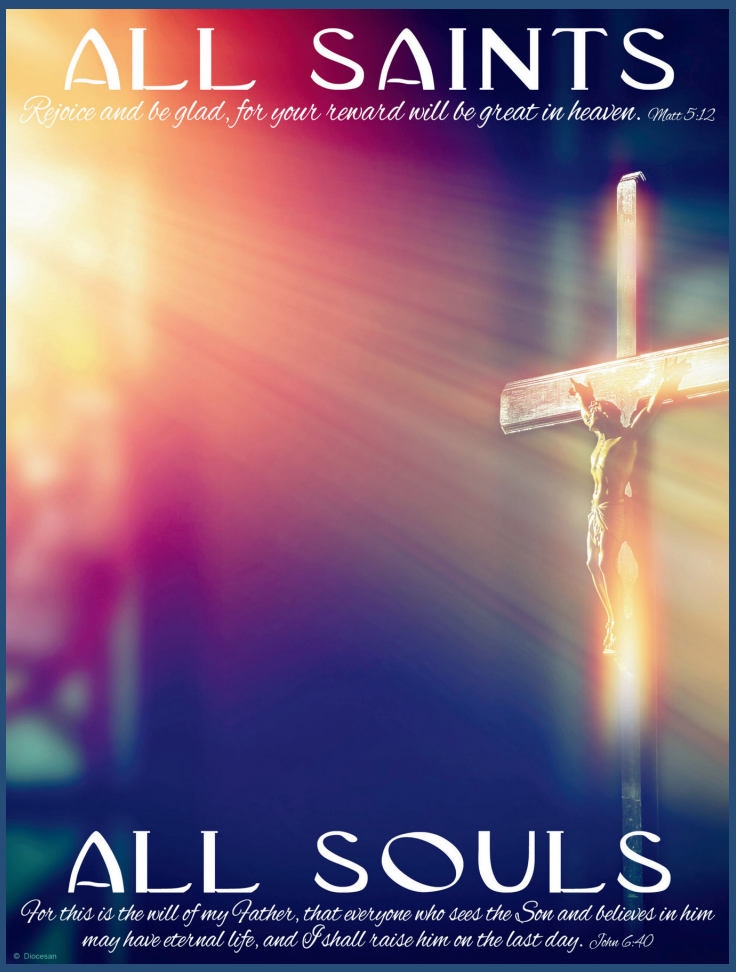
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME // NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH, TAYLORVILLE
HOLY TRINITY PARISH, STONINGTON



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

St. Mary Website
stmarytaylorville.org

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
St. Mary: Saturday 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity: Sunday 9:00 AM
St. Mary: Sunday 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday: 7:30 AM — St. Mary
Wednesday: 9:00 AM — Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9:00 AM — St. Mary
Friday: 7:30 AM - St. Mary

RECONCILIATION TIMES
Saturday 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - St. Mary
Sunday 8:15 - 8:40 AM - Holy Trinity

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation:
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Soul Food

Called to Holiness: Saints for Our Time

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When we hear the word saint, we may think of extraordinary people who lived centuries ago. We admire them but sometimes wonder, "How can I become a saint? I am just an ordinary person!" Today, the Church reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people; it is the calling of every baptized Christian.

St. John tells us:"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." Holiness begins not with what we do for God, but with what God has already done for us. He loves us, calls us His children, and invites us to let His grace transform our lives.

The saints were not people who never struggled or failed. They were people who allowed Jesus to cleanse, forgive, and transform them. His Blood, poured out on the Cross and made present to us in the Eucharist, is the source of our purification and strength.

St. Vincent Pallotti offers a beautiful spiritual practice: "After receiving Communion, if you feel that you do not have sufficient holiness, then immediately pray for a desire for holiness." After receiving Jesus, let us pray not only for our needs but also for a heart that is more patient, forgiving, generous, and Christlike. The Eucharist is not simply a gift to receive; it is a grace that makes us holy.

Jesus shows us the path to holiness through the Beatitudes. The world calls the powerful, wealthy, and popular blessed. Jesus declares blessed the poor in spirit, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. The Beatitudes reveal how Jesus lived and how we are called to live.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that the saints teach us to live passionately amid the complexities of our times and to "shine like stars in the world" (Philippians 2:15). We do not have to escape the modern world to become holy. We must bring Christ into it. We need saints who use technology to spread goodness, parents who raise children in faith, workers who practice honesty, and neighbors who care for those who suffer. Think of St. Carlo Acutis, who used his computer skills to share his love for the Eucharist, and St. Teresa of Calcutta, who recognized Christ in the poorest. We also have the "saints next door" - people whose quiet love makes God's presence visible every day.

Let us embrace three practical commitments:

First, *perform one hidden act of holiness every day. Help someone without seeking recognition or posting it on social media. Let God alone be your witness.*

Second, *make every Holy Communion a school of holiness. After receiving Jesus, remain silent for a moment and pray: "Jesus, whom I have received, make me more like You." Then choose one concrete change that will make your life reflect Him more clearly.*

Third, *remember the faithful departed. As we observe All Souls' Day and the November 1–8 period for visiting cemeteries, make time to visit the graves of your loved ones, pray for them, and entrust them to God's mercy. Under the Church's prescribed conditions- Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions, and complete detachment from sin- a plenary indulgence may be obtained for the souls in Purgatory through a cemetery visit and prayer for the departed. Let our remembrance become an act of love and hope in the promise of eternal life.*

My dear friends, the saints were not born with halos. They became holy by saying yes to God's grace, day after day. Our journey to heaven begins here - in our homes, our workplaces, our parish, and our relationships.

Fr. Tomy Philip SAC

St. Mary's Prayer Chain:
To submit a prayer request to the prayer chain, please call, text, or email Brenan Dennison at (217)971-1047; bdennison1027@gmail.com: or contact the parish office at 624-8178.

Please pray for those in need of our prayers:
Natalie Smith, Ashley Harrison, Jamie Mateer Capelle, Joseph Grundy, Jack Waddell, Bill & Lacey, Erin Bradley, Charlie McDonald, Dave Garner, Kristine Andruch, Cheryl Dagon, Michella Gibbons, Kristy Zimmer, Jimmy Stockdale, Julie Eson, Tom McKinney, Bill Bock, Barb McKinney, Frank Shepke, Joanne Conerty, Joe Corzine, Denny Schneider, Jessie Justice, Marie Lanett, Roger Boshell, Jim Polick, Rebecca Steiner, Rosemary Corso & Cheryl Croft, Special Intention for Joyce, Kiersten Rapplean & Charlie.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week!
Thanks to State Farm Insurance-Eric Kahl for supporting St. Mary & Holy Trinity Parishes!



Our food pantry is in need of items! Donations can be put directly in to the pantry outside of the gym or dropped of at the parish office!



In honor of our Veterans, St. Mary School is having a celebration on November 13th at 8:00am in the library! All veterans are welcome and are welcome to bring a guest! See the flyers at all entrances of the church or call for more details! Please call the school to RSVP! 824-6501

29" Annual White Ribbon Service: Have you or someone you know suffered the loss of a child? The child might have passed away through miscarriage, childbirth or death at any age. St. Mary's Elizabeth Ministry would like to honor the memory of all of these children at our 29" Annual Memorial Service, which will be held on November 14" at 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome to participate and have their child remembered. We will place the blessed white ribbon on the evergreens in front of the church. The ribbons will remain on the evergreens through the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day & Easter. For more information and to add a child's name please contact Sandy Amusson (217-825-9216) or the parish office.



Please help us keep our records up to date. Contact the parish office with any changes to your addresses, phone number or email.

Bulletin Deadline

Have something that you'd like included in the parish bulletin? Please submit announcements by Monday morning for publication the following Sunday.

Call: 217-824-8178
Email: apickett@stmarytaylorville.org

Server Schedule

Oct. 31: 5:30pm- Rylie Whitlow & Joseph Goodman

Nov. 1: 11:00am- Libbey & Bennett Pickett

Nov. 2: 7:30am- Oliver Bland

Nov. 3: 7:30am- Fin Davis

Nov. 5: 9:00am- Olivia Briggs & Eliza Hempen

Nov. 6: 7:30am - Maddox Busboom & Jack Haselhorst

Nov. 7: 5:30pm - Lucas & Fin Davis

Nov. 8: 11:00am - Joseph Goodman & Landon Oesch

Lector Schedule

Oct. 31 5:30pm - Mickey Newlin

Nov. 1: 11:00am - Rita Meyers

Nov. 7: 5:30pm - Nora Curtin

Nov. 8: 11:00am - Mary Del Valle

ExtraOrdinary Ministers

Oct. 31: 5:30pm - Mike McClure, Steve Randall & Bob Curry

Nov. 1: 11:00am - Helen Summers, Gemma Burke & Bob Curry

Nov.7: 5:30pm - TJ Curtin, Chad Waterman & Mike Brotherton

Nov. 8: 11:00am - Joe & Norma Cervi & Brenan Dennison

Holy Trinity & St. Mary Parish Happenings:

11/1: Haunted Food Drive-630-7:30pm @ St. Mary Parish Center

11/13: Veterans Day Celebration @ St. Mary School-8AM All Veterans Invited

11/14: White Ribbon Ceremony @ 4:30 p.m. @ St. Mary

Stewardship Spotlight

Thank you to all the memeber of the ***7 Sisters Prayer Minisisty!*** We are thankful for the time you all give to pray for Father Tomy!

PARISH TITHE AND OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 2026			
	Monthly		YTD TOTAL
Goal	$47,330.56		$155,433.01
September Offerings	$46,682.94		$148,508.64
Over (Under)	-$647.62		-$6,924.37
CAMPAIGN - SEPTEMBER 2026			
			ITD TOTAL *
Monthly Goal	$11,551.77		$633,125.03
September 2026	$9,154.94		$627,914.22
Over (Under)	-$2,396.83		-$5,210.81
*Campaign inception to date			

Please remember St. Mary Parish in your will.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

November 1–8

As Catholics, we know November as the month of **All Souls**, a special time to remember our deceased loved ones and reflect on our own mortality.

One meaningful way to do this is by visiting the graves of our loved ones. The Church offers a **plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery on any day from November 1 through November 8** each year.

During your visit, take some time to pray for your deceased loved ones and perhaps tidy up around their headstones. To obtain the plenary indulgence, you must also pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be will suffice), receive Holy Communion, and go to Confession during this period.

The indulgence may be applied either to yourself or to a deceased person, and you may obtain one plenary indulgence each day from November 1 through November 8.

What does a plenary indulgence do?

It removes all temporal punishment—the spiritual effects or consequences of our sins. Even after our sins have been forgiven, the damage caused by them still needs to be purified and healed. Therefore, we must undergo purification, either in this life or after death in Purgatory, before entering fully into God's presence in heaven.

A plenary indulgence, as prescribed by the Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, offers us the grace of complete remission of this temporal punishment.

Mass Intentions & Schedules

Saturday, October 31-
5:30 PM : The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Sunday, November 1 —
11:00 AM: Ken Fisher by Gemma Burke & Larry Curtin by Mike & Jan McClure

Weekday Masses

Monday, Nov. 2-
7:30 AM: All Souls

Tuesday, Nov. 3 —
7:30 AM: George Morris by Terry & Lowis Ryan & Paul Kotcher by Tom & MaryAnn Calandro
9:30 AM: (Hickory Est.) All Souls

Wednesday, Nov 4 —No Mass

Thursday, Nov. 5 -
9:00 AM: Penny Shehadeh by Sally Geystonn & Mary Fleigle

Friday, Nov. 6 —
7:30 AM: Del DiPlotti by Barb DiPlotti

Weekend Masses

Saturday, Nov. 7 -
5:30 PM: The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Sunday, Nov. 8 -
11:00 AM: Tom Graham by Mary Linda

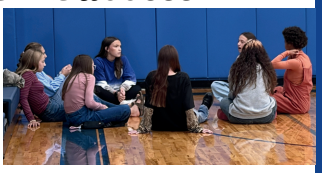
Parish Giving App Now Available!
Giving to St. Mary's is now easier than ever!
Go to your App Store and download the "SPI Catholic" App
keyword: **stmrytaylorville**
to get started!

Religious Education Corner



Youth Retreat was a HUGE Success!

We had small group sessions





Lots of fun games

And ended with our famous Boo Event!



Thank you to those who provided food and drinks, the Brothertons for hosting some of our missionaries and most importantly to our Net Ministers!

It's Butterbraid Time

Pre K 3 & 4 are selling butterbraids , cookie dough and pizzas. Contact a preschool family or school office if you would like to order! Orders taken until 11/3





Faith Talk for Families

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:
The Solemnity of All Saints

Your true identity is a son or daughter of God. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the holy ones who have gone before us in death. Today we celebrate all those who now live in heaven with God. We honor those that the Church has formally recognized as saints as well as those unnamed who by their cooperation with God's grace have died in friendship with God and now live in heaven. Their example reminds us that by our baptism we are all called to live holy lives. Pope John Paul II wrote: We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our capacity to become the image of his Son. This week don't look in the mirror or to your friends or talents or relationships to tell you your worth. Let God tell you!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1
Singing Saints 11:00 Mass

Monday, November 2
NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher Confernces

Tuesday, November 3
NO SCHOOL - Election Day

Thursday, November 5
Children's Mass 9:00 Gr 6

Friday, November 6
First Friday Adoration
MEGA MOOLAH drawing

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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Brian Pekovith, Music Liturgist
belpotili@gmail.com
Jamie Springman — pianist & cantor

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 p.m.

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
Nov. 11, 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 and Thursdays

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigator
217-321-1155

Coffee & Donuts
immediately after Mass
In the Hall



November ARS Committee: Chairman: Abby Bertelsen, Carolou Morman, Sue Walsh, Samantha Walton, and Ginny Shapiro. The committee is responsible for Coffee & Donuts, funeral dinners & cleaning the church during November. Thanks for all you do!



Recipes needed:
Cookie Walk Recipes
Breakfast Casserole Recipes
Salad Supper Recipes





Save the Date
December 6th
Christmas Brunch & Program

Monday, November 2nd - All Souls Day:
Masses will be at both churches with HT's Mass at 9:00 a.m. Parishioners are encouraged to ask Mass Intentions for loved ones - donations will go to help pay tuition of a seminarian.

Please read "Soul Food" as it applies to both parishes.



Save the Date
Great Cookie Trail
December 12, 2026

Broken Rosary?
Ask Diana to fix it





Interchurch Council Food Pantry
Suggested donation items:
Cereal or cereal bars, canned vegetables, soup, canned pasta, mac& cheese, shampoo, and antiperspirants
Cash donations needed for Wee Care for Christmas gifts for patrons children.
Food distribution: 8- 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.
Thank you for your generosity
305 N. Boles, Blue Mound, Il

Week of November 1, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Nov 1st, 9:00 a.m.
Rosary @8:30 a.m. - Diana Kupish
L - Logan Atwater
S - Josie B & Ava H
EM - Sandi K, Nancy M, Phil R
For - Abbey Sinnard
By - A Friend

Monday Nov 2, All Souls Day 9:00 a.m.
L- Diana Kupish
For - Multiple Intentions

Wed, Nov 4th, 9:00 a.m.
For - Jamie Mateer Capelle - healing
By - Anonymous

First Friday Nov 6th,
@ St. Mary's

Sunday, Nov 8th, - 9:00 a.m.
L - Ross Brown
S - Faith M & Grace P
EM - Sam F, Phil R, Ryan A
For - Kate DeClerck
By - Anonymous

Wed, Nov 11th, - 9:00 a.m.
For - All Veterans
By - HT Parishioners

Friday, Nov 13th, 9:00 a.m.
Communion Service
followed by Adoration 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Nov. Sacristan: Pam Hartwig
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass!

Fiscal Yr	2026-2027	YTD
Contribution	$1802	$27,323
Goal	$1680	$25,200
Mntc online	$450	$1800
World Mission	$258	$414
Campaign	$550	$51,390
FoodPantry	$100	$160






Happy 71st Anniversary to Robert & Nancy Brownfield!!