995, I forgot all about it. Years later, after my ordination, my mom Marge pulled it out of the closet during a family gathering. She handed it to me and said, "I quess this belongs to you now."

Now, let me tell you, priests get handed a lot of things. Old prayer cards, plastic rosaries, a mysterious casserole dish no one claims. But this moment was different. Here was an image of Christ on the Cross that had been looked upon by generations of my family. They prayed before it, cried before it, hoped before it. And now, ready or not, it was mine to carry forward. I'll admit, I felt humbled. More than humbled, I felt a little nervous, like someone had just trusted me with the family's crown jewels.

That's what today's feast, the Exaltation of the Cross, is really about. We lift high the Cross not because it's pretty or decorative, but because it has endured. Just like that lithograph, the Cross has traveled through centuries, through storms and wars, through the wreckage of sin and the joy of salvation. It has been gazed upon by countless believers, each finding in

it strength, healing, and mercy.

And in John's Gospel, we hear the heart of it: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." Not loaned, not rented out, not given with a return receipt. He gave. The Cross is the keepsake that isn't tucked away in a closet, it's lifted up for all to see, to remind us of the relentless, sometimes baffling, always overwhelming love of God. So next time you dust off a family treasure, remember this: the greatest keepsake we've been handed down is the Cross of Christ. And unlike that fruitcake, it never expires.

#### This week's question:

I recently watched the canonization of Sts. Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. Could I be declared a saint someday?

#### **Answer:**

Absolutely! That's the whole point of baptism; you're already on the saint-track. The canonized saints are the "official Hall of Famers," but heaven is also filled with countless "hidden saints" who never made it onto a holy card. If you live faithfully, love God and neighbor, and die in His grace, you'll be a saint, whether or not anyone is naming schools after you. Sainthood isn't about statues; it's about how you live and love today.

## 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

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

#### **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 November 2026 Kabat & Tomaszewski Families

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

#### Gene Uhls

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

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.



## New and Experienced Altar Servers Practice

Attention all altar servers! A practice and refresher session will be held following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 20, and again after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on

Sunday, September 21

This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new servers and come together as a team. All boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to begin serving at the table of the Lord. If you are unable to attend either date, please contact Father Steve to make alternate arrangements. The session will last no more than 30 minutes and will provide a chance to grow in faith, build confidence, and gain a deeper understanding of the liturgy. Whether you are new or experienced, your presence and participation are greatly valued.

## 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. (All School)
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.

#### 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)

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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.

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

#### Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday:

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,

and Companions, Martyrs [M]

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical 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 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT

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#### For the week of August 31, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,925.00
Online Collection	898.32
Loose Collection	454.00
School Support	320.00
Building Fund	125.00
Capital Campaign	920.00
Mass Stipend	-0-
Retired Diocesan Priests	20.00
Cemetery	-0-
Total	\$ 6.662.32

#### For the week of September 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,798.00
Online Collection	1,743.32
Loose Collection	542.00
School Support	300.00
Building Fund	50.00
Capital Campaign	335.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	110.00
Candle	60.00
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Total	\$ 8,968.32

#### Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 9/8//2025

Total Campaign Pledges		230,879
Total Pledges received		200.239
Pledges to be paid		30,640
Goal <b>\$400,00</b> (needed)		169,121

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 Claricé Moran Carol Orrell Barbara Parrot Mike Kennett Mike Taylor Jerry Grasher

#### For those who are homebound

Helen Guinzy JoEllen Nanńie David & Ida May Guthrie Barbara Francois

#### Requested prayers

Jessica Hudsperth 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.







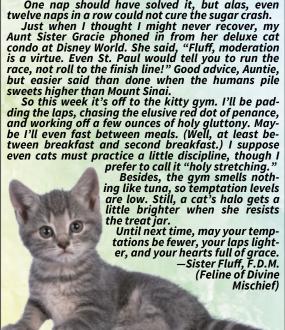


## Purrs from the Pew Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

Sister Fluff and the Aftermath of Autumnfest!

Well, friends, I survived Autumnfest! Barely. Let me tell you, it was not for the faint of fur. My paws are still sticky from frosting raids, and my whiskers might be permanently dusted in powdered sugar. Somewhere between the caramel apples, brownies, and trays of cookies, I lost all sense of feline dignity.

One nap should have solved it, but alas, even twelve naps in a row could not cure the sugar crash.





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