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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Lawrence, Sandoval, and St. Teresa of Avila, Marydale



**November 9, 2025 ♦ Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**



*"Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.' (Jn 2:19)*

**\*Saturday, November 8, 2025 (Vigil)**

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Honoring our Veterans, Living and Deceased.*

**4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church**

† Donald & Beverly Kelly † Dr. Charles Fischer  
Father George Mauck

**\*Sunday, November 9, 2025**

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval*

† Deceased members of St. Lawrence  
† Don & Barb Rohner  
Father George Mauck

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church*

† Deceased members of St. Mary  
† Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Hope Harbin  
Father George Mauck

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel**

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition  
Deacon Dan Laquet

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel (Class Mass)**

† Mary Darin  
Father Steve Pautler

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence, Sandoval**

† Clyde Warren † Leo Hudzik  
† Marie Tuel † Pauline Gambetta  
Father Steven Pautler

**Friday, November 14, 2025 (All School Mass)**

**8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church**  
† Mary Darin  
Departed Alumni of St. Mary School

**Friday, November 14 2025**

**12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel**  
For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients.  
Father Steve Pautler

**\*Saturday, November 15, 2025 (Vigil)**

**4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church**  
† Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Mike Guinzy  
Father Steven Pautler

**\*Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval**  
† Deceased members of St. Lawrence  
Father Steven Pautler

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church**  
† Deceased members of St. Mary  
† Mike Frazier † Roy Szatkowski  
Father Steven Pautler



*Loving Father, welcome  
our departed into your  
peace. Forgive their faults  
and reward their faith.  
Let them dwell forever in  
the light of your face. AMEN*



## NEWS AND EVENTS...

### Bingo at St. Anthony Church—Oakdale

Join the fun at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Oakdale, IL, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for a Glo Bingo night benefiting St. Anthony's Men's Club! Doors open at 6 PM, and bingo starts at 7 PM. Enjoy over \$1000 in cash prizes, a cash bar, BYO snacks, and attendance prizes. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and include 6 bingo cards for 10 games, a Glo hat, and a dauber. Must be 18 or older to attend. Get your tickets at [glo-bingo.com/events](http://glo-bingo.com/events) or contact Ed Kurtz (618-781-6636) or Dale Lake (618-973-5455).

### Annual Way of Lights at the Shrine

The Way of Lights is a beloved annual event that draws tens of thousands of visitors, offering a magical Christmas experience filled with lights, activities, and community performances. This year, you're invited to showcase your talents and make your ensemble part of the celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to be featured in a cherished holiday tradition! For more information, visit [snow.org/wayoflights](http://snow.org/wayoflights) or call 618-397-6700.

### Glo Bingo at St. Anthony, Oakdale

Light up the night with Glo Bingo on Saturday, November 15, at St. Anthony's Church Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM; bingo starts at 7:00 PM. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes, plus fun, food, and laughter.

### Annual Way of Lights – Belleville

Experience the wonder of the season at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The Way of Lights runs mid-November through Christmas, featuring stunning light displays, performances, and family activities.

### A Knight in the Woods – Mater Dei Deer Contest

Hunters, register your team by November 15 for this friendly competition supporting the Mater Dei Marching Knights. Weigh-ins take place November 21–23, with top prizes up to \$2,000.

### Quest Retreat – St. Dominic, Breese

High school freshmen and sophomores are invited to a two-day retreat November 22–23 to grow in faith, friendship, and self-discovery. Experience the joy of encountering God in a fresh and personal way.

### Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner – Beaver Prairie

Enjoy a hearty meal on Sunday, November 9, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Church Hall, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle. Sponsored by the Wheatfield Township Fire Department, the dinner includes a smoked pork chop, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and applesauce for \$15.

## 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](http://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. Come 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

## SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

**BENNET EDWARDS – CENTRALIA**  
**BRIAN SMITH - CENTRALIA**

Date	Lector Cantor ©	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
15-Nov 4:00 PM	Bill Broda Tom Hawkins	Tina Biagi Diane Uhls	Brylynn Gierten Jaxson Gierten Shylaa Campbell	Gene Gettinger Jim Opolony	Diane Uhls Chris Kirk	Campbell Family
16-Nov 10:30AM	Martina Maco Don Litteken	Mary Miller Patty Williams Manuela Maco Carson Pigg	Blaise Schwartz Luke Schwartz Alayna Lauder Alexa Lauder	Tom Ballagh Tom Holle	Gayla O'Brist CeCe O'Brist	Lauder Family



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Steven Pautler

### "Holy Cones and Heavenly Construction: God's Still Working on Us?"

If there's one thing people in Southern Illinois understand, it's construction. Orange cones, detour signs, and those flashing "EXPECT DELAYS" boards that seem to mock us while we sit in traffic on I-64 or I-57. You start to wonder if these roads have been under construction since the days of Moses. "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" Well, that sounds about right. We could easily substitute "temple" with "interstate" and not miss a beat.

But the Gospel of John gives us more than a chuckle about endless projects. It gives us a glimpse into the kind of construction Jesus had in mind. When he said he would raise the temple in three days, he wasn't talking about the Herodian masterpiece of stone and marble. He was speaking about his own body. He was pointing to the new temple—the place where God truly dwells among his people.

That's what the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us of. The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. It's called the "mother and head of all churches," but the celebration isn't about brick, marble, or gilded altars. It's about what those things represent—the living Church, built of people, not stone. You and I are part of that construction project, and unlike the highways, it never really ends.

Every time we forgive someone, every time we reach out to the poor, every time we receive the sacraments, another piece of God's dwelling place is built. It's messy work. There are potholes, setbacks, and plenty of detours. Sometimes it feels like the project is behind schedule. But Jesus shows us that resurrection always follows demolition. What looks destroyed is being rebuilt stronger. When Jesus cleared out the money changers, he wasn't throwing a tantrum. He was setting things right. He was clearing away the clutter that distracted people from God. Maybe that's where we need a little demolition too. We spend so much time maintaining our outer image, patching cracks in our pride, or repainting our reputations that we forget to let Christ do the real renovation inside us.

So as we mark this feast, maybe it's time to take inventory of our own "spiritual construction zones." Where are the potholes in our prayer life? Where are the orange cones blocking mercy or patience? And most importantly, are we letting Christ be the foreman, or are we still trying to design the blueprints ourselves? Yes, the roads may take forever. Yes, the cones may multiply faster than the loaves and fishes. But God's construction is steady. It's eternal. And while Illinois might never finish its highways, Christ finished his work in three days—and then invited us to travel that newly paved road that leads straight to heaven.

**Holly Jolly PAJAMA Party**

**Saturday December 6th**  
1:30-4:30  
St. Mary School Gym  
\$30 children 2-12  
\$15 Children 12-100 (kids at heart!)

Enjoy  
A Holiday Performance  
Christmas craft & activity tables  
Cookies & Hot Chocolate  
Photo props for you to capture the fun!

Wear your jammies, don't delay, We're having fun in a festive way!

Hot cocoa, cookies, laughter too-We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Please bring a breakfast item to donate to the food pantry. Cereal, Poptarts, Instant Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars, Powdered Milk, Pancake Mix, Syrup etc.

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

### 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
January 2027	Open

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

### 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
June 2026	Open
July 2026	Pearl Hamilton
August 2026	Mary Louise & Gordon Elliston
September 2026	Robert & Gary Kabat
October 2026	Becker & Rensing Families
November 2026	Open
December 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.*

### 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](http://www.facebook/TimFergPhotosStm)

### This week's question:

*This week's question: At Mass the other day, a baby cried nonstop. I wanted to say, "Go to the cry room!" It distracted me.*

### Answer:

*Babies do test patience, but they're also signs the Church is alive and growing. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and sometimes that means noisy pews. Parents should try to be considerate, but we are called to welcome, not scowl. Instead of frustration, whisper a prayer for that family. Someday, those cries may be the very sound that keeps the Church's future strong.*

## ADMINISTRATION AND PARISH INFORMATION

### Pastor

Fr. Steven Pautler | Ext. 307 | [spautler@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:spautler@stmarycentralia.org)

### Associate Pastor

### Permanent Deacon

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### Parish Receptionist

Rosamaria Villagomez | Ext. 301 | [parish@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:parish@stmarycentralia.org)

### St. Mary School Principal (618-532-3473)

Maria Pryor | Ext. 303 | [mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org)

### Treasurer/Bookkeeper

Susan Niepoetter | Ext. 305 | [sniepoetter@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:sniepoetter@stmarycentralia.org)

### Coordinator of Religious Education

Mike Klosterman | Ext. 306 | [cre@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:cre@stmarycentralia.org)

### St. Mary School Secretary (618-532-3473)

Lynn Featherling | Ext. 302 | [lynn@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:lynn@stmarycentralia.org)

### 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)

**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 November 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

### Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Friday:

Saturday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday: 33rd 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 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT

*Give Online Today!*

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](http://stmarycentralia.org)

### For the week of November 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,680.00
Online Collection	1,011.57
Loose Collection	334.75
School Support	480.00
Building Fund	30.00
Capital Campaign	310.00
World Mission Sunday	90.00
Candles	-0-
Mass Stipend	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,946.32</b>

### Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 11/3/2025

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 256,219
Total Pledges received	230,125
Pledges to be paid	26,095
Goal \$400,00 (needed)	\$ 143,781

## Book of Remembrance

*As we honor the memory of our faithfully departed parishioners, family, and friends, a Book of Remembrance will be placed at the entrance of the church. All are invited to write the names of loved ones within its pages. Throughout the month of November, we will lift them in prayer together as one parish family, holding their memory close to our hearts.*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. AMEN

## Your Prayers are needed and requested for healing and strength.

### For those living in Care Centers

### Requested prayers

Blain Loll  
Robin Cimera  
Waylon Vick  
Natasha Lang  
Deb Steward  
Mark Schwartz  
Michael Willimzig  
Adam Brandt  
Dorothy Jenkins  
Bart Robbins  
Jana Martin

### For those who are homebound

Helen Guinzy  
JoEllen Nannie  
David & Ida Guthrie  
Barbara Francois

### Those away at College Those serving in the military

Dylan Huetter

### 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.*



### Student Council's Spooktacular Bake Sale a Sweet Success!

The St. Mary Student Council's Halloween Bake Sale was a hit! Students sold their sweet creations during the school day and again at Trunk or Treat, spreading plenty of sugar and smiles. From spooky cookies to candy-coated popcorn, everything disappeared faster than a ghost at dawn. Thank you to everyone who supported their fundraiser and helped make it such a fun success!



Congratulations to Finley Rose, a student at SMS, who was baptized this past Sunday, November 2nd. She will receive her First Holy Communion this coming spring. Finley is pictured here with her parents and godparents: Matthew Elliot, Brandon Weaver, Samantha Weaver, and Natasha Schmeink.



### Spooky, Silly, and So Much Fun: A Memorable Halloween Celebration at SMS

Halloween was a blast this year at SMS! The festivities kicked off with the annual Halloween Parade, where students proudly showed off their creative and spooky costumes. Laughter and excitement filled the air as classes paraded through the school and around the grounds, cheered on by staff and families. The SMS Trunk or Treat was another big hit, with decorated car trunks offering treats, games, and plenty of photo-worthy moments. Parents, teachers, and students all joined in the fun, making it a truly memorable community event. Even the youngest students got into the spirit, dressed as pumpkins, superheroes, and storybook characters. The smiles and excitement throughout the day showed just how much everyone enjoyed being together to celebrate.

One of the highlights of the day was the costume contest, judged by our Student Council. They had the tough job of selecting the best student and teacher costumes, and the competition was fierce! From clever group costumes to detailed character outfits, everyone brought their A-game. The energy and creativity on display made this Halloween one to remember. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun and festive celebration!



### Purrs from the Pew, Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

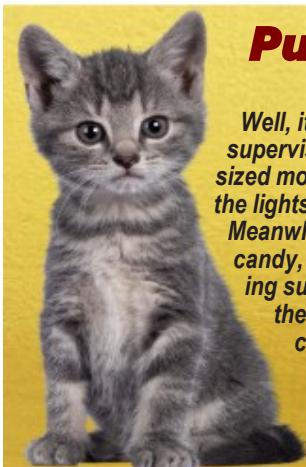
#### Sister Fluff and the Post-Halloween Penance: A Tale of Treats, Treadmills, and Temptation

Well, it's over. Sister Gracie has returned to her royal condo at Cinderella's Castle, called away for her sacred duty of supervising the great overnight transformation from Halloween to Christmas. She told me she couldn't trust that oversized mouse to hang the wreaths straight or light the Advent candles in order. I believe her. He seems more of a "string the lights, skip the prayer" kind of creature.

Meanwhile, I've been left behind to face my own penance. I've spent the week in the gym. Yes, the gym! Too much candy, too little self-control. I overindulged in the holy sweetness of chocolate and caramel. My costume was a roaring success. Not one little human—or their sugar-buzzed parents—recognized me as I slipped pawfuls of treats from their bags like a saintly thief in the night. I called it **"Operation Sacred Snack."** The hallway parade was divine chaos. Glitter, laughter, and costumes galore. I blessed them all with a flick of my tail.

And let's not forget the Student Council's bake sale. They thought their homemade cookies went to good homes. Correction: one went to a holy stomach. **Mine!!!** Until Advent begins, I'll continue my cardio of contrition and reflection—between naps. Paws, prayers, and purgatorial crunches,

**Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief**





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