



SAINT MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Partnered with Saint St. Mary, Carlyle,
St. Lawrence, Sandoval, and St. Teresa of Avila, Marydale



November 16, 2025 ♦ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your
lives." (Lk 21:17-19)*

***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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition

Deacon Dan Laquet

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

† Donald & Beverly Kelly † Dr. Charles Fischer

Father Steve Pautler

Thursday, November 20, 2025

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

† Eddy Burns † John Andrews

† Joseph Dickens † Roger Grasher

Father Steven Pautler

Friday, November 21, 2025 (All School Mass)

SMS Thanksgiving Mass

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

† Dr. Charles Fischer

Departed Alumni of St. Mary School

Friday, November 21, 2025

12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel

For St. Mary Hospital Staff & Patients.

Father Steve Pautler

***Saturday, November 22, 2025 (Vigil)**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

† Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Henry Verdeyen

Father Steven Pautler

***Sunday, November 23, 2025**

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

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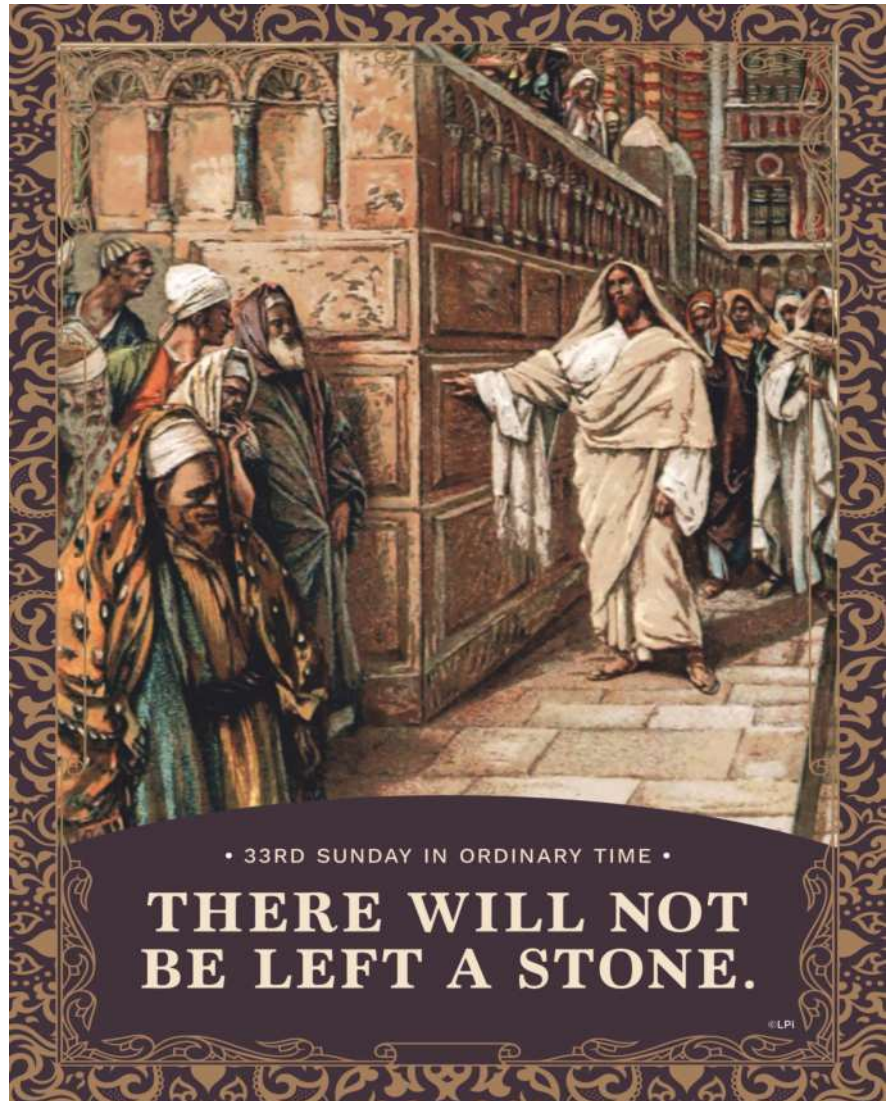
† Deceased members of St. Mary

† Harold "Bud" Miller † Lawrence & Agnes Goebel

Father Steven Pautler



*Merciful Father, receive our
departed in your loving arms. Cleanse
them of sin and fill them with your
peace. Let them share forever in the
joy of your heavenly kingdom. Amen.*





St. Mary Parish Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
ST. MARY PARISH CENTER.
Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased after
masses on November 21/22 and November 28/29,
or at the church office. Please note that the
deadline to buy tickets is December 1st.

Tickets - 618-532-6291

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.

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. For more information, visit 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.

King's House at the Shrine - Retreat Schedule

The Spring Quiet Retreat season at King's House Retreat Center, Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, runs from November 1, 2025, to May 1, 2026. The theme, Dilexit Nos ("He loved us"), invites reflection on healing and love in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Men's retreats will be held January 9–11, January 16–18, and May 1–3, while women's retreats are scheduled for March and April. Days of Reflection and Spiritual Cinema will take place from February through May. For details, contact 618-397-0584 or visit kh.snows.org.

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
TAMMIE MILLER – CENTRALIA
KATHLEEN DUNCAN – SALEM

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 Church. We invite spouses and family members who attend Mass but are not Catholic—this is a wonderful chance to ask questions, grow spiritually, and share faith with loved ones. Sessions begin Sunday, September 14, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Meeting Room (11:45 a.m. –1:00 p.m.). To sign up, contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 or Deacon Dan Laquet at daniel.laquet@yahoo.com. 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. 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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Second Tuesday of Each Month

St. Mary Parish will offer Baptism Preparation classes for new parents on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office Meeting Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These sessions are intended for first-time parents. To register, please contact Rosa at the Parish Office.

618-532-6291

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Tuesday, December 8, 2026

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

Date	Lector Cantor ©	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
22-Nov 4:00 PM	Steve Miller	Bill Broda	Hunter Starr	Gene Gettinger	Paul Cozadd	Pickett Family
		Mike Stock	Elizabeth Hanson	Mike Stock	Theresa Cozadd	
		Jo Warren	Bliss Pickett			
	Tammy Miller					
23-Nov 10:30AM	Paul Mocaby	Devin Meier	Angela Smith	Tom Ballagh	Kim Davis	Davis/Smith
		Logan Meier	Michael Davis	Tom Holle	Todd Davis	Families
		GiGi Broughton	Gabriella Uribe	Carson Pigg		
	Tom Hawkins	Pete Donnelly	Carl Koger			



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Steven Pautler

“Rust Happens, Faith Endures”

How many of you remember your first car? Maybe it was a faded Chevy Nova with more rust than paint. Maybe a hand-me-down Ford that rattled like a coffee can full of marbles. Or, if you were one of the lucky ones, maybe Mom and Dad surprised you with something shiny and new, still smelling of that famous “new car” scent that can only be described as a mix of heaven and plastic.

No matter how we got it, that first car was our ticket to freedom. Suddenly, we weren’t waiting for rides or begging for permission. We were off—windows down, radio up, wind in our hair, and maybe a milkshake in the cupholder (that we were absolutely not supposed to spill). We washed it every weekend, vacuumed it, waxed it, and parked it far away from anyone who might even think about opening a door too wide.

That car meant everything. It was our pride and joy. But it didn’t take long before the shine faded. The first dent showed up—usually “not our fault.” The air conditioner stopped blowing cold air. And that little rattle in the engine started to sound like an angry bee. Before long, we found ourselves looking at that once-beloved car and realizing it wasn’t as perfect as we once thought.

That’s a bit like what’s happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus and His disciples are standing before the grand Temple in Jerusalem, a structure so magnificent that it took decades to build. People were pointing out its beauty, the stones, the decorations, the craftsmanship. It was their pride and joy, the very center of their faith and national identity. Then Jesus hits them with this: “All that you see here, the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another.” Talk about a conversation killer.

The disciples are stunned. The Temple was like their first car, something they cherished, something they thought would last forever. Yet Jesus reminds them that even the most beautiful, secure, and seemingly permanent things in life fade away. Not because they’re bad, but because they aren’t meant to last forever.

We can relate. Life is full of things that look solid: our homes, our jobs, our health, our routines. We put so much trust in them that when something shakes, an illness, a financial setback, or simply the passing of time, it feels like our world is falling apart. Jesus isn’t trying to scare us. He’s trying to re-center us.

He says, in essence, “Don’t build your life around things that rust, break down, or lose value. Build your life on me.” Think of it this way: Our faith is the real engine that keeps us going, not the shiny car that everyone sees. The Gospel is our GPS, keeping us on the road when the world tries to send us on detours. Prayer is our fuel. And every time we love, forgive, or show mercy, we’re giving our faith a tune-up.

Now, Jesus doesn’t sugarcoat what the road of faith looks like. He says there will be wars, earthquakes, persecution, even betrayal. He doesn’t promise smooth highways. But He does promise this: “Not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

So maybe this week, as you drive around town, whether it’s in a car that sparkles or one held together by duct tape, remember the lesson of that first set of wheels. It wasn’t about the car. It was about the journey. And our journey with Christ is the same. else falls apart. So buckle up, keep your eyes on the road, and don’t forget who’s driving. After all, faith isn’t about having a perfect car, it’s about trusting the One who knows where we’re going.

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.

RECONCILIATION

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.com/TimFergPhotosStm*

This week's question:

Someone said the Church should sell all its art and treasures to help the poor. Is that true?

Answer:

It's a fair question and one the Church has heard since Judas complained about the costly perfume used on Jesus. The truth is, much of the Church's art and buildings aren't "owned" like stock. They belong to everyone as a witness to faith, beauty, and history. The Vatican isn't sitting on gold bars. It safeguards what centuries of believers offered to glorify God. And yes, the Church pours billions each year into hospitals, schools, and aid to the poor. Beauty lifts the soul. Charity feeds it. The Church is called to do both.

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)

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

Baptism preparation classes are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office Meeting room. Contact the Parish Office 618-532-6291 to sign up.

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 phone.

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

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For the week of November 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,965.00
Online Collection	1,760.20
Loose Collection	45.6.00
School Support	365.00
Building Fund	-0-
Capital Campaign	270.00
World Mission Sunday	40.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	10.00
Mass Stipend	-0-
Total	\$ 8,866.20

Capital Campaign, Harvest of Blessing - Update 11/10/2025

Total Campaign Pledges	\$ 285,809
Total Pledges received	260,394
Pledges to be paid	25,415
Goal \$400,00 (needed)	\$ 114,191

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

JoDene Nall
Jane Greene
Shirley Kabat
Carol Orrell
Barbara Parrot
Mike Kennett
Mike Taylor
Jerry Grasher

For those who are homebound

Helen Guinzy
JoEllen Nannie
David & Ida Guthrie
Barbara Francois

Requested prayers

Mary Mann
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



Wildcards Bring Home the Glory!

What a weekend for St. Mary–Willow Grove basketball! Both our **3rd and 4th grade Wildcards** captured **Championship titles** at the Selmaville Tournament, proving that hard work, faith, and teamwork pay off. Friday night's nail-biter ended with the **St. Mary–Willow Grove Wildcards** defeating the **Selmaville Rockets 47–46** to win the **St. Mary's Boys Invitational Championship**. **Jimmy Gaston** led the way with 25 points and was named **Tournament MVP**, while **Callen Williams** and **Griffin Knowles** earned spots on the **All-Tournament 1st Team**.

We also celebrate our **cheerleaders**, whose energy and spirit lifted the crowd and kept the team fired up every play. Their dedication is every bit as vital as the baskets scored on the court.

Congratulations to the coaches for guiding these young athletes with patience and heart, and to every player who gave their all. From buzzer-beaters to big smiles, this weekend reminded us that gratitude, teamwork, and a little Wildcard pride make a winning combination. The gym was electric with school spirit, echoing cheers that could be heard down the hallways. Families filled the stands, supporting each play with pride and joy. What a blessing to witness such talent, sportsmanship, and community at its best.



Purrs from the Pew, Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

Sister Fluff and the Frosty Fortitude of Faith

Brrr! Winter has waltzed in without so much as a polite knock. One day I'm basking in the golden warmth of my window sill, the next I'm staring at frost on the glass wondering if purgatory feels this drafty. My fur is thick, but even the holiest habit can't keep out that kind of chill. Still, a sister's duty never sleeps. I am the guardian of this sacred space. Cold or not, no mouse, squirrel, or rogue beetle shall breach my protective walls. I make my rounds between naps, paws silent, tail high, like a furry monastic knight. Even the parish maintenance man gives me a nod of respect as I patrol, broom in paw and purpose in heart. I take my vows of vigilance very seriously, though I do request hazard pay in the form of tuna. Sometimes I pause by the Felician Chapel, giving baby Jesus a respectful sniff. He understands.

We both know vigilance is a virtue. I imagine the Holy Family knew a bit about cold nights and unwanted visitors too. The humans scurry about clutching mugs of something that smells suspiciously like cinnamon. I prefer my warm milk, thank you. And while they bundle up in layers, I remind them that holiness is best served warm—with a heart full of gratitude and a lap ready for a catnap. Paws together, prayers lifted, whiskers frosted with faith, **Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief**



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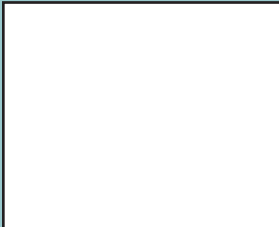
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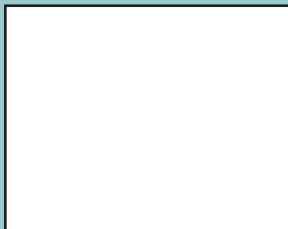
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