




SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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WHEN THE
DOORS WERE
LOCKED, JESUS
CAME.

— JOHN 20:19 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY, MT. VERNON

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am {LIVE}

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30 am {LIVE}

Tuesday | 5:30 pm {LIVE}

Thursday | 12:00 pm - SSM Hospital Chapel

ST. MARY, CENTRALIA

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am

ADORATION

Tuesday | 4:30 pm (for Vocations)

Wednesday | 9:15 am

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday | 6:15 pm (after Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm or by Appt.

OUR PARISH MISSION

"We are people guided by God, called to be a welcoming community, celebrating our Catholic Christian faith through continuing worship, education, and service within our parish and the world beyond."

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Prayer, Adoration & opportunity for Reconciliation

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26th | 5:00 pm

†**Betty Herzing Tanner**
†**Charles & †Jacqueline Rodgers**

Sunday, April 27th | 10:30 am

†**St. Mary Parishioners**

Monday, April 28th | 8:30 am

†**Pope Francis**

Tuesday, April 29th | 5:30 pm

†**Dennis Bathon**

Wednesday, April 30th | 8:30 am

Paula Lake

Thursday, May 1st | 12:00 pm

SSM Hospital Chapel

†**William Rapp**

Friday, May 2nd | 8:30 am

†**Edie Hagene**

Saturday, May 3rd | 5:00 pm

†**Christi Burns**

†**Kathy Hansen**

Sunday, May 4th | 10:30 am

†**Patrick Williamson**

St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 /Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Cloena Kiselewski	Deonna Schreiber	Laura Cashman	Pat Kelly
Paula Lake	David Bauman	Hunter Chambliss	Della Mauro
Very Rev. F.	Gary Hart	Jules Allali	Carol Parks
William Etheredge	Douglas Manne	Faye Bathon	Tina Pasquinelli
Faith Etheredge	Bob Heck	Anita Bochantin	Keri Sipe
Brad Hails	Rhonda Mooreland	Brenda Breeze	Elizabeth Rapp
Mary Kusmer	Jeff Rennegarbe	Rose Ellen Clancy	Madona Nabua
Tom Pomhirsch	Shiloh Burns	Donald Collier	Syxiengmay
Maria Brown	Robert Jenkins	Carrie Fox	Ronni Zawila
Terry Harris	Pam Cummings	Skip Fox	James Frey
Carrie Hoffhouse	Tom Berschied	Susan Fox	Hilda Witges
Richard Czerwinski	Mike Moehn	Jackie Gill	Meredith Nowland
Sylvia Czerwinski	Carol Niedbalski	Jeanette Ingram	Residents of all
Kathy Williams	Ray Gluss	Ruth Jones	Long Term Care
Brenda McPherson	Braxley Hodson	Russell Jukes	Facilities

If you would like to add or remove a name on the prayer list, please email bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org or call the church office. Thank you!

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CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

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in honor of Mother's Day



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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.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVE

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 weather-dependent. 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 immediately 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 remember 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.

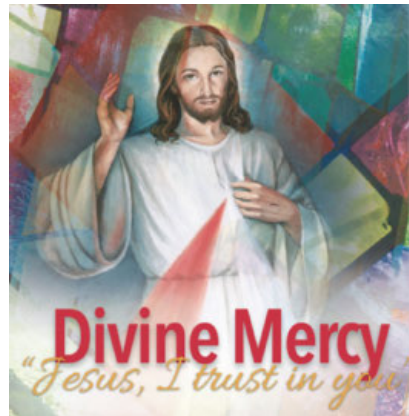
It's in the quiet of a hospital room, the uncertainty of a job search, or the silent ache of grief that Divine Mercy often shows up unannounced—like a warm breeze after a storm. It's in the strength to keep going, the courage to forgive, or the grace to begin again. Jesus doesn't wait for perfect conditions; 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!



MAY THE SOULS of
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH *the* MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



1936 - 2025



*Divine Mercy
Sunday*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

*Join us for prayer,
Adoration & Reconciliation*

ANNOUNCEMENT NEW MASS TIMES

Beginning May 7th

Wednesdays | 12:00 pm
SSM Hospital Chapel

Thursdays | 8:30 am
Adoration at 9:15 am

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Tuesday, May 6th
Gathering Space | 7:00 pm

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, May 6th
Fellowship Room | 6:00 pm
**Appreciation Dinner*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, May 13th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP MASS

Sunday, May 4th
Church | 10:30 am

CONFIRMATION & LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, April 27th
Gym | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Check back for future dates

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Thursday, May 8th
Philip Neri Room | 10:30 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, April 27th
Sunday, May 11th

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

OCIA CLASS

Check back for future dates

MARY'S TABLE

Saturday & Sunday, June 14th & 15th

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

Reader: Sara Allen, Pat Butler
Eucharistic Ministers: John and Cindy Sloan, Kay McCulley, Robin Atkins, Jerry LaLumondier, Skip Fox
Hospitality: Ryan Schmidt, Pat Panarese, Mel and Barb Gajewski, Paul Sanders, Zella Fitts
Office: Megan Schmidt
Servers: Volunteers
Sacristan: Ayden Sloan

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH - FIRST COMMUNION

Readers: John Gleason, Michael Gleason,
Eucharistic Ministers: Nick Schrementi, Ashlie Newcomb, Tim Bain, Janice Eischens, Ronan Kuberski, Volunteer
Hospitality: Dax Bridwell, Jim Rozycki, Steve Manning, Christina Keifer, Steve Rapp, Jeff Harrison
Office: Carol Baril
Servers: Maverick, Ruby, Azlyn
Sacristan: Nick
Camera: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

MAY 2ND -Debbie Young/TL, Pat Butler, Mary Ann Harris, Lori Kabat, Kay McCulley, Sharon Martinek

MAY 9TH - Cindy Sloan/TL, John Sloan, Sen Dinh, Dorris Klotz, Anita & David Spotanski

Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

Drop off in the large rice bowl in the gathering space or the church office.

2025 ST. MARY
PARISH-WIDE
May 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

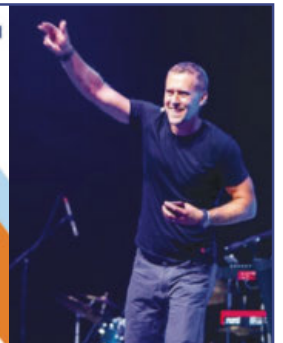
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Good Friday Collection	\$842.00
Loose Collection	\$1507.77
Total (Includes Online Giving)	\$26,122.77

BISHOP JOHN C. IFFERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund provides tuition assistance to students for Catholic Education at St. Mary School.

Donation total to Date \$42,750.00
(*\$25,000 from the auction "Sponsor A Student"*)

ST. MARY SCHOOL LEGACY FUND (MT. VERNON)

Preserving the future of Catholic Education
For information contact:

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To include something in the bulletin, email Kendra Clark at bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org. Deadline: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS (CHURCH & SCHOOL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Church | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Prayer, Adoration & opportunity for Reconciliation

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PSR & SCHOOL

Church | During 10:30 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

*PARISH WIDE "REBOOT" WITH CHRIS STEFANICK

Church | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Tickets on sale now!

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH & SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Parish Center Gymnasium | Details coming soon!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

*YOUNG ADULTS BIBLES & BREWS WITH FR. JOEL

St. Andrews Rectory, Murphysboro, IL | 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE DINNER

Newman Center, Carbondale | Doors open 5:30 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

*NATURAL TALENT POLKA BAND FROM WISCONSIN

Knights of Columbus Hall, DuBois, IL | 5:00 pm

Elk's **Chicken Dinner** **Fundraiser**

to support the

St. Mary School Athletics Association

April 27th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mt. Vernon Elk's
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Masses, School Office & Church Office*



JOIN US FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY CCW

ANNUAL

Appreciation Dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP ROOM

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1ST

Call or text Suzie Schmidt at 618-214-8985.

All ladies of the Parish 18 & up are welcome!

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Department of Children & Family Services
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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FR. STEVEN PAUTLER OFFICE HOURS

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Thursdays & Fridays

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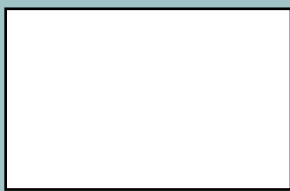
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