

The Parish Communities of Holy Trinity, St. Mary & St. Rita

Farewell to Fr. John Burnette & Welcome Fr. Tomy Phillip



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St. Mary School

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
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Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am-3:30pm
Friday: Office Closed

St. Mary Website

stmarytaylorville.org

Music

Jean Ninmer—Pianist
Kathy Fergin—St. Mary's Schola
Sandy Asmussen—Elizabeth Ministry

Reconciliation

Sat-11:30 am - 12:00 pm	St. Mary
Sat- 3:15 pm - 3:40 pm	St. Rita
Sun - 8:15 am- 8:40 am	Holy Trinity

Weekend Mass Times

Sat	4:00 pm	St. Rita
Sat	5:30 pm	St. Mary
Sun	9:00 am	Holy Trinity
Sun	11:00 am	St. Mary

Weekday Mass Times

Mon/Tues	7:30 am	St. Mary
Wed	7:30 am	St. Rita
Wed	9:00 am	Holy Trinity
Thurs	9:00 am	St. Mary

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Dear Parishioners,

What comes to mind as I prepare to conclude my assignment here is first of all, gratitude, to God, to you, and to Bishop Paprocki. Secondly, Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, and how "God has made everything appropriate to its time..." (vs. 11) This has been our time together on the journey of Faith. Together many good things have happened. I was not me, it was you, you, and you —Together! **Thank you!**

When I arrived just over 22 months ago there were two things on my mind, Romans chapter 8, and Dolly Parton's song, "I Can See the Light of a Clear Blue Morning." St Paul in Romans 8 teaches that God makes everything work together for good for those who love Him. And that there is "nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." And the parish staff would often hear quote Dolly that "Everything's gona work out, everything's `gona be alright, it's gona be okay." That's just how our God works. And so it is!

This past Wednesday members of the Centennial Capital Campaign and Finance Council and I, were able to present to Bishop Paprocki checks to pay off our school, and the entire debt of St. Mary Parish! **Together good things happen!**

I was also able to present to the Bishop checks to pay off over half of St. Rita Parish Debt! **Together good things happen!**

Together our St. Mary School enrollment has grown, and is in the midst of a long-range plan that will ensure excellence in education in a faith filled environment. We want our children to be explorers of God's goodness and creation. For when they explore and discover it becomes their own. Who we are and all that surrounds us is a gift from God who loves us enough to give us His Son. When we discover this we become full of joyful hope. Happy in the midst of challenges.

Together we welcomed nineteen new Catholics at the Easter Vigil this year, and are on track for a large number this next year. Please pray for our new members and those who are exploring our Faith.

Together good things happen! I invite you to ask God to help you live His dream for you and for our parish. Good things will continue to happen, together!

We are a pilgrim people on our way to the fulness of the Kingdom. Much like the pilgrims on the journey to Canterbury, as recorded in the "Canterbury Tales," we journey with different groups of people on the way. Each sharing the story of our lives. We are enriched on the way, together.

Now we welcome Father Tomy Phillip who will join you on your journey of Faith. I encourage you to welcome him as you have me. He has the heart of a missionary. He will join you on the next time of growth. Please pray for him.

My life has been richly blessed by journeying with you! You have been so kind and welcoming—I have felt at home among you.

Thank you. Part of my heart will remain with you—and you will always be in my prayers as I journey onward, and look forward to seeing you again, if not here, in Heaven.

You remain in my prayers. Please pray for me.

God bless you, Father John C. Burnette



Pictured above is Bob Curry, Bishop Paprocki, Fr. Burnette, Mike Brotherton & Gary Fry paying off St. Mary debt!

Payments included: \$213,620.21 for the school loan and \$131,654.05 for health benefits, Property and Liability Insurance and past priest payroll.



Pictured above is Msgr. David Hoefler, Vicar General, Bishop Paprocki, Fr. Burnette, & Mark Brummer, Director of Finance paying off some of the St. Rita—Property and Liability Insurance debt!

Payments included: \$26,000 from the Centennial Campaign; \$2,100 from the Altar & Rosary Society; and \$1,891.80 from the St. Rita second collection (April 2026—June 2026).

Stewardship

This week's stewardship of Time and Talent Salute:
In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:

Sam Fortner

Thank you to Sam for taking communion to the nursing homes and homebound! We are so thankful for you!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

August 17—August 23		
PARISH TITHE & OFFERINGS	WEEKLY	YTD TOTAL
Weekly Goal	\$14,500.00	\$116,000.00
Weekly Offerings	\$10,647.17	\$92,726.83
Over (Under)	-\$3,852.83	-\$23,273.17
JULY 2026		
Campaign	ITD TOTAL *	
Monthly Goal	\$70,829.33	\$589,708.88
July 2026	\$68,842.84	\$587,432.39
Over (Under)	-\$1,986.49	-\$2,276.49
*Campaign inception to date		

Fall Festival News!

* Heavenly Sweets! *

After you've enjoyed the Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner, don't forget to stop by Heavenly Sweets! Our brand-new dessert shop filled with homemade treats made with love by our wonderful parish and school families!

But first... we need your help!

We're asking our amazing parishioners, school families, and friends of St. Mary's to help us stock Heavenly Sweets by donating your favorite homemade desserts! Whole or single serve goodies please!

We're looking for:

- *Pies
- *Cakes
- *Cupcakes
- *Cookies
- *Brownies & Bars
- *Breads
- *Candy

*And any other delicious homemade specialty!

Your donation will help make Heavenly Sweets one of the sweetest stops at this year's Fall Festival while supporting St. Mary's Church and School.

Desserts may be purchased on Sunday, September 20, during and after the Fried Chicken Dinner.

Dessert donations can be dropped off in the cafeteria on Saturday, September 19th from 10am - 7pm or Sunday, September 20th 8am-10am.

Thank you for always sharing your time, talents, and treasured recipes. Together, we'll make this new tradition one everyone looks forward to year after year!

Every great chicken dinner deserves a heavenly dessert!

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. The Parishioners of Holy Trinity, St. Mary & St. Rita

Sunday, August 30

11:00 a.m. Dr. Ignacio Del Valle by Bible Group

Monday, August 31

7:30 a.m. Ashley Wallace(Bday) by Dad

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 a.m. Mike Zagotta by Paulita Killian
9:30 a.m. (Hickory Ests.) Josephine McKinney by John & Shawn Faloon

Wednesday, September 2

No Mass

Thursday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Ann Maguire by Dana Murray

Friday, September 4

7:30am Penny Shehadeh by Carolyn Litteken & The Broverman Family by Bob & Barbara Appleton

Followed by Holy Hour

Saturday, September 5

5:30 p.m. Toni Bennett by Madge Francis

Sunday, September 6

11:00 a.m. The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Server Schedule

Aug 29	5:30pm	Amya Buschon & Rylie Whitlow
Aug 30	11:00am	Ava & Eliza Hempen
Aug 31	7:30am	Ila Assalley & Liam Bland
Sept 1	7:30am	Gemma Corso & Julia Corso
Sept 3	9:00am	Ila Assalley & Anna Cervi
Sept 4	7:30am	Fin Davis & Oliver Bland
Sept 5	5:30pm	Rylie Whitlow & Joseph Goodman
Sept 6	11:00am	L. Pickett. F. Montgomery. J. Bertelsen, C. L. & F. Davis

Lector Schedule

Aug 29	5:30pm	Mickey Newlin
Aug 30	11:00am	Nicholas Goodman
Sept 5	5:30pm	Mickey Newlin
Sept 6	11:00am	Rita Meyers

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Aug 29	5:30pm	P. Millburg, S. Randall & G. Burke
Aug 30	11:00am	B. Curry, M. Reiss & M. Brotherton
Sept 5	5:30pm	S. Randall, C. Waterman & B. Curry
Sept 6	11:00am	H. Summers, G. Burke & G. Fry

Tri Parish Happenings:

9/6: Installation of Fr. Tomy Phillip
9/13: Breakfast @ KC Hall @ 8-11am
9/18-9/20: Fall Festival
10/10: 1st Annual KC Car Cruise
10/10: Rosary Rally

Do not forget to pick up your Fall Festival envelopes in the back of church! These envelopes have your meat and money raffle tickets in them!

St. Mary's School



Congratulations to our 6th graders who were commissioned as our school leaders at the Children's Mass last week. Please keep our 6th graders and all our students in your prayers.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the dining room area during lunch and recess help. If you have a day you can help us out, please call the school office at 824-6501.



A tradition we started last year....At our 1st Booster Club Meeting, the Kindergarten Class and 6th grade class "Meet in the Middle". The 6th grade presented each Kindergarten student with a Welcome to St. Mary School Gift. Each Kindergarten student received a St. Mary t-shirt, sidewalk chalk and a squishy.

How can you help St. Mary School provide a quality Catholic education?

1. Use the Annual School Fund envelope to donate to the scholarship fund– write Scholarship in the memo
2. Buy a paver in honor of your family or a loved one.
3. Sponsor a classroom or program as a Partner in Education.
5. Contribute to the school to help with operating costs.

Contact the school at 824-6501 for more information.

Religious Ed Corner

Faith Talk for Families - Today is the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. How often do we struggle to think as God does, instead of as human beings do? Just last week, our Mass readings described how God had helped Peter to see the truth that Jesus was the Son of the living God. In this week's reading, we see Peter struggling to understand Jesus and his calling. We too might have moments of insight where we can see God more clearly, as well as moments of doubt and struggle. God is present to us and working to teach us no matter where we find ourselves in our faith journey. Jesus' invitation is simple; follow me. People often talk about taking up your cross or carrying a cross. What do these phrases mean? This week talks about this as well as ways to follow Jesus!

School children will help with the singing on Sunday, September 6th at the 11 am Mass for Father Tomy's Installation Mass. Bishop Paprocki will be the presider!



Bishop Fulton Sheen, one of the very first TV evangelists, was on television regularly from **1952 to 1957** hosting *Life Is Worth Living* on the DuMont Network and ABC, and later from **1961 to 1968** hosting [*The Fulton Sheen Program*] (<https://fulton-sheen.catholic.edu/evangelization/index.html>). He also made early experimental television broadcasts as early as 1940. He will be beatified at the Dome at the America Center in St. Louis on 9/24/26. We have purchased tickets and chartered a bus to go to this event. We hope many can join us!

Youth Group will begin with a Parent Meeting tonight, August 30th @ 6pm in the school library. Please come to discuss how to best serve the Jr. & Sr. High youth of our parish!

Our Lady of Fatima

Stay tuned each month for information about Mary's monthly appearances to the shepherd children in Fatima in 1917. We will celebrate her final appearance with our Rosary Crusade on Saturday, October 10th as we join with thousands around the world to pray the rosary on the anniversary of her final appearance.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Vickie Bertoldo, Johnny Corso, Don Cousins, Retta Fortner, Betty Fritch, Kenneth Gatton, Chuck Heiple, Ayla Hughes, Mundhenke Family, Donna Norris, Kathy O'Brien, Georgianna Pagliai, Joseph J. Pop, Frank Sedlock, Gary Sinnard, Nell Smock, Kimberly-Springer, Rita Springer, Linda Vono, Bonnie Wagner, Bobby Warren, Brian Wolanski

Ministers

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Lector— Linda Lauher

Extraordinary Ministers —Pat Aderson, Allan Lauher, Dave Menossi

Counter - Martha, Linda B, Allan

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Adult Envelopes	\$1,508.00	\$12,420.00
Total Budget Goal	\$1,310.00	\$9,170.00
Variance	\$27.00	\$1,715.25
Candles	\$0.00	\$14.00
Second Collection	\$215.00	\$1,341.58
Maintenance	\$110.00	\$525.00
Centennial Campaign	\$3,575.00	\$3,0403.00
Mission Fund-Co-Op Fund	\$5.00	\$255.00
Donation P&L insurance	\$0.00	\$2,100.00

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the event for Father John last Saturday after mass. We had a great turnout. We wish Father good health and safe travels as he will enjoy traveling in his retirement. He will be greatly missed. We offer welcome Father Peter Chineke to our parish.

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Gregory Norris by
The Norris Family &
Jerry Young by Cynthia Sapetti

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 7:30 a.m.

Alfred Frazier by
Judy and Don Gene Fassero

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Josephine Magos by Cynthia Sapetti
&
Catherine Maltby by
Ruth Bernanrdi

Centennial Capital Campaign

Please complete the pledge cards for the Capital Campaign and drop them in the collection basket if you haven't already done so. When fulfilling your pledge be sure to write Capital Campaign on the check or envelope. Please add your name and envelope number when giving cash. Thank you for all your continued support.

Diocesan Assessment

P & L Ins. 2020 thru 2024 \$39,012.23

ACSA 2019 thru 2024 \$10,623.00

Priest Hlth. Ins. & Retirement
2020 thru 2024-CCIRP \$10,331.81

Total: \$ 59,967.04

HAPPENING AT ST. RITA

9/20/2026

A diamond art session will be held at 1:00 in the church hall. \$10 a person and you will have 2 cards to decorate. 1 is a Birthday card and 1 is a Christmas card. Come join us and have a fun afternoon. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church.

10/01/2026

Our bible study classes will resume at 1:00. I hope we have a great crowd again this year. We will discuss how often we should meet.

10/16/2026

We will have our pork chop dinner. Adults \$12 includes: Butterfly pork chop, scalloped potatoes, green beans and a roll. If eating in, dessert will be included. Kids \$5 hotdog meal available

11/14/2026

The Basket raffle will begin. We will start selling tickets before and after mass. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please have your baskets in by 11/11/2026. They will be locked in the office and placed out on Saturday afternoon.

**ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Jamie Springmant- Music Liturgist

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Contact Church

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-3:45 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday 1/2 hour before Mass

Pastoral Meeting

2nd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

3rd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m.

Altar & Rosary Society

3rd Monday of month, 6 :30 p.m.

Funeral Dinner Committee:

Marge Drea, 287-7015

Prayer Chain Committee:

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Pat Anderson 217-827-1490

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Mass Schedule
Sunday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance
30 minutes prior to Sunday Mass
or by Appointment

Communion Service
Friday—9:00 a.m.
Followed by Adoration 9-5 pm

Coffee & Donuts
1st Sun. Oct—Dec , Feb—June
2nd Sunday in Jan & Sept
Not in July or August

Altar & Rosary Society meetings
1st Wed. of the month, Sept.-June
No meetings in July or August

Parish Council meetings.
Sept 9, 2026
5:00 p.m. in Hall

Rosary
8:30 a.m. 1st Sun. of the month.
Every Sunday May & October.

Office Hours
Office hours: 8:30—12:00 noon
Mondays & Thursdays

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Thank you to Fr. John Burnette for your kindness, compassion and leadership over the past two years. May you be blessed with a happy and healthy retirement. Be assured you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

September ARS Committee: Chairman: Megan Montgomery, Mary Curtin, Cheryl Morman, and Meredith Eisenbarth. The Committee is responsible for **Coffee & Donuts on Sept 13**, funeral dinners, and cleaning the church during the month of Sept. Thank you for all you do.



Attention all ladies of Holy Trinity. You are invited to attend the first Altar Society meeting of the 2026-27 year, **Wednesday Sept 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hall. There will be appetizers, dessert and drinks, so bring something yummy to share. Plans will be discussed for the upcoming year including the Cookie Walk, Salad Supper, and other activities.



Recipes and related stories and pictures for the Holy Trinity Cookbook. . It would be nice to have at least one recipe from each family. Your recipes for the cookie walk, brunch casseroles, or family favorites are perfect.



Four Volunteers are needed to help distribute food at the **Food Pantry** each Saturday 7:30—10 a.m. during October. Signup sheet on the back table. Thank you for your help.

**Interchurch Council Food Pantry**

Suggested donation items:
cereal or cereal bars;
canned vegetables & soup;
canned pasta; mac & cheese;

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**Week of August 30, 2026
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Times****Sunday August 30th , 9:00 a.m.**

L— Steve Curtin
S— Logan A & Faith M
EM— Janet D, Kass D, & Phil R

For— Ger Beaty
By Kathleen O'Byren

Wed, Sept 2nd 9:00 a.m.

For Abbey Sinnard
By HT Parishioners

First Friday Sept 4th, 7:30 a.m.

@ St. Mary's

Sunday Sept 6th - 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Rosary—Diana Kupish

L— Logan Atwater

S— Gwynn S &

EM— Jill H, Sandi K, Nancy M,
For Ruth, Fred & Barb Rambo
Vena & John Lee

By Carla Rambo

Wed, Sept 9th - 9:00 a.m.

For Tootsie Sanders

By Sam Fortner Family

Friday Sept 11th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Adoration 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

September Sacristan: Sandi Klein

**Confessions
30 minutes before Mass**

Please read
"A Message from the Pastor"
as it applies to all three parishes.



Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027		
Description	8/23/2026	YTD Total
Adult Envelopes	\$1,810.00	\$10,013
Children	\$3.00	\$24
Loose Collections	\$248.75	\$2,067
Total	\$2,061.75	\$12,104
Total Budget Goal	\$1,680.00	\$13,440
Difference	\$381.75	\$1,336
Candles & EL	\$0.00	\$34
Mntc Online	\$0.00	\$500
Cent Campaign	\$13,250.00	\$39,045
Assumption/Mary	\$15.00	\$185.00



Bulletin Deadline

If anyone has information they would like published in the bulletin, please call the office (824-8178) or send it by e-mail to: stmarytaylorville@gmail.com by Monday morning before the following Sunday publication.

St. Mary's Prayer Chain: If you wish to submit a prayer request to the prayer chain, you may do so by calling or texting Brennan Dennison at: 217-971-1047 or bdennison1027@gmail.com. Or the parish office, 824-8178. **Please pray for those in need of our prayers:** Erin Bradley, Susie Anderson, Charlie McDonald, Dave Garner, Kristine Andruch, Tanner Burke, Barbara Dance, Cheryl Dagon, Michella Gibbons, Kristy Zimmer, Jimmy Stockdale, Julie Eson, Tom McKinney, Kay Cole, Bill Bock, Barb McKinney, Frank Shepke, Joanne Conerty, Joe Corzine, Terry Shutt, Denny Scheider, Marsha Blome, Jessie Justice, Marie Lambert, Joe Giglio, Roger Boshell, Jim Pollock, Karen Nuelle, Rebecca Steiner, Rosemary Corso, Cheryl Croft. Special Intention for Joyce, Kiersten Rapplean & Charlie.

Please let the parish office know if we someone we are praying for is doing better and we can take their name off the prayer chain!



Thank you to our Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
Thanks to: **Curvey Real Estate** for the support of St. Mary,
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Congratulations to Eliza Cay Friesland who was recently baptized. We pray that she be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk with us in the way of Christ.

Baptism: Before an infant/child can be baptized, parents are required to meet with Fr. John. Most baptisms occur on Sundays after Mass. Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with Fr. John.

Anointing of the Sick: after Mass or by calling Fr. John, 217-836-0250. Please be proactive as night calls may not be heard. Phone and hearing aids are in charger.

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PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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