

ST. Mary / NEWS

Catholic Church

November 23rd, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43

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*St Mary Parish is a welcoming community, bonded
by Catholic Faith, servng God and one another.*

Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 9:05am
Wednesday—Friday: 8:00am
Saturday: 8:00am & 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Reconciliation

Wednesday & Friday:
Following the 8am Mass
Saturday: 3:00pm

Parish Office

Monday—Thursday:
8am to 4pm
Closed for lunch
12:00-1:00
Friday: 8am to Noon

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Mr. Joe Gilmore
Mr. Tim Hying
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Mrs. Maureen Forgette



Dear Parishioners,

Today celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This solemn feast brings the Liturgical Year C to a happy end. Next Sunday, we shall celebrate the First Week of Advent, which ushers in a new Liturgical Year A, according to the Church's calendar. One may ask, why the Feast of Christ the King? Answer: It is the feast in which Christ's Kingship is extolled and glorified.

With this feast, Catholics all over the world are making a solemn proclamation to anyone who cares to listen that Christ is the true King of the universe and of our lives. Therefore, we are encouraged to commit ourselves to this reality, especially now that the wind of secularization seems to be taking control of the important aspects of our lives and our decisions. There is no doubt that for some people money, power, pleasure and other material possessions are their lords and kings. No wonder, Christmas sales are promoted more than the actual reason for Christmas.

It is to re-educate Christians to their primary destiny that Pope Pius XI in 1925 wrote an Encyclical Quas Primas, December 11. This encyclical officially established the Feast of Christ the King, and its celebration was extended to all the Catholic parishes around the world. Christ Himself told us in the Bible that His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). In other words, His Kingdom is spiritual. His ammunitions are goodness, love, kindness and shepherding. Also, in the Gospel, one of the condemned criminals said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into kingly paradise" (Luke 23: 42). This shows that some already recognized His Kingship.

For Christians, true happiness cannot be achieved in this world until we learn to bring our conducts in line with the plan of God—His divine will for us. The Feast of Christ the King was established to help us profess Christ as our Lord and Savior. This feast brings along with it a message of hope, faith and love.

May I use this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones a happy and grace-filled Thanksgiving. I am thankful to God for all of you, and for your untiring support to our parish and her mission. We are truly one family of God.

Once again, Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the special day.

Much love and prayers,

Father Sylvester A. Nnaso, Parochial Administrator

**CCW 3rd Annual
St. Nicholas Holiday
Ornament Event
Montini Fundraiser**



All ages welcome!
Invite your family and friends!

Saturday, December 6th
The Studio Art School
3316 Pearl Street McHenry
10:00am to 4:00pm

Select from a variety of ornaments and assorted holiday items. Handmade artwork makes great gifts & keepsakes.
Prices begin at \$10.00.
(Painted pieces will be kiln fired and ready the following week)
Reservations encouraged but not required.
815-385-3990



Annual CCW Christmas Party and Lunch

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

11:30am on Tuesday, December 2nd at Plum Garden. Cost is \$25.00.

Please fill out form below with your money if you plan on coming!

Checks can be made payable to CCW.

Questions, call Jane Hertel 815-382-8722

Name: _____ phone#: _____

THIS WEEK

Sun—Nov. 23 8am & 10am Mass
Mon—Nov. 24 No Mass—Study Group 10-11:30am
 Choir-7pm
Tues-- Nov. 25 9:05 am Mass
Wed—Nov. 26 8am Mass—Confessions
Thurs—Nov. 27 8am Mass **8:45am Bless Food**
Fri—Nov. 28 8am Mass—Confessions
Sat—Nov. 29 8am Mass 3pm Confessions / 4pm Mass
End of the Year

Sun—Nov. 30 8am & 10am Mass **1st Sunday of Advent**



St. Mary's Sanctuary Lamp
 Signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns for seven days. This week November 23rd—29th the Candle burns for **Paul Tonyan**



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul often receives calls from our neighbors-in-need requesting assistance with toiletry items, such as shampoo, body wash, and toothpaste. Through your generous donations to SVdP through GiveCentral, the Parish Poor Box, and our Amazon Wishlist, Vincentians are able to meet these families' requests for these basic needs. St. Vincent de Paul and each recipient is deeply appreciative of your donations that allow them to meet their family's daily needs with care.

Jeremiah 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

Please make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society NOT to St. Mary. (Do not include parish donation on the same check.)

Thank You!

If you are in need of assistance please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 815-385-9946.

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of November 29th & 30th

<i>MASS</i>	<i>SAT 4 PM</i>	<i>SUN 8AM</i>	<i>SUN 10AM</i>
<i>CLERGY</i>	<i>Fr. Sabo</i>	<i>Fr. Sabo</i>	<i>Fr. Sabo</i>
<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>Ron Paluch</i>	<i>Walter Zabinski</i>	<i>Rich Bronars</i>
<i>SPECIAL MINISTERS</i>	<i>Fran Wiser & Kathy Andrews</i>	<i>Dan Tonyan & Stephanie Diedrich</i>	<i>Paulette & Phil Hartl</i>
<i>USHERS</i>	<i>Dave & Linda Schmitt</i>	<i>Richard Losch & Neil Miller</i>	<i>Ray Widhalm & Charles Reilly</i>
<i>CANTORS</i>	<i>Chloe & Sean Hartl</i>	<i>Roxanne Yousaf</i>	<i>Choir</i>



Parish office will be closed 11/27 & 11/28

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage.

Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on February 13-15 in Geneva, Illinois or April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont

For more info go to: wwme.org or call: (888)-574-5653

November 16th, 2025—Collection

Sunday Envelopes: \$4,122.00
 Loose: \$853.50
 Candles: \$51.00
 Special: \$192.00
 Energy: \$57.00
Total: \$5,275.50

Diocesan Appeal 2025

Parish Goal: \$43,891.00
 Total Pledged: \$41,810.00
 Total Paid: \$34,797.12
 Balance: \$6,712.88
Shortfall: \$2,381.00



If you or a loved one is in need of prayers, please call the parish office 815-385-0024 or email us at: stmarylady@aol.com with your prayer request.

Mon	Nov. 24	8am	No Mass
Tues	Nov. 25	9:05am	+All Souls
Wed	Nov. 26	8am	+Bob & Renee Freund Req. Judi Jones
Thu	Nov. 27	8am	+ Beatrice Metath Req. Sharon Meath
Fri	Nov. 28	8am	The Freund Family Req. Father Sabo
Sat	Nov. 29	8am	+ All Souls
		4pm	+ Clarence & Marie Diedrich Req. Linda Schmitt
			+The Castaneda Family Req. Mr. & Mrs. Berens
Sun	Nov. 30	8am	+People of St. Mary's
		10am	+Karl Schmitd Req. Zofia Schmidt

If you wish to have deceased family members name published in the bulletin you must call the parish office and give us your consent. Thank You.

Please pray for the deceased:

Please pray for the sick of our Parish...Bolted names have recently been added to the prayer list.

Rebecca Whiteside, Joanne Hart, Wayne Zank, Sandy Diedrich, Mary Delia, Irene Rutkowski, Timothy Harrison, Larry Lang, David Gende, Phil Harris, Sheila Noland, Diana Deufel, Mary Pollock, Joan Whiteside, Robert Wegener, Lester Lapinski, Dave Nylander, Joel Zank, Bernice Diedrich, Edward Villadonga, Jayne Liptrot, Joyce Adams, Chris Cardamone, Brian Peterson, Janice Wegener, Chris Bykowski, John Vlcek, Anita Stoffel, Henry Kenyon, Mary Kay Welter, Barb Williams, Barbara Klapperich, Isabella Johnson, Jolyn Simon, Mark Sullivan, Cathy and John Mattoon, Diane Adams, Bob Mrachek, Rick Bronars, John Janega, and Ed Malenius.

Please review the prayer list above. If you and/or your relative is on this list and recovered and are no longer in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office to have the name removed. Thank You!

Please pray for our men and women serving in the armed forces, especially for: Capt. Eric Adams/ Army Reserves, Capt. Mark Adams/Air Force, LTC. Gavin R. Laskowski /Army, PFC. Jessie Kling/Marines, Sgt. Mariah Jones

Readings for the week of November 23rd, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Thank you to the business people who use our bulletin for advertising their products and services. We appreciate your support! This week we especially thank:

Buss Ford

**111 S. Route 31
McHenry, IL**

**815-385-2000
www.bussford.com**

MONTINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Countdown to Christmas Giveaway
 Thank you for supporting Montini Catholic School

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	

TICKET PRICE \$20
 DAILY PRIZE-\$50

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1,000



To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code or contact our middle school office at 815-385-1022

Montini Catholic School
 Primary Center...815-385-5380
 Middle School...815-385-1022
 Website: www.montinischool.com

Marian Central Catholic HS
 School Office.....815-338-4220
 Website: www.marian.com

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit if you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in need of the sacrament of anointing.

Parish Registration:

If you are new to St. Mary's, welcome to our parish! We hope you will feel comfortable and share the love of Christ here with us at St. Mary. Stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours and we will assist you in registering. If there is any way that we may be of assistance in helping you feel welcome here, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please notify the Parish Office of any address, phone, or email changes.

Parish Center & Mailing Address:
 1407 North Richmond Road
 McHenry, Illinois 60050-1459

General Contact Information:
 Office Phone.....(815) 385-0024
 Office Fax.....(815) 385-7809
 Parish E-mail.....stmarylady@aol.com
 Parish Website...stmarymchenryil.org
 Facebook: St.MaryMcHenry



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Join us in sharing a message of love for Jesus and the Holy Family.



Be part of a nationwide movement as we gather to pray a **Christmas-Centered Rosary** in honor of the Infant Jesus, right in front of **St. Mary's Catholic Church in McHenry.**

Saturday, December 13th at 12:15PM

(We'll begin promptly once the bells stop ringing)

Dress for the weather and don't be afraid to add a little sparkle!

Your favorite Christmas sweater is more than welcome.



Rain, Snow, or Shine

Let's stand together as a joyful witness to the real reason for the season.

www.americanneedsfatima.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- ProlifeWeekly.com** to stay updated on all pro-life legislation.
- Chasity.com** or solid Catholic advice on all things concerning sexuality.
- CatholicMom.com** Site includes articles, blogs, reflections, book club & more.
- Edeninvitation.com** For help and resources beyond the LGBT+ paradigm, and discover your original personhood.
- YCVF.org & CatholicOnline.School** For free resources. These are an online World-Class Catholic Schools offering over 4,000 free video lessons, daily reading reflections, and prayer requests for anyone, anywhere.
- HopeAfterAbortion.com** For a supportive and confidential environment where one can begin the process of healing after an abortion.

ASSISTANCE

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counseling....	866-330-8729
Catholic Charities.....	815-344-6956
1st Way Life Pregnancy & Life Support Center.....	815-385-2999
Fish Food Pantry.....	815-344-4717
Home of the Sparrow.....	815-271-5444
McHenry County Pads.....	815-344-1230
National Suicide Prevention Hotline..	800-273-8255 or 988
Prairie State Legal Services.....	815-344-9113
St. Vincent de Paul.....	815-385-9946
Senior Care Volunteer Network.....	815-455-3120

Gluten Allergy?

Please speak with an usher or greeter. We want you to be able to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist!