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September 21, 2025 ♦ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

† Anthony & Margaret Pautler † 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

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel (Class Mass)

† Mary Darin Father Steve Pautler

Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval

† Dorothy Schaubert † Jeannie Ratermann † Rose Máry Jourdan † Tom Holstlaw Father Steve Pautler

Friday, September 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

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

Friday, September 26, 2025 **12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel** For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients.

Father Steve Pautler *Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

† Crucephine Pierson Father George Mauck

*Sunday, September 28, 2025

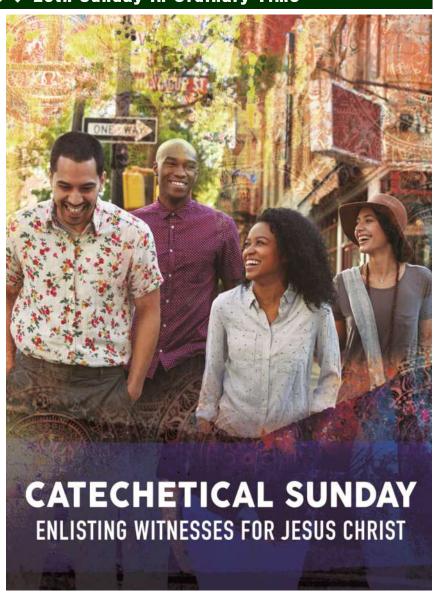
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Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Mary Darin † Dr. Jerry Beguelin Father George Mauck



Mary, our Mother, shelter us in your arms of mercy and guide us always into the heart of your Son, Jesus.





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.

Gratitude to Our Autumnfest Sponsors

We extend heartfelt thanks to all our Autumnfest sponsors and patrons. Through their generous support, we were able to keep costs down and ensure the success of this year's celebration.

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MEETINGS AND INFORMATION...

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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 cre@stmarycentralia.org or call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291. See you in September!

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27-Sep	Steve Miller	Tina Biagi	Harper Schultze	Gene Gettinger	Florence Peters	Pickett Family
4:00 PM		Susan Niepoetter	Hunter Starr	Jim Opolony		
		Sharon Pierjok	Arabella Hudspeth			
	Tammy Miller	Diane Uhls	Bliss Pickett			
28-Sep	Lisa Guthrie	GiGi Broughton	Charleigh Garren	Tom Holle	Sally Tiemann	Wolfe Family
10:30AM		Pete Donnelly	Maylie Garren	Tom Ballagh		
		Paul Mocaby	Nolan Wolfe	Carson Pigg		
	Tom Hawkins	Patty Willliams	Adrian Patterson			



Message From our Pastor

Reverend Steve Pautler

This Is My First Surgery... ...Said No One You Want Operating on You!

So you finally get up enough courage to have that surgery you've been putting off for years. Maybe it's a knee replacement, maybe a slipped disk in your back. Either way, it's no "do-it-yourself" YouTube project.

This requires serious skill. You walk into the surgeon's office, friendly staff, nice facility, coffee in the waiting room, you feel at home. The surgeon enters, explains the procedure in detail, and then asks the dreaded question: "Any questions for me?'

Off the top of your head you blurt out: "How many times have you performed this procedure, Doctor?" Now, what response are you looking for? "Oh, this will be my first time, but don't worry, I've read the manual"? Or, "I've done this hundreds of times, half-asleep, and with great success"? Trust me, you want the surgeon with the track record, not the rookie still figuring out which end of the scalpel to hold.

That question, "Can I trust you?"—is exactly what Jesus is pointing to in today's Gospel. He says, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." If you can't be trusted with a little,

why would anyone hand you something big?

We get this in everyday life. If your teenager can't be trusted to put gas in the car, why would you hand them the keys for a cross-country road trip? If your coworker borrows your stapler and it disappears into a black hole, you're probably not lending them your truck next weekend. Little things matter, because they reveal the kind of people we are.

Jesus goes a step further. He connects earthly trustworthiness with eternal riches. He basically says, "If you can't handle money, stuff, and responsibilities here and now, why would God trust you with the real treasure, His King-

dom?" Ouch. That hits home!

The world tries to convince us that faith is about the big, dramatic moments, the lightning-bolt conversions, the heroic acts of sacrifice. But Jesus is saying it's really about the daily, ordinary choices: Am I honest in small conversations? Do I show up when I said I would? Do I treat people with respect, even

when no one's watching?
In the end, life is like that surgery. When the time comes, you want to trust the one who's been faithful all along. And God wants to trust us too—not because we've pulled off one big act of holiness, but because we've shown day after day, in small things, that we are His. So let's start small, be faithful, and build a track record that says, "Lord, you can count on me."

This week's question:

I always try to dress up for Mass. But sometimes I'm traveling and show up in shorts and flip-flops. Is that okay?

Answer:

Mass first, fashion second. God's priority is your heart, not your footwear. Dressing respectfully honors the sacredness of the Eucharist, but if life has you casual, don't skip Jesus just because you're wearing sandals. (He wore them too, remember?) When possible, let your clothing reflect reverence, but never let clothes become a barrier to worship.

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 Open July 2026 Pearl Hamilton August 2026 Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston September 2026 Robert & Gary Kabat October 2026 Becker & Rensing Families

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.
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, 10:30 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 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: National Migration Week

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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 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 September 14, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,990.00
Online Collection	854.32
Loose Collection	743.00
School Support	85.00
Building Fund	-0-
Capital Campaign	340.00
Mass Stipend	-0-
Retired Diocesan Priests	-0-
Cemetery	-0-
Total	\$ 6,112.32

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

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 230,879
Total Pledges received	200.579
Pledges to be paid	30,330
Goal \$400,00 (needed)	\$ 169,121

AUTUMNFEST 2025 INCOME VS. EXPENSES				
Category	Income	Expense	Profit	
Indoor Dining/Donations	\$3,014.00	\$356.21	\$2,657.79	
Outside Dining	\$2,593.00	-0-	\$2,593.00	
Cake Walk	\$1,292.90	-0-	\$1,292.90	
Kids Game	\$2,740.00	\$975.00	\$1,765.00	
Beer	\$3,962.00	\$1,990.65	\$1,971.35	
Basket Raffle/Donations	\$3,068.10	-0-	\$3,068.10	
Poker Stand	\$565.00	\$452.00	\$113.00	
Raffle/Donations	\$15,687.00	\$1,850.00	\$13,837.00	
General Expenses/Ads	-0-	\$937.85	(\$937.85)	
Totals	\$32,922.00	\$6,561.71	\$26,360.29	

Your Prayers are needed and requested

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.



Grandparents Day Celebration Brings Joy and Togetherness at SMS

At SMS, we joyfully celebrated Grandparents Day with an event filled with love, laughter, and lasting memories. The day was packed with fun activities and games that brought generations together, creating smiles all around. Laughter echoed through the room as students and their grandparents enjoyed quality time together, sharing stories and making new memories. To top it alloff, everyone enjoyed a delicious variety of snacks, adding a sweet touch to a heartwarming day. It was a special celebration that reminded us just how important and cherished our grandparents truly are.









"Your 'yes' blesses generations with God's grace!"





Purrs from the Pew Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

Sister Fluff and the Heat of September! Friends, let me tell you, this week has been hot-ter than incense on Easter morning. My beloved window sill, usually my sacred perch, has turned into a scorching skillet. I leapt up for my daily birdwatching and nearly branded my paws. St. Lawrence, patron of those roasted, surely understands my suffering.

I'm still finding Autumnfest crumbs tucked here and there. A popcorn kernel, a sweet dusting of funnel cake, even a blessed sliver of bratwurst small reminders that stewardship comes in many

forms, even for cats.

But the real excitement was Father Steve's birth-day. There was singing—lots of singing. Candy too, mostly Snickers, which I can't eat but certainly sniffed. The problem with birthdays is you never know when Father Steve might appear. He's quick, and I've had to practice holy stealth to avoid being scooped up without warning. Hiding is a spiritual exercise too, you know. Ask St. Joseph, the silent protector.

Otherwise, it's been quiet.





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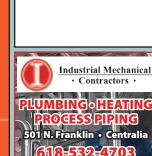


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