THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME // NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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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 - 12:30 PM - St. Mary
Sunday 8:15 - 8:40 AM - Holy Trinity

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Soul Food

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine waking up one morning and discovering that someone has entrusted you with a wonderful treasure! Would you lock it away, or use it to make something beautiful? That is precisely the picture Jesus gives us in today's Gospel.

A. Everything begins with God's generosity.

The master gives his servants talents, "each according to his ability." Even the servant who receives one talent receives an enormous fortune—approximately twenty years' wages! This is how God deals with us. Everything begins with grace. God believes in us and entrusts us with precious gifts: life, health, family, faith, intelligence, opportunities, friendships, and material resources.

Yet how often do we concentrate on what we lack! We say, "If only I had a better job, more money, better health, or fewer problems!" We become so occupied with what is missing that we forget the blessings already in our hands.

Remember: **God will never judge you by what you did not receive, but by what you did with what you received.**

B. God expects us to multiply our gifts, not bury them.

The first two servants invested their talents, but the third buried his out of fear. His tragedy was not that he lost anything, but that he did nothing with what he received.

We, too, can go through life avoiding wrongdoing but doing very little good. Perhaps we have the gift of encouragement but never encourage anyone; the gift of generosity but never share; or the ability to comfort, teach, visit the sick, or serve, but never make ourselves available. We are not blessed merely to enjoy our blessings; we are blessed to bless others.

C. The greatest investment is love, especially love for the poor.

We are not owners of God's gifts but stewards. One day, we must give an account of how we used them. Pope Francis beautifully reminds us that the poor are like bankers who give us an eternal return on our investments. When we share with those in need, we encounter Jesus and grow richer in love.

At the end of our lives, what will matter is not how much we accumulated, but how much we loved and how many lives became better because we lived.

Three practical commitments for this week

1. Every evening, before going to bed, spend three minutes identifying three blessings God has given you that day. Instead of ending the day complaining about what went wrong, end it thanking God for what went right. A grateful heart discovers opportunities that a complaining heart never sees.

2. Unbury one talent. Identify one gift you have neglected and put it to use this week. Make that phone call you have postponed, visit someone, volunteer for a parish ministry, encourage someone, or reconcile with someone. Don't wait until you feel perfectly prepared. Begin with what you have.

3. Invest in eternity. Do one generous act every week that costs you something—your time, money, comfort, or convenience. Help someone who cannot repay you.

Remember, when we stand before God, He will not ask how much we accumulated, but how much we shared; not how much we possessed, but how much we loved. May we never return to God with buried talents and unused opportunities. May we hear those beautiful words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."

Fr. Tomy Philip SAC
Your Pastor

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:

Susie Hughes,Johnathan Reber, Linda Burke, Natalie Smith, Marty Voss, Nancy Sims, 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 McClure Funaeral Home & Cremation Services 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!



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



Be on the look out for our Angel Tree! Please be sure to bring the star back with your gifts to the parish office!

Server Schedule

Nov. 14: 5:30pm- Rylie Whitlow & Amya Buschon

Nov. 15: 11:00am- Payton & Colin May

Nov. 17: 7:30am- Gemma & Julia Corso

Nov. 19: 9:00am- Ila Assalley & Liam Bland

Nov. 20: 7:30am -

Nov. 21: 5:30pm - Gemma & Julia Corso

Nov. 22: 11:00am - Ila Assalley

Lector Schedule

Nov. 14: 5:30pm - Bob Appleton

Nov. 15: 11:00am - Barrett Dennison

Nov. 21: 5:30pm - Joe Cervi

Nov. 22: 11:00am - Joseph Goodman

ExtraOrdinary Ministers

Nov. 14: 5:30pm - Steve Randall, Mike McClure & Gemma Burke

Nov. 15: 11:00am - Brenan Dennison, Michelle Reiss & Mike Brotherton

Nov.21: 5:30pm - Norma Cervi, TJ Curtin & Gemma Burke

Nov. 22: 11:00am - Tessie Abaca, Gary Fry & Bob Curry

Holy Trinity & St. Mary Parish Happenings:

12/3: St. Mary Night @ Florinda's
12/6: Great Cookie Trail @ Holy Trinity



Stewardship Spotlight

Thank you to Parish & Finance Council members! We are grateful for the time you all give to our parish!

PARISH TITHE AND OFFERINGS OCTOBER 2026			
	Monthly		YTD TOTAL
Goal	$53,725.66		$209,158.67
October Offerings	$47,011.86		$195,520.50
Over (Under)	**$6,713.80**		**$13,638.17**
CAMPAIGN - OCTOBER 2026			
			ITD TOTAL *
Monthly Goal	$7,314.82		$640,039.85
October 2026	$5,927.49		$633,838.71
Over (Under)	**-$1,387.33**		**-$6,201.14**
*Campaign inception to date			

Please remember St. Mary Parish in your will.

Formed



Michael Barber, Professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute, shares his reflections on the film Cabrini after watching it with his children. He looks at how Mother Cabrini's mission to care for the sick shows that Catholics live out their calling within the Church, not apart from it. He also asks whether we have the kind of faith that believes God can do the impossible.

Along the way, he draws on Scripture, including Jesus' words to the rich man, Ephesians, and Luke's "woe to you when all men speak well of you." He considers why faithful Christians should expect opposition, why the gospel is most credible when we care for both body and soul, and how a film like this can spark meaningful conversations in your family and parish.

Mass Intentions & Schedules

Saturday, November 14- 5:30 PM : Cecil, Geraldine, Tom & John Haines, Cecilia Younker & Alan Younker by Steve & Barb Waddell

Sunday, November 15 — 11:00 AM: The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Weekday Masses

Monday, Nov. 16- No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 17 — 7:30 AM: Penny Shehadeh by Mary Fleigle & Sally Geyston & Larry Curtin by Mike & Jan McClure

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — No Mass

Thursday, Nov. 19 - 9:00 AM: Eric McKinney by Mom

Friday, Nov. 20 — 7:30 AM: The Paul & Mary Durbin Family by Family

Weekend Masses

Saturday, Nov. 21 - 5:30 PM: The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Sunday, Nov. 22- 11:00 AM: Vernon Carr Jr. by Jane Carr & Bill Smith by Michelle Gillen

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Religious Education Corner

Our Third Graders are Ready for Confirmation & First Communion

Part of the preparation is doing service projects. Here are just a few - We help our grandmother clean the church

A group, along with their parents, worked at the Taylorville Food Pantry.











It's Operation Shoebox Packing Time!
Our packing party is Tuesday, November 17th stating at 5:30 P.M. in the caffeteria. Come as a family to pack a shoebox for a child in another country who does not know Jesus. This is for all: both school, and PSR. Our Youth Group will be supervising! Come and spread the joy and stau for chili or a hot dog!

Christmas Decorations for the Church

St. Mary School will be taking orders for Poinsettia's from Nov 9- Nov 20! 1st delivery for those wanting them for home will be Dec 3 . You can also order a poinsettia or make a monetary donation in Honor of or in Memory of family or friends for Christmas. You can order from a school family or stop by the Parish or School Office. Forms can also be picked up in the church.



Faith Talk for Families

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- In this Sunday's readings, the Church continues to reflect on Christ's final judgements. When Jesus did not return as soon as expected, early Christians developed practices to keep themselves ready for his arrival. They already had a long tradition of patient waiting, and early Christians, many of them from Jewish families, brought the practices of patience to the reality of Christ's delay. The Gospel tells us about God's kingdom. Like the servants, we are waiting. We wait for the time when Jesus will come again. In the meantime, we are all given talents and gifts that can help God's kingdom spread. These gifts and talents should be developed and used for the good of others. If we ignore our talents or use them in negative ways, we stop God's kingdom from growing. What gifts and talents can you use this week to spread God's kingdom?

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday , Nov. 16
MEGA Moolah Drawing
Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, Nov. 17
MEGA Moolah Drawing
Shoe Box Packing Party
Booster Club Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 18
MEGA Moolah Drawing

Thursday, Nov 19
MEGA Moolah Drawing
Children's Mass 9:00 Gr. 5

Friday, Nov. 20
MEGA Moolah $10,000 Drawing
Poinsettia Order Forms Due

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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
Dec. 9, 2026
5:30 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

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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!



Blessed Fulton Sheen
December 13, 2026

Penance Service
Wednesday, December 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

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





Save the Date
December 6th
Christmas Brunch & Program

Vocation Awareness Sunday
November 15, 2026
HT has adopted a seminarian;
Pray for & help support
Steven Kehoe - Springfield 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
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Week of November 15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Nov 15th, 9:00 a.m.
L -Greg Curtin
S - Ella B & Faith M
EM - Jill H, Sandi K, Nancy M
For - Jamie Mateer Capelle - healing
By - Anonymous

Wed, Nov 18th, 9:00 a.m.
For - Larry Curtin
By - John & Anita Myers

Friday Nov 2 0th, 9:00 a.m.
Communion Service
Adoration - 9:20-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 22nd, - 9:00 a.m.
L - Steve Curtin
S - Josie B & Ava H
EM - Phil R, Beth V, Ryan A
For - Bud & Marilyn Walsh
By - Sue & David Walsh

Thanksgiving Eve
Wed, Nov 2 5th, - 5:30 p.m.
For - Jamie Mateer Capelle - healing
By - Anonymous

Friday, Nov 27th
Nothing scheduled

Nov. Sacristan: Pam Hartwig

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass

Fiscal Yr	2026-2027	YTD
Contribution	$1815	$30,629
Goal	$1680	$31,920
Difference	$135	($1291)
Mntc online	$450	$2250
World Mission	$0	$414
Campaign	$0	$51,390
FoodPantry	$0	$160



Vocation Corner:

A parish vocation ministry ensures that every parish fosters an environment where each baptized person can joyfully explore the potential of God's call in his or her life by provding resources for prayer and discernment.

Members of the Vocation Ministry: Bob Appleton, Barbara Appleton, Gemma Burke, Joanne Coady & Bob Curry

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER

PRAYER OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an **instrument** *of Thy* **peace**. *Where there is* **hatred**, *let me sow* **love**. *Where there is* **injury**, **pardon**; *Where there is* **doubt**, **faith**; *Where there is* **despair**, **hope**; *Where there is* **darkness**, **light**; *And where there is* **sadness**, **joy**.

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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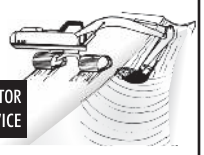
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