# Saint Mary
## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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## Mass and Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, September 12, 2026 (vigil)**
***Autumnfest 2026***
4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church
† Carol Orrell † Jack Marcum
† Steve Schwartz

**Sunday, September 13, 2026**
8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval
For the living and † deceased of St. Lawrence
† Linda DeKalb † Louis & Dorothy Schaubert

**10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church**
The living and † deceased of St. Mary Parish
† Harold "Bud" Miller † Roy Szatkowski
† Lawrence & Agnes Goebel

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026**
8:30 a.m. at Felician Chapel
Rosary, Novena, and Exposition

**Wednesday, September 16, 2026**
8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Chapel ***(Class Mass)***
† Joseph David Hoffner

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**
8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval
† Anna Basch † Donna Hoffmann
† Helen Grasher † Judy Saale

**Friday, September 18, 2026**
8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church ***(All School Mass)***
† Bernice & Joseph Chudzik

12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Chapel
For the sick and suffering

**Saturday, September 19, 2026 (vigil)**
**4:00 p.m.** at St. Mary Church
† Carrie Panega † Dr. Jerry L. Beguelin
† Gene Uhls

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**
**8:30 a.m.** at St. Lawrence Church, Sandoval
For the living and † deceased of St. Lawrence
† Barb Rohner † Ron Clark

**10:30 a.m.** at St. Mary Church
The living and † deceased of St. Mary Parish
† Butch Williams † Jack & Jerry Byrne
† Mary Jo Featherling







## Mark Your Calendar

**Weekend of September, 19-20, 2026**
Intellectual Disabilities Drive
*K of C Annual Tootsie Roll Collection*
After all Masses (both parishes)

**Saturday, September 26, 2026**
Barbecued Pork Steak Dinner
St. Lawrence Church, 4 pm to 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 2, 2026**
All School Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Animals after Mass
*and...*
**Sunday, October 4, 2026**
St. Lawrence Parking Lot - 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**
K of C Pro-Life Chain
St. Lawrence Parish 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday October 14, 2026**
PTO Meeting
St. Mary Cafeteria, TBA

**Sunday, October 25, 2026**
Bluegrass Mass & Picnic
St. Mary Gym, Mass at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, October 29, 2026**
Trunk or Treat
St. Mary Parking Lot 6:00 p.m.

## RETURNING GIFTS TO GOD

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 have found our parish online.

**ONLINE GIVING**

PLEASE VISIT:
**stmarycentralia.org**

**Sunday, September 6, 2026**

# COLLECTION TOTALS

**will be available next Sunday!**

## INFANT BAPTISM

Baptism preparation classes are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room for first-time parents. To schedule a time for baptism and to sign up for the preparation class, please contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your intended wedding date. Schedule your date and time with Father Steve or Deacon Dan at your earliest convenience.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Please contact Father Steve, or Deacon Dan. OCIA classes are ongoing. New classes begin in September. Contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 or Deacon Dan Laquet at daniel.laquet@yahoo.com.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOME VISITS

Anointing of the Sick is offered the first Friday and first Saturday of each month. For sacramental home visits, contact Deacon Dan at 618-532-6291, ext. 306, or Father Steve at 618-532-6291, ext. 307. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Steve directly at 618-853-2235.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

For our young people grades one through eight., PSR includes sacramental preparation. PSR meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish School and offers faith formation for our youth. Contact Deacon Dan Laquet at cre@stmarycentralia.org or the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

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: _____

☐ 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

## Office Hours and Information

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Closed Monday
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parish Phone: 618-532-6291
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School Fax: 618-532-2010
Email: parish@stmarycentralia.org

## Parish Staff and Administration

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**School Principal, Mrs. Maria Pryor Ext. 303**
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**School Secretary, Lynn Featherling Ext. 304**
lynn@stmarycentralia.org

**Parish Maintenance, Scott Becker**

**School Maintenance, Ray and Tarah Berger**

## Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered at St. Mary in Centralia on Saturdays from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Reconciliation is offered at St. Lawrence in Sandoval on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., or by appointment.

## Liturgical Ministers

We are in need of Lectors, Cantors, Ushers, Greeters, and Servers. Contact the Parish Office.

## Home and Hospital Visits

Please contact the Parish Office if a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or in a care center. Sometimes this is the only way Father, Deacon, and the parish know to pray for healing.

## Monday Evening Bible Study

Whether you are new to the Bible, returning to the Word, or seeking a faith community, our Monday Evening Bible Study begins at 6:00 p.m. and welcomes you. For more information, contact Pete Donnelly or the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

## Mary's Merry Quilters

Life is shaped by love, faith, and fellowship, and there is a place for you in our quilting group. We meet at St. Lawrence Parish Center every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. Contact Sally Tiemann at 618-830-7604 for more information.

## Social Justice Committee

As Catholics, we are called to uphold the dignity and rights of every person. Our next meeting will be announced in the bulletin. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Deacon Dan Laquet for more information at 618-532-9682.

**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**
**Child Sexual Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-640-3044

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Please Support our Neighboring Parishes and Organizations**

### Bells Across America
### Thursday, September 17, 2026

Prairie State NSDAR invites our church to ring its bells at 3:00 p.m. September 17, honoring the Constitution. For information, contact Joyce Pryor, committee chair.

### St. Felicitas, Beaver Prairie, Chicken Dinner
### Sunday, September 20, 2026

St. Felicitas Church hosts a drive-through chicken dinner September 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 13322 Church Road, Carlyle. Meals are $15 each.

### Beatification Mass and Expo
### September 24, 2026

The Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be celebrated on September 24, 2026, at 2 p.m. CDT at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. For ticket and volunteer information, visit **celebratesheen.com.**

### National Migration Week
### Saturday, September 26, 2026

Join us September 26, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for prayer, formation, and fellowship with Bishop Godfrey Mullen at the Cathedral Undercroft. Registration details attached. To register or for information, v**isit: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=YxxChb**

### St. Bernard, Albers, Annual Wurstmarkt
### Sunday, September 27, 2026

**Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Carryout or drive-thru. Whole-hog pork sausage and pork roast with sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, and cake. $16/meal. Links $2 each.

### St. Teresa, Marydale, Chicken Dinner
### Sunday, September 27, 2026

St. Teresa of Avila Church, Marydale, hosts a drive-through chicken dinner September 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 18021 Marydale Road, Carlyle. Meals are $15 each.

### Way of Lights Performer Opportunities

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is looking for choirs, individuals, and groups to perform during the Way of Lights. Visit **snows.org** for information.









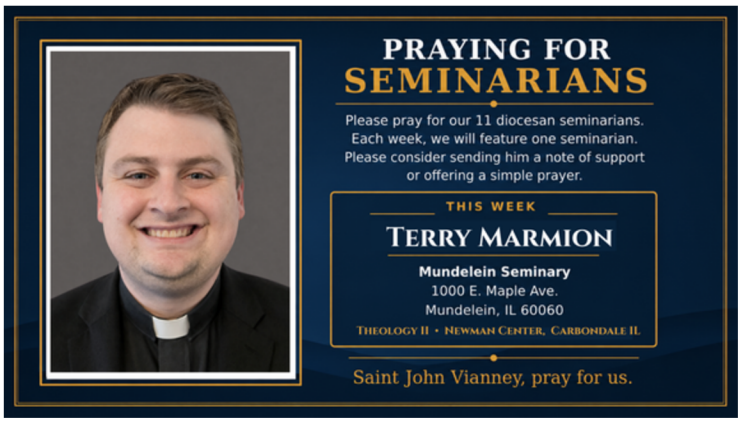




**The ministry schedule is available on the website: stmarycentralia.org**

**Please RSVP by October 19 so we know how much meat to order. Contact the St. Mary Parish Office at 618-532-6291, the St. Lawrence Parish Office at 618-247-3300, scan the QR code, or visit stmarycentralia.org.**

| Date | Lector/Cantor © | Extraordinary Min | Servers | Ushers | Greeters | Offertory/Gifts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19-Sep | Sharon Pierjok | Steve Beard | Hannah Heltsley | Gene Gettinger | Florence Peters | Williams Family |
| 4:00 PM | | Tina Biagi | Harper Heltsley | Jim Opolony | | |
| | | Bill Broda | Callen Williams | | | |
| | Rose Ross | Susan Niepoetter | Keegan Williams | | | |
| 20-Sep | Lisa Guthrie | Bonnie Langenfeld | Aria Quandt | Tom Ballagh | Barri Allen | Resch Family |
| 10:30 AM | | Devin Meier | Julie Siegler | Tom Holle | | |
| | | Logan Meier | Allison Siegler | | | |
| | Tammy Miller | Mary Miller | Ava Resch | | | |




## Praying for our Seminarians

Bishop Godfrey has asked every parish and school in the Diocese of Belleville to pray for our eleven seminarians. These men have courageously answered the Lord's invitation to discern a vocation to the priesthood. They need the prayers, encouragement, and love of our entire diocesan family.

Each week, our diocese will pray in a special way for one seminarian. Please offer a personal prayer for him, write him a note of encouragement, or send a small care package. Let each seminarian know he is remembered, supported, and deeply appreciated. Their vocations are precious gifts from God, and our prayers will strengthen them along the road to priesthood.

### *Why does the priest put a small piece of the Host into the chalice?*

During the Fraction Rite, the priest breaks the consecrated Host and places a small piece into the chalice. This ancient action is called the commingling. It expresses the unity of Christ's Body and Blood and points toward the risen Christ, who lives forever. While doing this, the priest quietly prays for eternal life for those receiving the Eucharist. It happens quickly, so many people never notice it. Nothing during Mass is random, even the tiny gestures. The Church has been celebrating the Eucharist for nearly two thousand years, so there is usually a reason behind everything Father is doing up there.




**This weather is no place for a furry feline! I need a cool breeze to ruffle my magnificent fur. And what is happening Saturday? Humans are rushing everywhere, while hundreds of fluffy, sweet morsels fill my hallways: red velvet cake, chocolate cake, brownies, oh my! As Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief, I am officially in charge of quality control. Saint Francis would approve. My diet begins Sunday, after Mass!**
**Love, Sister Fluff, DMC**

## CALENDAR WINNERS
**September 7, 2026**
**Allison Siegler - Centralia**
**Deb Hemker - Centralia**




Welcome to AutumnFest 2026. Whether you are a longtime parishioner, a former parishioner returning home, or a visitor who followed the smell of good food, we are happy you are here. We are grateful to welcome Glenn and Paul, musicians from the Cathedral of St. Peter, for our Saturday Vigil Mass. They have joined us for several years, and their music adds beauty and joy to our liturgy. Organizing a parish festival takes work. There are meals to prepare, tables to move, schedules to arrange, and countless details to remember. Raising funds is important, but AutumnFest also brings people together as a parish family.

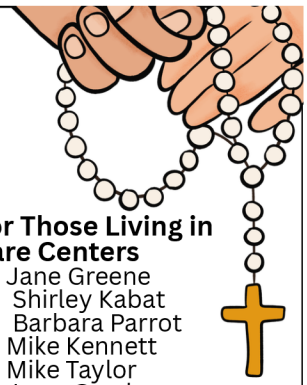
Of course, parish families have opinions. One person wants the tables here. Another wants them there. Someone remembers how we did it in 1987, and someone else remembers why we stopped in 1988. Working together sometimes leaves feelings bruised. We speak too quickly, listen too slowly, or hold onto a hurt longer than it deserves. In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how often he must forgive someone who sins against him. Peter thinks seven times sounds generous. Jesus answers, "seventy-seven times." In other words, stop counting. Forgiveness is not a punch card where the eighth offense earns someone a permanent place on our bad list.

Jesus tells of a servant forgiven an enormous debt who refuses to forgive a much smaller one. God has forgiven us more than we will ever understand. His mercy toward us must shape our mercy toward others. Forgiveness does not pretend the hurt never happened. It refuses to let the hurt control tomorrow. AutumnFest reminds us what happens when people choose a common purpose over personal preferences. We will not agree about every detail, and someone will still put a serving spoon in the wrong dish. Yet we belong to Christ and to one another. Let us enjoy the music, food, and fellowship. Let us also offer an overdue apology, accept one with grace, and carry God's mercy home with us.

## SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday, September 13, 2026**
First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12
Second Reading: Romans 14:7–9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**
First Reading: Isaiah 55:6–9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18
Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a
Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16a



**For Those Living in Care Centers**

Jane Greene
Shirley Kabat
Barbara Parrot
Mike Kennett
Mike Taylor
Jerry Grasher
Sharon Grasher
Phyllis Fanger
Gerald Fanger
Dorothy Jenkins
Gaye Harris Zurliene

**For Those Who Are Homebound**

JoEllen Nannie
David and Ida Guthrie
Barbara Francois

**Requested Prayers**

Blain Loll
Robin Cimera
Waylon Vick
Natasha Lang
Deb Steward
Mark Schwartz
Dorothy Jenkins
Bart Robbins
Jana Martin
Lana Shaw
Gene Gettinger
Lori Schwartz
Lauren Schwartz
Gary Schwartz
Phillip Schwartz

**Military Personnel and College Students**

Dylan Huether
Landon Walter
Aaron Bouas

***To have a name added or removed, contact Rosa at the Parish Office.***



*On behalf of the St. Mary Parish family, Father Steve and Deacon Dan offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported AutumnFest 2026. Whether you volunteered, donated, baked, cooked, served, cleaned, attended, or kept the celebration in your prayers, your generosity made the day a wonderful success. AutumnFest brought our parish and community together in faith, friendship, good food, and plenty of laughter. We are deeply grateful for every gift of time, talent, and treasure. Your kindness reflects the generous spirit of St. Mary Parish. May God continue to bless you and your families for helping make AutumnFest such a joyful parish celebration!*




*The St. Mary Giving Tree, located in the nave of the church, is a lasting memorial honoring those who have supported our Harvest of Blessings Capital Campaign. Individuals, families, and organizations are invited to add a leaf to the tree. Harvest of Blessings remains an ongoing opportunity to share our treasure and support the future of St. Mary Parish. Each leaf requires a donation of $250. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.*

# ST. MARY SCHOOL PTO 2026–2027 Schedule

**AUGUST 27, 2026**
1st PTO MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**
AUTUMN FEST

**OCTOBER 14, 2026**
2nd PTO MEETING

**OCTOBER 29, 2026**
TRUNK OR TREAT – *TENTATIVE*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2026**
TURKEY BINGO

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2026**
QUILT RAFFLE TICKET SALES
*Drawing will be held during the Parish Christmas Party!*

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2026**
CALENDAR SALES

**DECEMBER 15, 2026**
COOKIE TRAY DELIVERY

**JANUARY 20, 2027**
3rd PTO MEETING

**FEBRUARY 6, 2027**
CHICKEN & BEER DANCE

**FEBRUARY 20, 2027**
TRIVIA NIGHT

**MARCH 28, 2027**
EASTER EGG HUNT

**APRIL 21, 2027**
PTO MEETING #4

# September Sanctuary Candles

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God." Wisdom 3:1

## ST. MARY CHURCH

**Gene Uhls**

10/2026 Dr. Charles Fischer
11/2026 Kabat & Tomaszewski Families
12/2026 Nall, Hollern & Duty Families
01/2027 Decker & Wilson Families
02/2027 Alan & Rosalie Thomas
03/2027 William & Loretta Pedtke and Robert & Lorene Langenfeld
04/2027 Luis Maco
05/2027 Dolores, Mary, Rosalie, Dottie & Maggie
06/2027 Becker & Rensing Families
07/2027 Donald & Beverly Kelly

## ST. MARY CHAPEL

**Robert & Gary Kabat**

10/2026 Becker & Rensing Families
11/2026 Mary Mann
12/2026 Joe & Louisa Marcum & Jack Marcum & Hope Harbin
01/2027 Bill Schwartz
02/2027 Pearl Hamilton
03/2027 Roger Morton
04/2027 Lawrence & Gertrude Pautler
05/2027 Louis & Lillie Heuman
06/2027 Open
07/2027 Open

To help cover the cost of the Sanctuary Candles and to remember a loved one, we are asking for a $60.00 donation. Please contact Rosa at the Parish Office at 618-532-6291.

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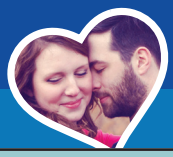
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