



# SAINT MARY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**January 11, 2026 ♦ Baptism of the Lord**



And a voice came from the heavens,  
saying, "This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."  
(Matthew 3:17)

### Mass & Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 (Vigil)**

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

**The Baptism of the Lord**

† Sherry Logullo † Steve Schwartz

Father Steve Pautler

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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

**The Baptism of the Lord**

The living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence

† Bobby Hill

Father Steve Pautler

**10:30 a.m.** at St. Mary Church

**The Baptism of the Lord**

The living and † Deceased members of St. Mary

† Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Roy Szatkowski

Father Steve Pautler

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition

Deacon Dan Laquet

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

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

† The suffering in purgatory.

Father Steve Pautler

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

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

† Bobby Hill † Helen Oehmke † Jack Seats

† John Stack † Michael Wooden

Father Steve Pautler

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.** at St. Mary Church (All School Mass)

† Deceased Alumni of St. Mary School

Father Steve Pautler

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

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

For the sick and suffering

Father Steve Pautler

**Saturday, January 17, 2026 (Vigil)**

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

† Judy Essenpreis † Mary Darin

Father Devarajulu Ubbarapu

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

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

The living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence

† Ron Clark

Father Devarajulu Ubbarapu

**10:30 a.m.** at St. Mary Church

The living and † Deceased members of St. Mary

† Dr. Jerry Beguelin

Father Devarajulu Ubbarapu



### 2026 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are the days on which the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They also abstain from unnecessary works, "which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."  
(Canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law).

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

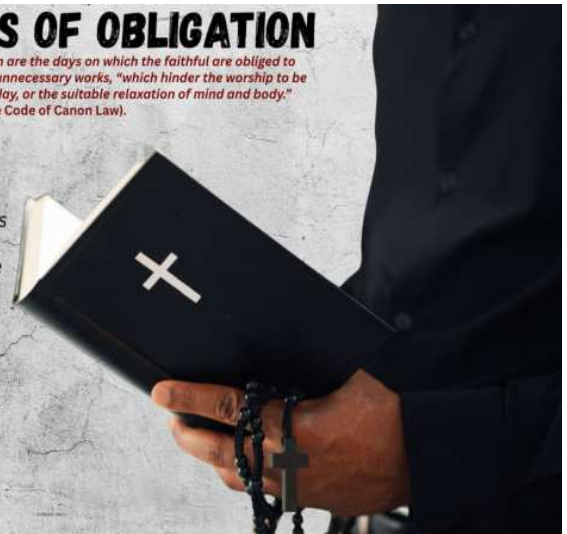
**Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Suspended obligation because it's a Saturday.)

**Sunday, November 1, 2026**  
All Saints' Day  
(Obligatory as it's a Sunday)

**Tuesday, December 8, 2026**  
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, December 25, 2026**  
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)



### 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. 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. For details, contact 618-397-0584 or visit [kh.snows.org](http://kh.snows.org).

#### 2026 Men's Quiet Retreat

Friday, Jan. 9, to Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026  
Friday, Jan. 16, to Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026

#### 2026 Women's Quiet Retreat

Friday, March 6, to Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Friday, March 13, to Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Friday, March 20, to Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Friday, March 27, to Sunday, March 29, 2026

#### 2026 SMS Calendars now available!

If you thought Santa delivered excitement only once a year, our 2026 SMS Calendar is here to prove him wrong. Every page brings a fresh splash of color from our students and a chance to win a little something that keeps the year moving. It's Christmas cheer that refuses to pack up and go home. Contact the School Office 618-532-3473. Donation \$25.00.

#### Vocation Corner January 11

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning his public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His "call" from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us "with whom I am well pleased."

#### Steubenville HS Retreat July 17th - July 19th

High school youth are invited to join the Mt. Vernon group for the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer, July 17 to 19 at Missouri State University. Thanks to youth ministry funds, many students will attend with most costs covered. This weekend offers prayer, strong Catholic community, and time away to grow in faith. Space is limited. Please send names by January 24 to

[frthomaslugge@gmail.com](mailto:frthomaslugge@gmail.com)

### JOIN MARY'S MERRY QUILTERS

#### MONDAY AT 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 hearts often start with a quiet nudge or a lingering question. OCIA is already underway, welcoming those who are exploring faith, preparing for Sacraments, or simply listening for where God is leading them. To learn more or to join the journey, contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 or Deacon Dan Laquet at [daniel.laquet@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel.laquet@yahoo.com).

#### PSR, SUNDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

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](mailto:cre@stmarycentralia.org) or call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday,  
February 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., St. Mary Parish, Mount Vernon, IL.**



## 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**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**  
**Available Next Week**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**  
**Available Next Week**

| Date    | Lector<br>Cantor © | Euch Min        | Servers             | Ushers         | Greeters       | Offertory/Gifts |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 17-Jan  | Garrett Ford       | Bill Broda      | MadaLynn Wethington | Gene Gettinger | Paul Cozadd    | Pickett Family  |
| 4:00 PM |                    | Jo Warren       | Beckett Wethington  | Jim Opolony    | Theresa Cozadd |                 |
|         |                    | Diane Uhls      | Kylee Atchison      |                |                |                 |
|         | Rose Ross          |                 | Bliss Pickett       |                |                |                 |
| 18-Jan  | Pete Donnelly      | Devin Meier     | Bryden Hall         | Tom Holle      | Barri Allen    | Resch Family    |
| 10:30AM |                    | Logan Meier     | Reid Hall           |                |                |                 |
|         |                    | Doug Pahnke     | Aria Quandt         |                |                |                 |
|         | Tom Hawkins        | Paulette Pahnke | Carl Koger          |                |                |                 |

**THE MINISTRY SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE: [stmarycentralia.org](http://stmarycentralia.org)**





## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Steve Pautler

***"Testing the Water and Claiming the Beloved."***

Baptisms sit near the top of my list of favorite moments as a priest. Families arrive gathered together with a mix of joy, nerves, and pride, holding a child who has already changed their lives. A baptism gathers grandparents, parents, godparents, cousins, and friends into one space for one purpose. A new life is being welcomed not only into a family, but into the life of God.

Before the baptism begins, I enjoy inviting one of the younger family members forward to help me. I ask them to check the water and tell me if it feels cold. The answers range from confident yeses to thoughtful shrugs, and sometimes an honest "I don't know." Then I ask if they think the baby will cry. Laughter follows, predictions fly, and suddenly the youngest members of the family are part of the moment in a real way. They are not watching from the pew. They are involved, included, and remembered.

As the baptism approaches, I invite everyone to step closer. I want them to see it happen, to hear the words, and to notice the water. Baptism is deeply personal for the child being baptized, yet it also belongs to everyone present. Each baptism renews something in all of us, whether we realize it or not.

The Gospel today places us at the Jordan River, where Jesus steps forward to be baptized by John. This scene deserves our attention. Jesus does not begin his public ministry with a sermon, a sign, or a display of power. He enters the water with everyone else. He stands among sinners and receives baptism, even when John hesitates and questions the moment. Jesus insists, because this is where his mission begins. Heaven opens, the Spirit descends, and the voice of the Father declares love and approval.

The baptism of the Lord reveals the heart of God. God chooses closeness. God enters ordinary human moments and fills them with grace. The Jordan River becomes holy ground because Jesus steps into it. From that day forward, water tells a new story. Every baptism carries that same story. Water flows, a name is spoken, and God claims a child as beloved. The child may cry or sleep through the moment, yet God's promise does not waver. Parents and godparents make promises they will spend years learning how to live. The Church surrounds them and accepts responsibility for helping this child grow in faith.

When I ask whether the baby will cry, I am not worried about the outcome. Noise, movement, and tears belong to real life, and God works there with ease. Baptism does not require perfection. It requires presence. Each baptism reminds us who we are and who we belong to. We are not gathered as strangers. We stand together as sons and daughters of the same Father. The words spoken over Jesus at the Jordan still echo today. Beloved. Chosen. Claimed. That truth holds steady long after the water dries.

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

**Verdeyen/Willenborg Families**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| February 2026  | Alan & Rosalie Thomas                        |
| March 2026     | Elliston & Garner 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   | Decker & Wilson Families                     |
| February 2027  | Open   |
| March 2027     | Will, Loretta Pedtke, Rob, Lorene Langenfeld |

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

**Corinno & Anna Leeta Darin**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| February 2026  | Alfredo & Carmen Coronado                    |
| March 2026     | Roger Morton                                 |
| April 2026     | Anthony & Margaret Pautler                   |
| May 2026       | John, Elizabeth & Paul Peters                |
| June 2026      | Will, Loretta Pedtke, Rob, Lorene Langenfeld |
| 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   |
| January 2027   | Open   |
| February 2027  | 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](http://www.facebook.com/TimFergPhotosStm)**

## Ralph and Bernice Sprehe

### St. Mary Parish/Kaskaskia College Scholarship Trust

Sprehe Scholarship applications are available for registered members of St. Mary Parish for the 2026-2028 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2026-2027 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. You may contact Nikki Burmester by phone: 618-367-4565 or by e-mail: [sprehescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sprehescholarship@gmail.com) to make arrangements for receiving an application. All signed applications must be completed via Google Form and submitted no later than Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Applicants must also submit school transcripts to the above email or by mail to 1937 Dogwood Lane, Centralia, IL 62801.



### This week's question:

***I heard an interesting thing the other day. Someone I knew was upset because her daughter and son-in-law never had their newborn baptized. She went ahead and baptized the baby in the kitchen sink! Was this a legitimate baptism?***

### Answer:

***Yes, it could be a valid baptism, but it was not done properly. Baptism is valid when real water is used, the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are spoken, and the person intends to do what the Church does. The location does not matter. What matters is intention and form. A grandparent baptizing without parental consent, outside an emergency, acts against Church order. Valid does not mean appropriate!***

## ADMINISTRATION AND PARISH INFORMATION

### Pastor

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### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

### Permanent Deacon

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### Parish Receptionist

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### Treasurer/Bookkeeper

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### Coordinator of Religious Education

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**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

## 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 January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot

**Next Sunday: 2nd 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: [stmarycentralia.org](http://stmarycentralia.org)*

*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.*

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes   | \$4,840.00 |
| Online Collection  | 949.57     |
| Loose Collection   | 511.00     |
| School Collection  | 100.00     |
| Building Fund      | 125.00     |
| Capital Campaign   | 890.00     |
| Christmas Offering | 1,590.00   |
| Christmas Flowers  | 20.00      |
| Solemnity of Mary  | 50.00      |
| Altar Society      | 50.00      |
| Local Needy        | 160.00     |

### Sunday, January 4, 2026

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes   | \$6,708.00 |
| Online Collection  | 1,094.69   |
| Loose Collection   | 521.00     |
| School Collection  | 382.00     |
| Building Fund      | 70.00      |
| Capital Campaign   | 130.00     |
| Christmas Offering | 175.00     |
| Altar Candle       | 60.00      |
| Solemnity of Mary  | 625.00     |
| Altar Society      | 145.00     |
| Local Needy        | 75.00      |
| Mass Stipend       | 230.00     |

**Total Collections:** \$9,285.57

**Total Collections:** \$10,215.69

### Christmas Collection, December 25, 2025

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Envelopes                | \$ 170.00 |
| Loose                    | 728.00    |
| Capital Campaign         | 155.00    |
| Christmas Offering       | 7940.00   |
| Solemnity of Mary        | 50.00     |
| Collection for the Needy | 130.00    |

**Total Collections:** \$ 9,173.00

*— — — Capital Campaign — — —  
Harvest of Blessings: Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow  
To give: [stmarycentralia.org](http://stmarycentralia.org) or contact Father Steve*

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Total Campaign Pledges</b>           | <b>\$341,309</b> |
| <b>Total pledges received</b>           | <b>318,989</b>   |
| <b>Pledges to be received over time</b> | <b>22,320</b>    |
| <b>Donations need to reach goal</b>     | <b>\$ 58,691</b> |

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

### For those living in Care Centers

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

### Requested prayers

Tom Ballagh  
Blain Loll  
Robin Cimeria  
Waylon Vick  
Natasha Lang  
Deb Steward  
Mark Schwartz  
Adam Brandt  
Dorothy Jenkins  
Bart Robbins  
Jana Martin

### For those who are homebound

JoEllen Nannie  
David & Ida Guthrie  
Barbara Francois

### 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.*



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

Notes from a Kitten Who Knows Things!

Sister Fluff here. The classroom survived the elves, the children returned, and balance has been restored. Those shelf sitting elves have finally vanished, which brings deep relief during my nightly patrols for critters and other suspicious nonsense. Staring eyes at midnight feel untrustworthy and slightly unholy. I am glad they are gone. With their disappearance, the little humans came back in full force, carrying backpacks, energy, and strong opinions. Some arrived cheerful. Others looked disappointed because a large man in a red suit with a white beard delivered toys and then left them behind to face math and circle time. I searched thoroughly for my gifts and found success. Father Steve presented kitty mittens, a rubber mouse with excellent bounce, and then suggested a collar with a bell so he knows where I am. Absolutely not. He will need speed, strategy, and divine assistance. I enjoy the return of the little humans. They drop snacks. They laugh at my sudden sprints. They fail repeatedly to catch me. I hide under tables, supervise rugs, and nap near the cross while listening to stories about Jesus, who sounds kind and clearly appreciates good behavior and well-groomed cats. The classroom runs smoothly under my watch. Order holds. Patrols continue. Sister Fluff remains alert, mischievous, prayerful, and firmly in charge! **Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief**







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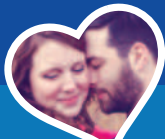



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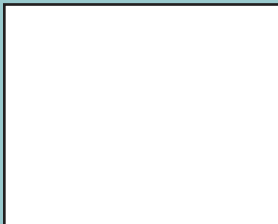
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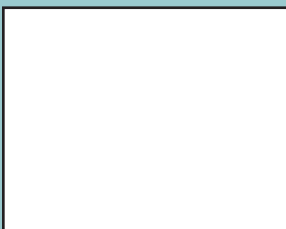
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