

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDOLE: St. Lawrence: Sunday at 8:30 am - Tuesday at 9:00 am - Holy Day Vigil at 6:00 pm St. Elizabeth: Sunday at 9:30 am - St. Mary: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Sunday at 10:30 am - St. Theresa: Sunday at 11:00 am

Reconciliation. Before Sunday Mass 8:00 am - 8:20 am.

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Marriage: Contact Pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the sick. Available as needed and at Mass twice a year.

Communion for the homebound: Contact Pastor or call the office.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 27 Don & Barb Rohner

Apr 29 Mathilda Lukeseck Tony Hilbus Alice Thorpe

May 04 Ron Clark

May 06 Theresa Hall Collins Kannall Louisa Massa Bernice Tackett

LITURGICAL ROLES

SERVERS: Loren Pepple II GREETERS: Cindy Lusch

Brenda Schaubert

LECTOR: Mary Williams GIFT BEARERS: Anna Adams & Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

Wayne Houser (Body of Christ) COUNTERS TEAM: Linda DeKalb

Kim Schulte & Theresa Oldham (Blood of Christ)

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SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka GREETERS: Rachel Peters

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Loren Pepples II (Body of Christ)

Wayne Houser & Dennis Krupp (Blood of Christ)

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CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
COUNTERS TEAM: Bob Perry

Theresa Ingles

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Apr 20, 2025

Envelopes \$1,035.00

Loose 232.00

Building Fund 100.00

Holy Thursday 85.00

Good Friday 100.00

Easter Offering 544.00

Attendance 150 -

Thank you for all your donations.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Apr 27 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:30 am St. Mary: 10:30 am

St. Theresa: 11:00 am

Tues Apr 29 MASS:

St. Lawrence 9:00 am

Sat May 03 MASS:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

Sun May 04

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:30 am St. Mary: 10:30 am St. Theresa: 11:00 am

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Knights News

Prayers for Msgr. Darin and a warm welcome to Father Pat Peter

The Knights will be leading the rosary before mass on Sunday, May 4th.

Many of you are aware that Msgr. Darin will soon undergo knee surgery. We've all witnessed the pain and discomfort he has carried with such grace in recent months. As he prepares for this important procedure, let us surround him with our prayers—entrusting him to the loving care of our Heavenly Father. May the Holy Spirit guide the hands of his surgeons, nurses, and all those who will tend to him. We pray for a smooth surgery, a swift recovery, and the joyful day when he returns to us, renewed and pain-free.

During his absence, we are grateful to welcome Father Pat Peter, who will be celebrating Mass with us at our three parishes in Centralia, Mount Vernon, and Sandoval. Please join us in extending a warm welcome and heartfelt gratitude for his presence.

Also, please note there will be adjustments to the Mass schedule at both St. Mary in Mt. Vernon and St. Mary in Centralia. We'll keep you updated on Msgr. Darin's progress and any further changes as they arise.

Peeps, Puddles, and the Power of the Resurrection "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24 You've probably heard the old weather folklore: "If it rains on Easter Sunday, it'll rain for the next seven Sundays." Well, the meteorologists called for rain—and technically, they weren't wrong. But before a single drop fell, we were blessed with a glorious Easter morning: sunshine, warm breezes, and families gathered in their Sunday best. Even if the skies opened up later in the day, the joy had already taken root. It's a beautiful reminder that even when the rain eventually comes, it can't wash away the promise of the Resurrection. This Easter, joy came bursting forth in every direction. Children laughed, families gathered, and yes—the indoor Easter egg hunts continued, but families still stepped outside for joyful photographs under bright skies. Nothing could dampen the true joy of Easter morning. Because here's the thing: Easter joy isn't weatherdependent. It's resurrection-dependent. And that, my friends, is rock solid.

That same joy continues to bloom in our parishes—especially as we celebrate First Holy Communion this Sunday at St. Mary in Centralia and next Sunday at St. Mary in Mt. Vernon. As a priest, there's no greater joy than saying, "The Body of Christ," and seeing a young person, full of faith and wonder, receive Jesus for the very first time. It's a sacred moment wrapped in smiles, proud families, and maybe a few wobbly dress shoes.

We also continue to walk with our newly baptized and confirmed members of the Church, welcomed into the faith on Holy Saturday. Their "yes" to the Church is a powerful witness—and although we may be tempted to immediate-ly sign them up to chair the next rummage sale, let's give them a little breathing room first. (The Holy Spirit moves fast, but not that fast!)

Yet amid the joy of Easter, our hearts are also heavy with the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His love for the poor, his tireless call for mercy, and his unwavering witness to the Gospel have left a mark on the Church and the world. As we commend him to God's eternal embrace, we re-member that his life, like all lives rooted in Christ, does not end in death—but continues in the light of the Resurrection. "Well done, good and faithful servant." May he rest in peace, and may we honor his memory by living the mercy he so often preached.

And today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that the joy of Easter is never meant to fade. Through the witness of St. Faustina, we are invited into the heart of Jesus, whose mercy knows no bounds. Her simple prayer—"Jesus, I trust in You"—is both a whisper of hope and a bold declaration of faith. Whether we're riding the highs of celebration or carrying the weight of sorrow, that mercy meets us exactly where we are.

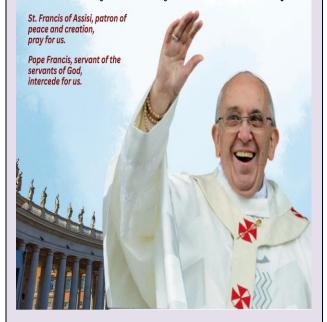
It's in the quiet of a hospital room, the uncertainty of a job search, or the si-lent ache of grief that Divine Mercy often shows up unannounced—like a warm breeze after a storm. It's in the strength to keep going, the courage to forgive, or the grace to begin again. Jesus doesn't wait for perfect conditions; He walks right into our mess with love that restores and mercy that heals. And that's the power of Easter: a Savior who steps into our storms, not to avoid them—but to transform them with mercy, love, and new life!





A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Pope Francis

In Gratitude for a Life of Goodness and Love Heavenly Father, From age to age, You raise up holy men and women who echo the heart of Your Son. Today, we give You thanks for Pope Francis—born December 17, 1936, and called home to You on April 21, 2025. In word and witness, he reflected the simplicity and compassion of St. Francis of Assisi, reminding us all that the path of humility is the path to Christ. Lord, inspired by the poor man of Assisi, Pope Francis showed the world a Church of open arms, mercy, and joy. He walked among the suffering, listened to the forgotten, and carried the Gospel to the margins of society. May we never forget his gentle spirit, his bold voice for peace, creation, and the poor, and his deep trust in Your boundless mercy.



REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

BEGINING MAY 3, 2025

WEEKEND MASSES REMAIN THE SAME

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL TUESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - ST. LAWRENCE TUESDAY - 4:30 P.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - ST. MARY CHURCH (MOVED TO THE CHAPEL STARTING MAY 28TH)

THURSDAY - 12:00 P.M. - ST. MARY HOSPITAL FRIDAY - NO MASS



St. Lawrence Church

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of April in loving memory of...

Joe & Florence Altadonna

In Loving Memory

April 2025 Joe & Florence Altadonna

May 2025 Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

June 2025 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny,

& Burns Family

July 2025 Marcus Oehmke

August 2025 Marcella Schulte

September 2025 Jim Gore,

Shedelbower & Gore Familes

October 2025 Bobby Hill,

Aaron & Dorothy Niepoetter

November 2025 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny

& Burns Family

December 2025 Shaun Ford

January 2026 Altadonna Family

February 2026 Mike Shaffer

March 2026 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny

& Burns Family

April 2026 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns

& Burns Family

May 2026 Open

June 2026 Ron Clark

July 2026 Marcus, Marilyn & Robert Oehmke

If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the $1^{\rm st}$ of the month until the last day of the month. You don't have to put a picture up if you don't want to. It is up to you.



RECENTLY DEPARTED SOULS

2025

Victoria (Vic) Steele

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Respect Life Corner 2nd Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

Vocation Corner 2nd Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

Quote for the week: Easter is the only time it is perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Second Week of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

On the **Second Sunday of Easter,** as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday,** we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." **John's Gospel** gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Monday we remember St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of St. Anthanatius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Friday is the Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles.

The **Acts of the Apostles** all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the **Acts of the Apostles** and from **John's Gospel**, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be "born again." Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. John's gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: "the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light..." But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. John writes, "For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God." After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

John's Gospel brings us a wonderful story for the Third Sunday of Easter. After the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Peter longs to return to his old life. "I am going fishing." he says. In a scene reminiscent of the original call of Peter, Jesus appears to the group after a futile night of fishing but is unrecognized by his followers. He calls out to Peter in the boat and tells him where to drop his fishing nets. The fish overflow the nets and they suddenly recognize him: "It is the Lord!" Jesus cooks them breakfast and asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter, puzzled, affirms three times that he loves Jesus - just as he denied him three times during the Passion. "Feed my sheep," Jesus says to him.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? Our challenge might be to give up enough control in our lives to simply ask God for help and a growing trust

What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from God to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Jesus, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:

h ps://onlineministries.creighton.edu/Collabora veMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

2ND Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025 Acts 5: 12-16 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:1-31 3rd Sunday of Easter May 04, 2025 Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 (2a) Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 Gathering: #410 Join in the Dance Pres. Of Gifts: #413 Alleluia No.1

Communion: #405 O Sons and Daughters #779 In the Breaking of the Bread Recessional: #523 We Belong to You

Readings: 903



Come Grow With Us! Registration Now Open at St. Mary School

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Mary School is now officially open! We are excited to welcome new and re-turning families into our vibrant learning community where faith, knowledge, and service come together each day. Whether your child is entering preschool, kindergarten, or transferring from another school, St. Mary's offers a warm and welcoming environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Catholic education is one of the most powerful gifts we can offer our children. At St. Mary School, we don't just teach curriculum—we form disciples. Our students learn to see the world through the eyes of faith, guided by values like compassion, integrity, and respect. But we can't keep this gift to ourselves! If you love what St. Mary's offers, share it with others—neighbors, friends, coworkers. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to help more families discover the blessing of Catholic education. Let's continue to build a community where Christ is at the center and every child can shine.

Email: mariapryor@stmarycentralia.org Call: (618) 532-3473



Our Lenten journey began in quiet humility on Ash Wednesday, as we received ashes—reminders of our mortality and need for God's mercy. For forty days, we walked with Jesus through sacrifice, prayer, and repentance. Along the way, we grew in faith, carrying one another's burdens and drawing closer to Christ. Now we stand before the empty tomb, where sorrow is transformed into joy and death into life.

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

SETH WILLIAMS - ODIN LEA ANN SISNEY - TEXICO



SUNDAY MASS

St. Mary (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. St. Mary (Vigil) Carlyle 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 a.m. St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – 9:30 a.m. St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa - 11:00 a.m.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, April 28, 2025 Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2:1-7a, 7b-9 John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34:2-9 John 3:16-21

Thursday, May 1, 2025 Genesis 1:26B-2:3 Psalm 90:2-4, 12-14, 16 Matthew 13:54-58

Friday, May 2, 2025 Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 John 6:1-15

Saturday, May 3, 2025 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Psalm 19:2-5 John 14:6-14

What is a Vocation?

A vocation is how God calls us to love, follow and serve Him in our lives. Everyone is called to a life of holiness, but the different vocations are the ways we could be called to live. There are four main vocations in the Catholic Church: marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, and single life.



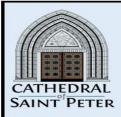
WHEN: May 3, 2025

WHERE: St. Mary School Gym

WHY: Raise Funds for SMS Playground

Purchase tickets at St. Mary School Office, St. Mary Parish Office, or online at stmarycentralia.org





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BIRTHDAY

04-29 John Toedte

05-03 Jane Waddell

05-05 Garry Pryor

05-06 Jared Farthing

05-09 John Rohner

05-11 Mary (Schaubert) Williams

05-15 Fr. Jose Jacob

05-16Allison Lammers

05-16 Blake Lammers

05-17 Eugene Nalewajka

05-17 Bettye (Resch) Williams

05-19 Kaiden Alonso

05-23 Phyllis Aydt

06-01 Samantha Hall

06-16 Barb Spears

06-16 Carlton Wright

ANNIVERSARY

05-20 Tony & Lana Nalewajka 06-08 Danny & Judy Fark

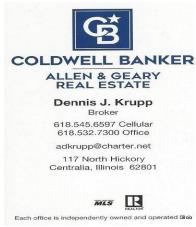
06-12 Eugene & Nancy Nalewajka

06-25 Carl & Mary Altadonna

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2025 2025SETTING UP FROM 5:00 PM - ?. DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 FROM 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRENDA SCHAUBERT

Those in nursing homes or assisted living are: Gerald & Phyllis Fanger. Please pray for them, their families and their care-givers.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED APRIL:

04-94 LeRoy Cleveland Quick

05-99 Leona F. Altadonna

07-14 Pauline (Lukeseck) Gambill

08-93 Emma L. Burtz

09-05 Raymond W. Hoffman

09-15 Lois Diane Lusch

10-86 Erwin J. Nalewajka

12-01 Mathilda Lukeseck

12-96 Bertha Mae Perez

13-04 Adam "Margie" Betti

13-00 Frances Moore

13-96 Alexandria "Olga" Temple

16-92 John Korzenewski

19-95 Anthony F. Hilbus

20-23 Alice Jayne Thorpe

21-93 Jerry H. Pinkoski

25-06 Leo Nalewajka

26-10 Bernice M. Beard

26-17 Elsie Daniel

26-90 Anthony Tillman

28-98 Donna A. Stock

30-05 Linda Kay Crowell



PRAYER REQUEST - CAN YOU PLEASE GO OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEDS TO BE REMOVED PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

2 Special Cancer People, Brenda Altadonna, Chris Berry, Brianna Blakley, Earl Bosler, Shirley Brady, Clayton & Kay Cain, Craig Church, Heather Clark, Mindy Clark, Daisy Conrad, Linda DeKalb, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Mary Gore, Barb Grasher, Debbie Grasher, Alexus Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Mary Ann Hall, Tom Hall, Shay & Sara Hodge, Michelle Irvin, Wilma Jourdan, Bob Kannall, Cassy Karcher, Marlene Lackey, Judy Jenkins, Karleigh McClaren, Tracy Minton, John Mullen, Jerry Nitz, Earl Nolte, Jeff Orrell, Susan Parrish, Wayne Pepple, Rachel & Sandie Peters, Brenda Pinkston, Jerry Ratermann, Pat (Gerrish) Roestel, Kenny & Mary Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto Schaffer, Kim Schulte, Fr. Carl Schrage, Shamus, Jack Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski, John Alan Small, Milya Smith, Zelma (Wurm) Smith, Patti & Jerome Stack, Brittany Starbreck, Evelyn Szatkowski, Janette Torrance, Jane Waddell, Waylon Vick, Ledger Whisenand, Ella Wiemerslager, Craig Williams, Sara Wright.





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