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October 12, 2025 ♦ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:17-18)

*Saturday, October 11, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church (vigil)

† Rosalie Thomas Father George Mauck

*Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval Living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence † Don & Barb Rohner Father George Mauck

Sunday, October 14, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

Living and † Deceased members of St. Mary † Roy Szatkowski † Theresa Verdeyen Father George Mauck

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel (Class Mass) † Donald & Beverly Kelly

Father Steve Pautler

Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval

† Charlie Daniels † Irene Kozeszek † Paul Wurm † Ray Resch Father Steven Pautler

Friday, October 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

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

Friday, October 17, 2025 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients.

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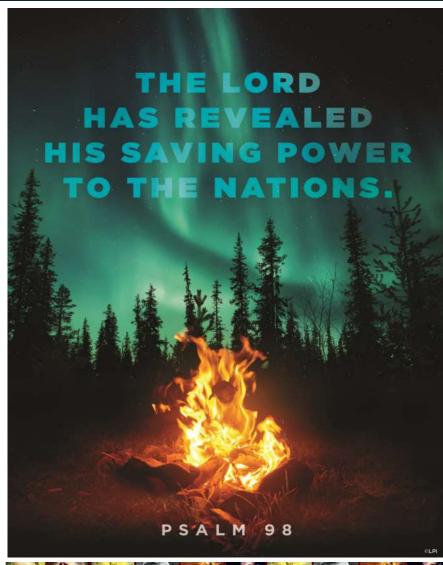
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Mary, Mother of Mercy, hold us in your embrace and guide our hearts to trust with hope that brings us always nearer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.





NEWS AND EVENTS...

Blessed Art from the Holy Land.

Blest Art will be visiting St. Mary Parish and St. Lawrence Parish on the weekend of October 11–12, 2025, after each Mass, offering beautifully hand-carved olive wood art from the Holy Land. These pieces—nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, and more—are created by Christian families struggling to survive amid ongoing violence and economic hardship in the region. Every purchase directly supports them and helps preserve the Christian presence in the land where Jesus walked. Cash, checks, credit cards, and post-dated payments are accepted. Please consider supporting this vital mission.

Pork Sausage Dinner at Carlyle

The St. Mary, Carlyle Pork Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be a drive-thru only event, with pick-up located on the north side of the Parish Center off Clinton Street.

St. Anthony Church Rummage Sale

St. Anthony's Church Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on October 30, 31, and November 1 at St. Anthony's Parish Center, located at 451 West Third Street, Beckemeyer, IL. Sale hours are Thursday, October 30 from 9 AM to 8 PM (full price), Friday, October 31 from 9 AM to 8 PM (half price), and Saturday, November 1 from 9 AM to 12 PM (\$3 bag sale).

Veterans Appreciation Mass and Dinner

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Santa Maria Assembly of Marion County, invite all veterans and the community to a special Veterans Day Mass and Dinner on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at St. Mary Church in Centralia. Mass begins at 4:00 PM, followed by dinner at St. Mary's Cafeteria, featuring mostaccioli, garlic bread, salad, applesauce, and dessert. Veterans and their spouses eat free, with a free-will offering accepted from the public. A photo display will also honor the service and sacrifice of veterans; to be included, send veteran information and photos to Bill Broda at wbroda49@gmail.com, drop them off at St. Lawrence or St. Mary Parish Offices, or mail to St. Lawrence Parish, 412 N. Vine, Sandoval, IL 62882. All are welcome to join in honoring those who have served with courage and dedication.

St. Barbara Quilt and Cash Bingo - DuBois.

St. Barbara Catholic Church will host their Quilt and Cash Bingo on Sunday, October 26 at the K of C Hall in DuBois. Doors open at 11:00 AM and games begin at 1:00 PM.

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 TRISHA NIEPOETTER – CENTRALIA CINDY WOBBE - COLLINSVILLE

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 HAS BEGUN! STILL TIME TO REGISTER

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) is held on Sunday, starting 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!

Welcome to St. Mary's Church We want to keep in contact with you! If you are not a member of our parish family, or if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin in the mail, please complete the information below and return it to the parish office. Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:	(Other:	
☐ I would like to join St. Mary Parish, please send me information on how to register.				
I am requesting the following: ☐ Please mail the weekly bulletin to me. ☐ Add me to the quarterly Newsletter mailing list. ☐ I am homebound, I would like to receive communion. ☐ I am interested in helping the parish financially. ☐ I would like Father Steve to visit or call me. Please return to the Parish Office				

	<u>Lector</u>					
Date	Cantor ©	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
18-Oct	Steve Miller	Tina Biagi	Hunter Starr	Gene Gettinger	Diane Uhls	Mary Finckbone
4:00 PM		Susan Niepoetter	Aubrey Kuder	Jim Opolony	Chris Kirk	Terry Bell
		Diane Uhls	Arabella Hudspeth			LuAnn Pugh
	Tammy Miller		Tyler Hudspeth			
19-Oct	Doug Pahnke	Mary Miller	Tucker Aydt	Tom Ballagh	Mary Ann Dulumback	Aydt Family
10:30AM		Doug Pahnke	Turner Aydt	Tom Holle		
		Paulette Pahnke	Nolan Wolfe			
	Cathy Benson	M ike Timmons	Evan Sipe			



Message From our Pastor

Father Steven Pautler

"The Gospel According to Mom: Say Thank You!"

When we were kids, there were two words adults drilled into us like a broken record: "Say thank you." You got a piece of gum from your grandma—say thank you. Someone handed you a cookie—say thank you. Even if you were leaving the dentist's office after

a tooth got yanked out, there was Mom whispering, "Say thank you." Honestly, sometimes we weren't thankful at all. A shot in the arm at the doctor? No thank you! But still, those two words were non-negotiable.

Fast forward to adult life. The lessons still follow us. Someone holds the door open—say thank you. At the drive-thru when the car in front of you surprises you with a free McDonald's order—say thank you. We don't even think twice. Gratitude is part of good manners. It's what keeps life from turning into a never-ending episode of everyone looking out for them-

selves.

Today's Gospel tells us about ten men with leprosy. They stood at a distance, as they had to, and cried out to Jesus for help. He healed them all, every single one. But only one guy—one out of ten—turned back to fall at Jesus' feet and say thank you. Ten were healed. Nine ran off to start their new lives. One remembered to show gratitude.

I don't think the other nine were bad people. Maybe they were in a hurry to see their families. Maybe they thought they'd send a thank-you card later. Or maybe they never had a mom whispering in their ear, "Say thank you." Still, the point is clear: gratitude matters. Jesus noticed the absence of it. He even asked, "Where are the other nine?"

Gratitude isn't about fancy gestures. It's about noticing the gift and the giver. When we say thank you to God, we recognize His hand in our daily lives. We admit we didn't earn everything by ourselves. It's humbling. It's

joyful. It's freeing.

And here's the kicker—gratitude makes us healthier, too. Studies show grateful people live longer, sleep better, and are less grumpy at Walmart checkout lines. Imagine that! Jesus didn't heal the lepers so He could get applause. But He wanted them to be whole in body and soul. The thankful one received more than healing. He received salvation.

So maybe the Gospel is reminding us to keep those two simple words alive. Say thank you. To God. To others. Even after the dentist. Especially after McDonald's. Because gratitude is not just good manners. It's the heartbeat of faith.



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

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
December 2026	Nall. Hollern & Duty Families

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

Joe & Louisa Marcum 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 Ellistor
September 2026	Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2026	Becker & Rensing Families
November 2026	Open

November 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.

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

This week's question:

This week's question: I had a failed marriage. I haven't remarried, but I sometimes date. Can I receive Holy Communion?

Answer:

Yes. Divorce alone doesn't bar you from the Eucharist. As long as you're not in another marriage outside the Church and you're in a state of grace, the Lord welcomes you. Dating itself isn't sinful, just live chastely and keep Christ at the center. If you're ever unsure, talk with your priest. His job is to walk with you, not to chase you away.

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)

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.

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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 October 5, 2025

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ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. SCHOOL LIBRARY—ENTER THRU BREEZEWAY

We are in need of: **Extraordinary Ministers**

Lectors **Altar Servers Gift Bearers**

Please contact Rosa at the parish office: 618-532-6291.

Ushers Your Prayers are needed

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission 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.

and requested for healing and strength.

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.







Paws, Claws, Fins, and Feathers: St. Mary School Students Celebrate St. Francis with a Joyful Blessing of Animals!

St. Mary School came together in a joyful spirit to celebrate the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. The students filled the church with their voices during Mass, listening closely as Father Steve shared the story of St. Francis, explaining how he gave up wealth and comfort to live a simple life of love for God and all creation. The children learned about his deep care for animals, his kindness to the poor, and his constant call for peace. Many of the students were amazed to hear that St. Francis even preached to birds and called the sun and moon his brother and sister.

After Mass, the excitement continued as the entire school moved to the parking lot for the Blessing of the Animals. Students stood proudly beside their family pets, smiling as Father Steve and Deacon Dan went from group to group. Dogs wagged their tails, cats looked curiously around, bunny rabbits twitched their noses, goldfish swam calmly in bowls, and guinea pigs wiggled in their cages. The children's joy was contagious as they held their pets close, waiting for the blessing. Even those who didn't bring an animal came forward to receive a blessing themselves, reminding everyone that God's care includes us all. The turnout was wonderful, with parents, grandparents, and parishioners joining the students to celebrate. It was a moment that combined learning, prayer, and laughter, teaching the children not only who St. Francis was but also showing them how faith touches every part of life, even the furry and feathered friends we love so much.







St. Mary School proudly recognized our 8th grade cross country runners for their dedication and hard work this season. To make the celebration even more exciting, we invited some of our future runners to join in a one-mile fun run. The younger students ran with energy and smiles, cheered on by classmates and parents.

Purrs from the Pew Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

Sister Fluff's Trick-or-Treat Takeover!

My dear parish friends, the hour of reckoning has come. Father Steve promised me something sweet from Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party, and I'm prowling every corner of this parish in search of it. Candy corn, chocolate bars, or even a stray gummy worm. Where is it? Father Steve said, "Don't worry, Fluff. I'll bring you back some treats." Well. promise made, promise due.

So where is he? Did Father Steve stay in Florida, lounging in the sun with Sister Gracie? If that's the case, then the parish and school are officially under my command. I now patrol the church steps, the classrooms, the playground, and even the cafeteria.

Students, beware. If I smell chocolate, I'll find it. Eighth-grade cross country runners, you may be quick, but I've been training on stealthy pounces for years. Even our littlest future fun runners better quard their candy buckets with both hands.





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