

Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day
January 1st, 2017

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son we can confidently call God, "Abba"

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 12/31, 6PM (Vigil-Mary, Mother of God)-Patty Brunell+
Sun. 1/1, 8:30AM (Mary Mother of God, New Year's Day)-For all Mothers
Thurs. 1/5, 6:30PM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**
Fri. 1/6, 8:00AM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**
Sat. 1/7, 6:00PM (Vigil-Epiphany of the Lord)-John Robison III+
Sun. 1/8, 8:30AM (Epiphany of the Lord)-Bill Grogan+

Sacrament of Penance

Anytime by Appointment/
Fri. mornings after Mass

Mass Attendance

Saturday
Sunday

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory any time when anointing of the sick is needed. In the absence of Fr. Martin-Edward, call Peg Garrison, Denise Zurliene or Jim Thompson and they will contact a deacon.

Prayer List:

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan

Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Ferido, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Dan Kinsolving, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Winkeler, Tom Colvin, Jim Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Jan Mrozek, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Lector: Don Zurliene
E. Mins: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, January 8, 2017

David Mills
Emily Milligan, Peg Garrison
Richard & Regina Gomez
The Pickens Family
Will Wright, Jackson Mills

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6	Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13	Mt 1:7-11
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
		Mt 2:1-12

"One Thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." (Ps.27, 4)

That should be our daily prayer

That should be our daily desire

That should be our daily wish.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Rules for the journey.

As the People of the Hebrews moved from Egypt in their desert passage to the Promised Land, they understood and believed that God alone is the source of blessing. Blessing becomes effective when (1) it is spoken and (2) it is followed by some action confirming the blessing. As we journey in Christian Living, as we travel to heaven, our real home, let us be amazed at what we see and hear – just like the Mother of God and the hastening shepherd. Let us sing the refrain of Psalm 67: "May God bless us in his mercy." Then, Let us act to confirm it.

~What acts will I resolve to continue in this new year?

~What Christian behavior will I start anew?

~How can I be merciful on this common journey to heaven's home?

Our Gifts to God Collection Envelopes for the 2017 year are in the hall. Please pick your box up. Please note you may have a different number for your envelope due to some of our parishioners passing and moving away. Thank-you for all of your gifts to the Church and our Parish in the past year. If you do not have a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact the church office.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edward will start having a Bible Study Group held here at the church on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The group is the one that was being held in Cisne but will move to the church starting January 8th at 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to come and grow deeper in your faith.

A NEW YOUTH RALLY
JESUS IS MY ROCK...AND THAT'S THE WAY I ROLL

Save the Date...Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill. A day of celebrating the Young Catholic Church. \$20 Registration between January 13 through March 3, 2017. Plan now to attend the inaugural year.

“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
BELLEVILLE/SPRINGFIELD ENCOUNTER

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Sometimes we need to reflect how to let God live with us in our marriages. Explore how by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 3-5, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

TEC WEEKEND

Next TEC Weekend is scheduled for January 14-16, 2017 at St. Mary's in Mt. Carmel, IL. TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school Juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Cost for the weekend is \$60. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAT, December 31: New Years Eve mass—St. Stephen—4pm St. Edward—6pm
SUN, January 1: New Years Day mass—St. Edward—8:30am St. Stephen—10:30am
SAT, January 7: Mass—6pm
SUN, January 8: Mass—8:30am PSR RESUMES—9:30am Bible Study Group—5pm
MON, January 9: BAPTISM OF THE LORD—MASS 6:30PM
FRI, January 13: Mass—8:00am Food Pantry Set-up—8:30am
SAT, January 14: Food Pantry Distribution—8:00am

