

Happy Easter

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This is how
we know
what love is:
Jesus Christ
laid down his
life for us.

1 JOHN 3:16

Easter Letter 2020

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.
Colossians 3:1-4

Dear Saint Lawrence and Saint Mary Parish Family,

We have been going through tremendous difficulty, both in our country and around the world, due to Covid-19 or Coronavirus. Many businesses are shutting down as well as numerous cancellations and postponements of events we took for granted only a few short weeks ago. Yet, let me remind you today that Easter is NOT CANCELED! Indeed, we may celebrate the Resurrection a bit differently this year than we ever have. Still, I believe because Jesus rose from the grave, we have tremendous hope for today, tomorrow, and all eternity!

The past few weeks have been an unbelievable time in our world. Many of the distractions that take place in our lives have been replaced by what might seem like “nothingness.” Many of those things removed have been without our “say-so”—things such as entertainment, sporting events, going out to eat, and more. I don't know about you, but I've found that I don't miss many of those things, what I do miss is the social interaction!

At this point, as Easter Sunday draws closer, we will do our best to communicate our plan with you and your loved ones. We will broadcast Holy Week and Easter Services online.

Find the link at: stmarycentralia.org or stlawrencesandoval.org

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| ◇ (10:00 a.m.) Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 | <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> |
| ◇ (7:00 p.m.) Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020 | <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> |
| ◇ (3:00 p.m.) Good Friday, April 10th | <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i> |
| ◇ (7:30 p.m.) Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020 | <i>At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter</i> |
| ◇ (10:00 a.m.) Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 | <i>Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord</i> |
| ◇ (12:00 p.m.) Easter Monday, April 13, 2020 | <i>Monday in the Octave of Easter</i> |

I encourage you to share the news via link or text so others can join in! The bottom line is this: Jesus Christ is alive and well! There's no reason to worry about what tomorrow may bring. Our long-term belief is that we will be with Him throughout the endless ages of eternity, and that's a beautiful thing!

May the glory of Jesus' resurrection guide you throughout your lives. Blessings & Peace!

Father Steve

EASY REFERENCE TO ONLINE & REMOTE SERVICES

Please save this until we can gather together as the Body of Christ, in our beautiful Churches.

St. Mary Parish stmarycentralia.org
Facebook: St Mary Catholic Parish - Centralia
(Combined) St. Lawrence and St. Mary Parishes

St. Lawrence Parish stlawrencesandoval.org
Facebook: St Lawrence Catholic Parish - Sandoval
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- ⇒ Access to LIVE (recorded) Mass
- ⇒ Updates concerning parish activities and most recent announcements
- ⇒ Weekly Bulletin
- ⇒ Links to important covid-19 announcements from the community, parish and diocese.

Diocese of Belleville diobelle.org

- ⇒ Important Diocesan updates concerning Covid-19
- ⇒ Messages from our Bishop
- ⇒ Messages from the Apostolic Nuncio

Stewardship, to support our parish.

St. Lawrence Parish: (Phone 618-247-3300)

- ◆ Weekly envelopes may be mailed directly to the parish office.
St. Lawrence Parish, PO Box 278, Sandoval, IL 62882
Online giving is coming to St. Lawrence soon!

St. Mary Parish (Phone 618-532-6291)

- ◆ Weekly envelopes may be mailed directly to the parish office.
St. Mary Parish, 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801
- ◆ Dropped off in the mail box at the front door.
- ◆ Online giving portal, located on the webpage stmarycentralia.org or at:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st424184>

If you don't have email please detach and mail to the Parish Office

STAY IN CONTACT - WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE UPDATES.

Bulletins, LIVE Mass Schedules, Covid-19 Updates, Parish general information. If you don't have email, (and are not presently receiving updates) please detach this form and return it to the Parish Office. If you have email, send your contact information to: parish@stmarycentralia.org or stlawrencesandoval.org



I do not have email or Facebook, please mail me important information.

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Phone _____ (optional family member contact) Email _____