



# SAINT MARY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**February 1, 2026 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Season of  
ORDINARY TIME

### Mass & Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 (Vigil)**

**Blessing of Candles and Throats**

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

† Crucephine Pierson † Tina Suarez

Father. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Blessing of Candles and Throats**

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

**Blessing of Candles and Throats**

The living and † Deceased members of St. Mary

† Jack Marcum & Hope Harbin † Joe & Louisa Marcum

Father. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel

Rosary, Novena, and Exposition

Deacon Dan Laquet

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

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

† Father Dale Maxfield

Father Steve Pautler

**Thursday, February 5, 2026**

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

† Marilyn Oehmke † Charlotte Carson

† Marie Porter † Janice Kannall

Father Steve Pautler

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

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

† Mary Darin

Father Steve Pautler

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

For the sick and suffering

Father Steve Pautler

**Saturday, February 7, 2026 (Vigil)**

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

† JoDene Nall † Jane Clark

Father. Steven Pautler

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

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

The living and † Deceased members of St. Lawrence

† Harry & Josephine Rohner

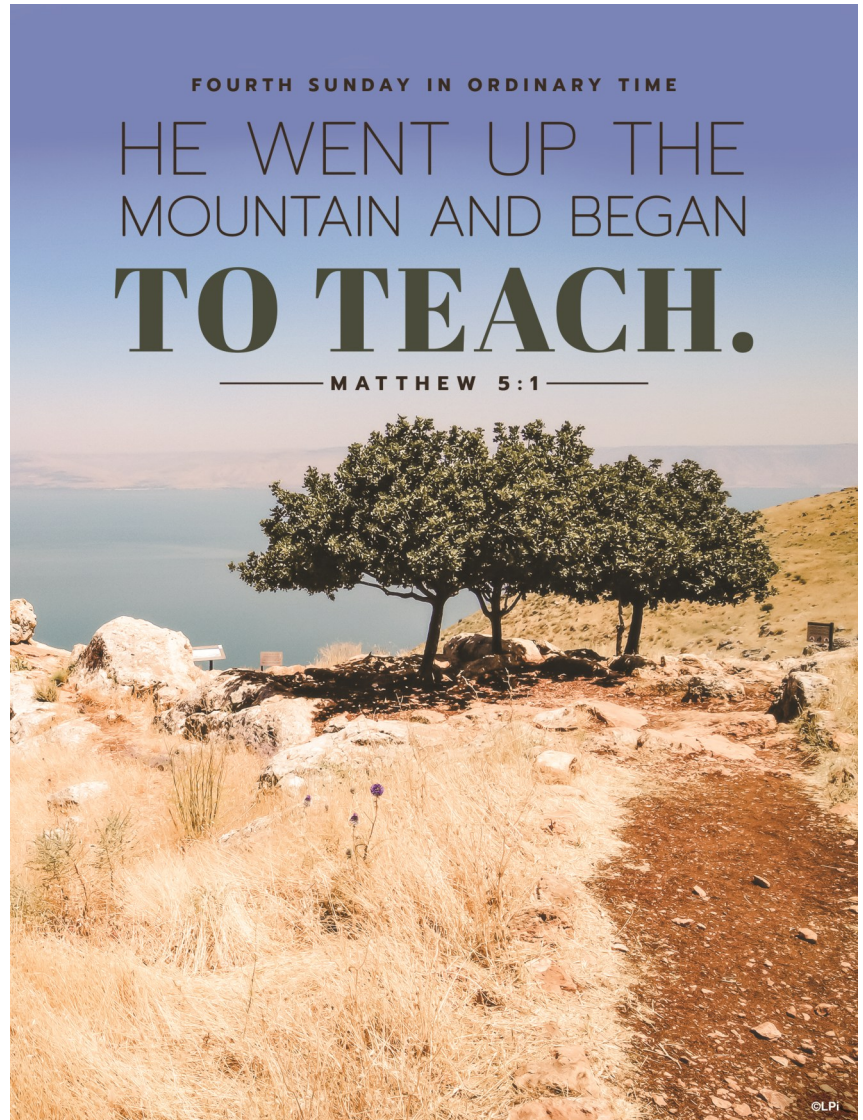
Father Steven Pautler

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

The living and † Deceased members of St. Mary

† Mary Mann † Roger Norstrom

Father Steven Pautler





### St. Mary Parish, Carlyle, Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, February 8 at the Carlyle KC Hall, KC 1382, Bingo License BL-346. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Six cards cost six dollars, with twenty four themed baskets, a blackout game for fifty/fifty, and a Valentine basket with cash as the attendance prize. Separate tickets will be sold for a quilt, afghans, a cutting board and knife set, and a Bath and Body Works basket. Sandwiches, desserts, and a bake sale with cakes, cookies, and pies will be available. All players must be eighteen. Come for the fun and head home a winner.

### 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

### MADE BY KIDS CRAFT FAIR

Get ready for something brand new and full of energy. St. Mary School hosts its first ever Made by Kids Craft Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the St. Mary School Gym, open to all kids in our area ages 3 to 18 at no cost. The gym fills with color, imagination, and proud young creators sharing crafts made by kids for the community to enjoy. Click the QR code to sign up and save a spot. For questions, contact Caitlin Harting at:



[charting@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:charting@stmarycentralia.org).

### Aviston Legion Auxiliary Rummage Sale

The Aviston Legion Auxiliary will host a Rummage Sale at the Aviston American Legion on Thursday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a bake sale, Friday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with everything half price and a bake sale, and Saturday, February 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon with a four dollar brown bag sale. There is something for everyone, so plan to stop by.

## SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**  
**Dan & Vicki Laquet - Centralia**  
**Becky Marcum - 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
7-Feb	Steve Miller	Tina Biagi	Bliss Pickett	Gene Gettinger	Diane Uhls	Pickett Family
4:00 PM		Susan Niepoetter	Max Alton	Mike Stock	Chris Kirk	
		Sharon Pierjok	Arabella Hudspeth			
	Tammy Miller	Mike Stock	Tyler Hudspeth			
8-Feb	Paul Mocaby	Devin Meier	Emma Burris	Tom Holle	Gayla O'Brist	Sipe Family
10:30 AM		Logan Meier	Camden Williams		CeCe O'Brist	
		Doug Pahnke	Gracelyn Burris			
	Cathy Benson	Paulette Pahnke	Evan Sipe			

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





## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Steve Pautler

### *Simple Steps, Blessed Lives.*

Matthew 5:1 to 12a never stays on the page. It walks into hospital rooms, sits at kitchen tables, shows up on ball fields, and yes, more often than I wish, stands beside caskets. When I sit down to prepare a funeral homily, I reach for the Beatitudes. I look at a life and I see pieces of them already written in real days and real choices. Kindness offered when nobody kept score. Patience held onto when it ran thin. Mercy given when pride wanted the last word. These words from Jesus fit real people with real stories.

Still, the Beatitudes speak far beyond funerals. They teach us how to live on an ordinary Tuesday. They guide how we treat the clerk at the store when the line moves slow. They shape how we answer the phone when the name on the screen brings mixed feelings. They help decide what to say, and when to stay quiet. The Beatitudes shape habits, not headlines. They work best in the small moments that never make the news but shape the heart.

I like to picture them as the voice of a GPS for the soul. **"Siri, guide me to heaven. Now loading the Beatitudes."** And off we go. Make a left turn toward mercy. Slow down near the school zone of patience. U turn ahead when pride grabs the wheel. Railroad tracks coming up when life jolts without warning. Speed camera detected when temper starts to rise. All very familiar. All very human. **If we laugh at this, it is because we recognize ourselves in it.**

Life does not move in straight lines. It loops. It stalls. It asks for reroutes. Some days feel smooth and others feel like every light stays red. The Beatitudes keep speaking through every bend and every delay. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the peacemakers. These words sound gentle, yet they ask for strength. It takes strength to forgive. It takes strength to stay calm when voices rise. It takes strength to keep loving when gratitude stays quiet. These are not lofty slogans. They are simple directions, steady and firm, spoken by One who knows the road and walks it with us.

**Here is the part I love the most.** When we miss a turn, God does not shut off the guidance. He does not leave us stuck on the shoulder. Grace keeps speaking. The invitation keeps coming. We learn, we grow, and we try again. The Beatitudes never shame us for falling short. They keep calling us forward, step by step, heart by heart.

And after many miles, after long seasons and short ones, after laughter and tears, after prayers whispered and prayers shouted, *there comes a line every heart waits to hear.* **"You have arrived at your destination."** No traffic. No delays. No more rerouting. Only welcome. Only home. Only the joy promised by Jesus when he first spoke these words to the crowd on the hillside.

So today, hear the Beatitudes as more than beautiful lines from a familiar Gospel. Hear them as daily guidance. Small steps count. Quiet choices matter. Faithfulness in hidden places shapes the whole trip more than any single moment ever will. Walk with mercy. Choose peace. Stay gentle. Trust God with the rest.

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

**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	Alan & Rosalie Thomas
March 2027	Will, Loretta Pedtke, Rob, Lorene Langenfeld
April 2027	Open

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

**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	Pearl Hamilton
March 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)**

The Made by Kids Craft Fair will take place at the St. Mary School Gym on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event welcomes all children from the surrounding area, not only students of St. Mary School. Young creators will have the chance to share their handmade crafts in a fun, lively setting designed especially for them. Mark the calendar and plan to stop by for a great afternoon of creativity and community. Children ages 3 to 18 are invited to participate as vendors at no cost. The crafts should be primarily created by the kids themselves. Registration is required and is available through the Google form. For questions, please contact Caitlin Harting at [charting@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:charting@stmarycentralia.org). The registration form is also available by scanning the QR code.



### **This week's question:**

**Last weekend our parish held a funeral on Sunday. I thought funerals and Sundays did not mix. Is a funeral on Sunday allowed, and if I attend, does it fulfill my Sunday obligation?**

### **Answer:**

**Yes, a funeral Mass is allowed on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, just not on Sundays of Advent, Lent, Easter, or on solemnities. On those Ordinary Time Sundays, the Sunday readings stay, the funeral prayers are added, and the Lord's Day still gets top billing. If you attend that funeral Mass, your Sunday obligation is fulfilled. If it is a funeral service without Mass, your prayers and hugs still count, but you still owe Jesus a visit at Mass later.**

## 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.

## ADMINISTRATION AND PARISH INFORMATION

### Pastor

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

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Devarajulu Ubbarapu

### Permanent Deacon

Deacon Dan Laquet | Ext. 301 | [daniel.laquet@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel.laquet@yahoo.com)

### 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 Klostermann | 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

## 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 February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

### Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday:

**Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day**

### 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 18, 2025		Sunday, January 25, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,728.00	Sunday Envelopes	\$1,470.00
Online Collection	978.19	Online Collection	893.69
Loose Collection	400.00	Loose Collection	82.50
School Collection	35.00	School Collection	250.00
Building Fund	-0-	Building Fund	70.00
Capital Campaign	295.00	Mass Stipend	60.00
Altar Society	355.00	Altar Society	50.00
Mass Stipends	100.00	Candles	120.00
		Capital Campaign	650.00
Total Collections: \$5,891.19		Total Collections: \$ 3,576.19	

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

**Total Campaign Pledges \$348,059**  
**Total pledges received 326,079**  
**Pledges to be received over time 21,980**  
**Donations need to reach goal \$ 51,941**



## 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

### For those who are homebound

JoEllen Nannie  
 David & Ida Guthrie  
 Barbara Francois

### Requested prayers

Wesley H. (six months old)  
 Tom Ballagh  
 Blain Loll  
 Robin Cimeria  
 Waylon Vick  
 Natasha Lang  
 Deb Steward  
 Mark Schwartz  
 Adam Brandt  
 Dorothy Jenkins  
 Bart Robbins  
 Jana Martin

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

Dylan Huether  
**For those in need**  
 Throughout the World

*Please call the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 to add or remove prayer requests. To be added to the prayer chain, contact Mary Miller at 618-292-1229.*





### PSR Christmas Party, Fun, Music, Laughter, and Prayer!

On December 21, our PSR families gathered for a joyful and faith filled Christmas celebration. Deacon Dan shared a reflection, and our 7th and 8th grade students led a decade of the Rosary. A skit with their teacher, Paul, brought smiles and set the tone for the night, followed by music from Michael Davis and his family, who led us in Christmas carols and even a spirited round of "Mary Did You Know." Father Steve stopped by to visit and take pictures, and Father Deva joined us later for refreshments and fellowship. The students also presented the beautiful Rosaries they made for their teachers. Thank you to Sally Tieman and Erendira Villagomez for the cookies, to the Davis family for the music, and to Santa for making a special stop. Most of all, thank you to our dedicated teachers, students, and parents. Together, we truly are the PSR family.

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

Oh hello, Sister Fluff here, reporting from a snow globe world where white covers everything and even my whiskers got a little frosty when I leaned too far out the door, while the little humans stayed home from school building snowmen and still no snow kitties, patience is a virtue and I am working on it; I tried a campus patrol, two steps in the snow and my toes filed a protest, so I returned to my warm post by the window and kept watch like a proper guardian of parish property, until I saw them again, tiny critters all ribs and shivers, and my heart did a small soft thing while my conscience cleared its throat and reminded me I ate well, chased a sock for sport, and knocked over a plant and blamed a little human, so I went to Father Steve's Snickers stash and yes I did it and no he will never miss them, I carried treats out with great care and greater purpose, the critters ate and ran, no thank you note and no lingering visit which feels about right, then I came back inside a bit cold, a bit proud, and a bit worried about future snack access, because mercy costs something even for kittens with good reputations to protect, and now I rest watching the snow fall, saying a prayer for warm nests and full bellies, and hoping Father Steve blames the little humans for the missing candy, forgive me Father, the critters needed it more, and also please buy more Snickers! **Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief**







### Vocation Awareness Week

Wednesday during Catholic Schools Week, Vocation Awareness Day was marked with a special gathering for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys. They joined Father Thomas Lugge, Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Steve Pautler, and Deacon Dan Laquet for lunch, prayer, and conversation. Father Thomas, Father Steve, and Deacon Dan shared their vocation stories, speaking about the real paths that led them to serve the Church today. The students asked thoughtful questions, and there was good discussion about how to listen for God's call and how discernment often begins with prayer, patience, and paying attention to where God places joy and peace. It was a meaningful time of faith, laughter, and honest talk, and a strong reminder that God continues to call hearts of every age.



### Monster Jam 2026, Staffing the Lunch Stand.

What a full and joyful day it was. Parents and teachers from our school stepped into the lunch stand at Monster Jam and ran it with teamwork, patience, and plenty of smiles. The pace was fast, the crowd was steady, and the energy never let up. Working together made the long hours lighter, and seeing our students stop by the stand was the best part of the day. Their faces lit up, they waved, they laughed, and for a moment the noise of Monster Jam faded into something more personal and proud. This all took

### A Sacred Step Toward Confirmation

As part of their preparation for Confirmation, our St. Mary School seventh and eighth grade students gathered for Mass in the Felician Chapel, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation. It was a quiet and grace filled moment in the middle of a busy school year.

Their Confirmation retreat takes place this weekend, January 31, so please hold these young men and women in your prayers as they listen, reflect, and grow in faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in Mount Vernon. You are warmly invited to join them in prayer and support as they take this important step in their life of faith! May the Holy Spirit steady their hearts, sharpen their courage, and remind them they never walk this road alone.





**ST. MARY SCHOOL PTO, KNOWLEDGE WANTED!**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**  
...BUT NOT REQUIRED... YOU CAN COME FOR THE FUN AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.  
 TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

\$120 per table (8 player max)  
 EXTRAS: Mulligans 50/50 Raffle

What's in Store for You: 10 Rounds General Trivia, Coolers and Food  
 Welcome - Advanced Reservations Recommended!

Bring your own snacks and drinks. For registration and further information, call or text:  
 Nicole Garren at 618 204 1490 or email  
[saintmarycentralia@stmarycentralia.org](mailto:saintmarycentralia@stmarycentralia.org)  
 To prepay using Venmo, send payment to  
 @stmarycentralia under charities and specify trivia.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. MARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**



**Congratulations SMS Alumni Bryden Hall**  
 Congratulations to SMS alumni Bryden Hall of a senior at CHS, Bryden is one of five athletes selected to play in the 52nd Annual All Star football game on June 20 at Illinois Wesleyan University's Tucci Stadium. Centralia head coach Brad Goewey praised Bryden as a high quality player and a top tier offensive tackle. Bryden was also named Illinois Coaches Association All South and Academic All State. We are proud of Bryden and grateful for the hard work and character he brings to the field and the classroom.

**St. Mary Parish Dinner and Auction**  
*Tra Amici e Amore Insieme*

**An Evening in Tuscany**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions, Gourmet Dessert Auction,  
 Cash Bar with Signature Cocktails, Raffle, Music, and More  
 Tickets \$40 Per Person or Table for 8 People \$320

**Live Auction 8:15 p.m.**

Doors open at 4:30 PM 🍷 Cocktails 5:00 PM  
 Dinner Will Be a Catered Gourmet Meal, Served at 6:00 p.m.

Registration & express check-out options available. 📄 HOW TO DONATE, PURCHASE TICKETS, AND KEEP UP TO DATE!  
[https://stmaryptto.schoolauction.net/tuscany/register/ticket\\_sales](https://stmaryptto.schoolauction.net/tuscany/register/ticket_sales)  
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