



# SAINT MARY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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



January 18, 2026 ◆ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Season of  
ORDINARY TIME

### Mass & Liturgy Schedule

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

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

† Judy Essenberg † 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 † Mike Shaffer † Shirley Brady

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

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition

Deacon Dan Laquet

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

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

† For those who are victims of violence.

Father Steve Pautler

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

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

† Norman Williams † Tina Suarez † Melvin Poli

† Evelyn Barton † Brian Isaak

Father Steve Pautler

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

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

† Deceased Alumni of St. Mary School

Father Steve Pautler

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

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

For the sick and suffering

Father Steve Pautler

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 (Vigil)**

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

† Roger Norstrom † Ruth Holloway

Father Steven Pautler

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

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

The living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence

† Linda DeKalb

Father Steven Pautler

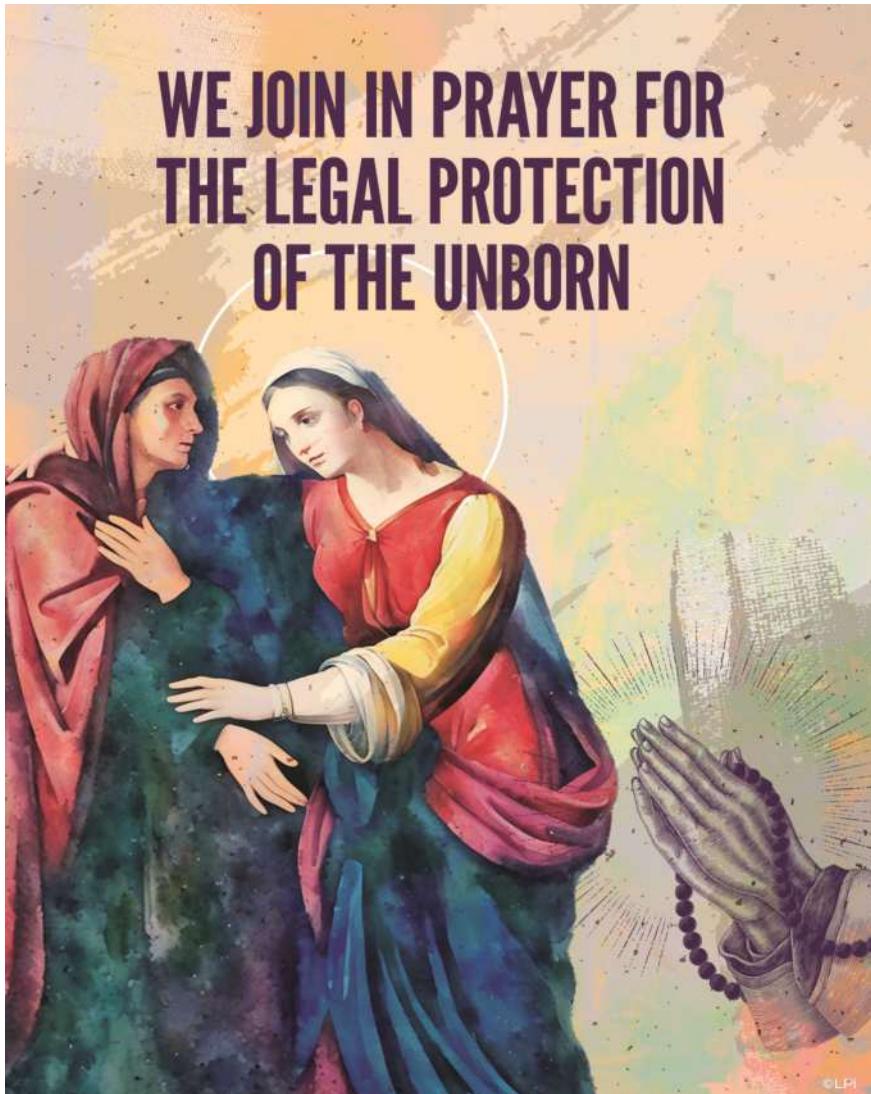
**10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church**

The living and † Deceased members of St. Mary

† Dr. Jerry Beguelin † Helen Guinzy

Father Steven Pautler

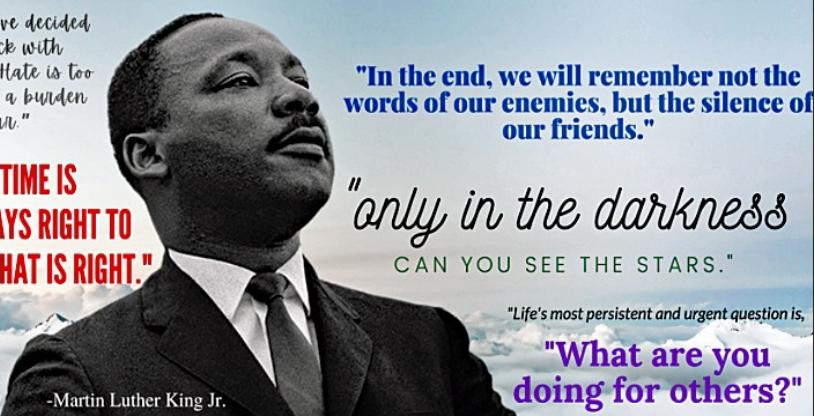
**Catholic School Week**  
**January 25th - January 31st**



## "I have a dream."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

**'THE TIME IS  
ALWAYS RIGHT TO  
DO WHAT IS RIGHT.'**



### 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. 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 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. Contact the School Office 618-532-3473. Donation for the calendar is \$25.00.

### Nine Days for Life

From January 16 through January 24, Catholics across the country unite in 9 Days for Life, a focused time of prayer for the protection of every human life. This national novena invites people to pause each day for prayer and reflection, asking God to guard life at every stage and in every circumstance. Participants are encouraged to join in whatever way fits their day by downloading the novena or receiving the daily prayers and reflections by email or text. To learn more or to sign up, visit [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

### 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. Please send names by January 24 to

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**  
Erika Marcum - Centralia  
Mary K. Robbins - Carlyle

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**  
Molly Smith - Centralia  
Terri Schulte - Carlyle

**MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026**  
Ann Dunn - Belleville  
Sonya Gettinger - Centralia

### 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*

Date	Lector Cantor ©	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
24-Jan	Steve Miller	Susan Niepoetter	Callen Williams	Gene Gettinger	Ellen Stock	Williams Family
4:00 PM		Mike Stock	Keegan Williams	Mike Stock		
		Tina Biagi	Shyla Campbell			
	Tammy Miller	Sharon Pierjok	Hunter Starr			
25-Jan	School will Provide	Patty Williams	school will provide	Tom Holle	School will provide	School will provide
10:30AM		Mike Timmons		Carson Pigg		
		Mary Miller				
	Cathy Benson	Pete Donnelly				

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

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Steve Pautler



### **John the Baptist; the first cheerleader of the Gospel.**

John the Baptist really started something. He formed the first cheering section in the Gospel of John. No pom poms. No marching band. No smoke machines. Still, the effect stayed powerful. John stands by the river, sees Jesus walking toward him, and blurts out the line which changes everything. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He does not whisper it. He does not ease into it. He points, he announces, and he steps aside.

Every big moment brings a hype crew. Stadiums hire people whose only job involves getting fans on their feet. Concerts warm the crowd before the main act. DJs shout into microphones and demand noise. Energy matters. Anticipation matters. John understood this long before microphones existed. He looked strange. He dressed strange. People noticed. Some showed up out of curiosity. Others came for repentance. All ended up hearing an announcement they never expected.

John knew his role. He never tried to steal the spotlight. He never acted as the star of the show. He stood there to direct attention elsewhere. When Jesus arrived, John pointed and stepped back. No jealousy. No hesitation. No need for applause. A true cheerleader wants the crowd focused on the one who matters. John lived this with clarity and joy.

The words he speaks carry weight. Lamb of God sounds gentle, yet serious. This lamb deals with sin, not small mistakes or bad habits, but the deep mess people carry around. John does not offer self improvement tips. He announces a person. He tells the crowd salvation stands right in front of them, breathing the same air, walking the same ground.

Then John adds something personal. He admits recognition came through the Spirit. He watched the Spirit descend and remain. Remain matters. The Spirit does not visit and leave. The Spirit stays. John bears witness so others trust the truth. His voice gives way so another voice rises.

This Gospel invites a question. Who receives our pointing finger. Many voices shout for attention. Screens glow. Opinions fly. Everyone promotes something. John shows another way. He points toward Jesus and resists the urge to point toward himself. He cheers without demanding credit.

Faith still needs cheerleaders. Families need them. Parishes need them. Kids need them. People grow tired. Joy fades. Doubt creeps in. Someone who points and says look there helps more than endless advice. A life which quietly directs attention toward Christ speaks volumes. John fades from center stage, and he smiles doing so. He understood success. The mission involved preparing hearts, then stepping aside. The joy came from watching others meet Jesus. So take the role with confidence. Point toward Christ with your words and actions. Cheer loudly with your life. Then step aside and let the Lamb of God do the work.

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*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 & 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	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.*

## 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:

*I made a New Year's resolution to pray more. I set the time aside. The Bible is open. The bookmark is ready. Then my mind starts planning supper, reminding me to call my sister, and replaying yesterday's conversation. How do I stay focused?*

## Answer:

*First, relax. Distraction is not a sign you are bad at prayer. It is a sign you are human. Prayer time often turns into mental housekeeping. That is normal. Do not wrestle every thought to the ground. Notice it, smile, and gently return to prayer. Start small. Five faithful minutes beats twenty restless ones. If your mind wanders, bring it back again. And again. That return is part of the prayer. Over time, focus grows. God is not timing you. He is glad you showed up.*

## 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.

## KASKASKIA COLLEGE



## 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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### 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 18, 2026

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  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

### Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King Day  
Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools

### 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, January 11, 2026

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,162.00
Online Collection	1,293.69
Loose Collection	812.00
School Collection	65.00
Altar Society	215.00
Capital Campaign	145.00
Christmas Offering	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	30.00
Altar Society	190.00
Total Collections:	\$5,932.69

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support

### — — — Capital Campaign — — —

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

Total Campaign Pledges	\$343,059
Total pledges received	320,134
Pledges to be received over time	22,925
Donations need to reach goal	\$ 56,941

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### Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

5200 Glennon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63119

Mr. Grant Fender  
Mr. Kyle Kellerman

**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 Cimera  
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.



### Third Quarter Starts Strong at St. Mary School!

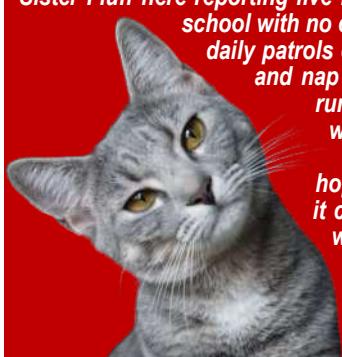
Our SMS students are back for the third quarter, and they wasted no time getting moving. At our All School Mass on January 9, we proudly recognized students who stood out in academics, lived their faith, helped others, and showed real improvement. Those moments matter. They tell our kids we see the effort, not only the grades. We also celebrated our eighth graders Callen, Griffin, and Bennett during Eighth Grade Basketball Recognition Night at a recent game. Big smiles, loud applause, and well earned pride filled the gym. As we step into the third quarter, there is a lot ahead of us and even more to be proud of. These students keep showing up, growing, and doing great things, and we could not be happier cheering them on.



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

All Clear at School. Sister Fluff Confirms Crumbs Secured and Order Restored!

Sister Fluff here reporting live from the floor level where truth lives and dust bunnies fear me. I am pleased to announce all is well at my school with no critters detected no suspicious noises and all crumbs located and consumed by me. Order remains intact. My daily patrols continue with focus and grace as I inspect desks from underneath check backpacks for snacks and secrets and nap strategically so it looks like prayer. Father Steve walks by and nods with respect because he knows who runs this place. It was sad watching the art come down from the hallway and I studied every piece carefully while they removed it with bright colors bold lines and many suns with faces. Strong work. The little humans felt it too with sighs shrugs and then immediate action as new paper appeared fresh crayons arrived and hope returned. I think I might pose for a portrait sitting tall tail wrapped neatly eyes wise beyond my months so it could hang next to Father Steve and Pope Leo as a balanced collection of leadership. The classrooms hum with life again as chairs scrape laughter erupts without warning and someone always drops a cracker which I handle swiftly. Teachers speak kindly but firmly and the little humans listen some of the time which counts as progress. No critters to report this week. The school stands strong faith grows snacks appear daily and I remain vigilant. This concludes the report. Sister Fluff stays watchful playful reverent and very much in charge! Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief





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