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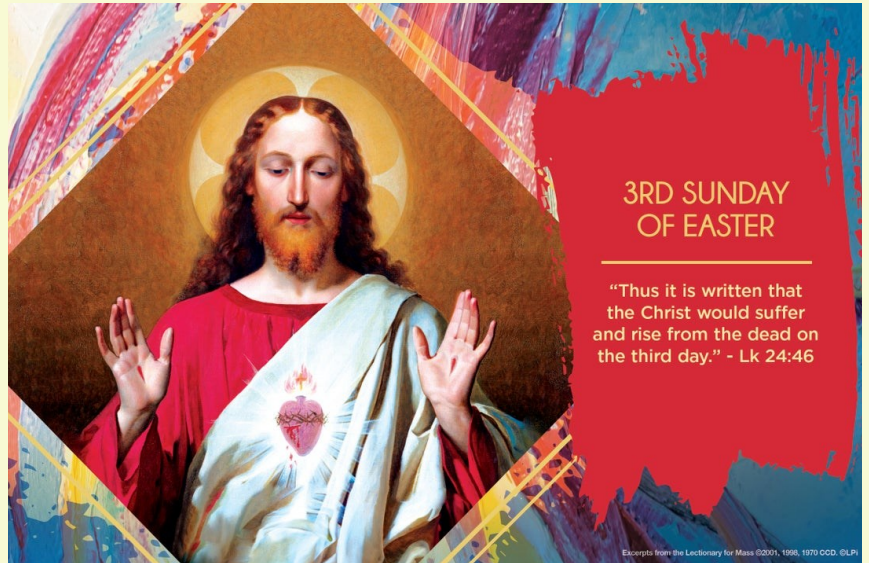
THE GOOD NEWS
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Parish Mission Statement

We are Baptized and Confirmed members called to serve in the Catholic Church, to reach out to our own and to others by prayer, sacrifice and service to all for the praise and Glory of God.

Welcome

Anyone new to the community or not yet officially registered, we welcome you to call or stop by the Parish Office during office hours to register.



CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am ~ 4:00pm
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Tue-Fri 8am at St. Mary's
Saturday Vigil at St. Mary's: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius: 7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Mary's: 10:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary's: Saturdays: 4 ~ 4:45pm or by appointment

MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND

Anointing of the sick and communion calls are provided regularly for those who so desire. Please keep us informed of the needs of those who are ill.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please, call 6 months in advance of desired wedding date.



Mass Intentions For the Week

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 pm † Ann Johnson *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 am † John M Savoree *by Mark Savoree*

Thursday, April 18

8:00 am † Fr. Meehling

Friday, April 19

8:00 am † Pauline Anderson *by Marge Anderson*

Saturday, April 20

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, April 21

7:00 am † Dan Clark

8:30 am † Kathryn Hennegan

10:15am † Marjorie Millinar

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 16

Adoration 5:00 am ~ 5:00 pm at St. Mary

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, April 18

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, April 19

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, April 20

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

4:00 - 4:45pm Confession at St. Mary

9:00am - 1:00pm Parish Work Day

Sunday, April 21

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



April 20/21, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

St. Aloysius: 7:00 am (Sun.)

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

St. Michael: 8:30 am (Sun.)

GREETOR: Phyllis Stone

LECTORS: Brian Smith

SERVERS: Lily Brown/Abner Wood

GIFTS: the Keske Family

St. Mary: 10:15 am (Sun.)

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Chris Wright

EM: Andy Goodwin, Scott Hall & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Reminders

April 23: 5:30pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

April 23: 7pm KC Meeting

May 5: May Crowning after 10:15 Mass followed by potluck at St. Mary's Hall

May 7: 6pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

May 13: 5pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

May 25: 10am Bruce Scott's Ordination Mass in Springfield, and **5:30pm** Bruce's 1st Mass at St. Mary followed by celebration dinner at St. Mary's Hall

June 4: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Council Meeting

June 12: 6pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Meeting

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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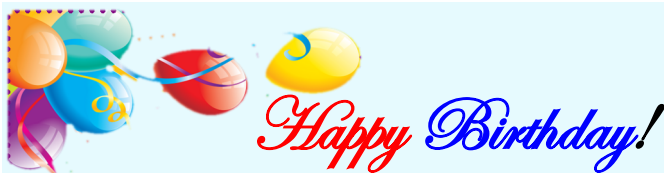
Pastoral Council

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



April 19

William Kirby

April 20

Grace Sullivan

April 21

Sophie Givan

April 23

Judy Hess

Peter Krieger

April 24

Nicholas Fomera

John McGinness



April 18

Tanner & Agnes Laughlin

June 16–21, 2024 Totus Tuus

Summer Camp
for all children Grades 1–12
Registration is open now!

Just Scan



1st - 6th Grade Program

9:00am - 2:30pm

Middle & High School Program

6:30pm - 8:45pm

Totus Tuus is open for every child free
of charge.

Press Release

from

Paris Knights of Columbus Council #860

Each year, the Knights of Columbus Council #860 awards scholarships to a high school senior Catholic boy and girl within the Paris Council area (St. Mary's –Paris or St. Aloysius –North Arm parishes, or a grandfather/father who is a current (or deceased) member of Council #860). This year, plans are to award two scholarships. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, and church activity. The scholarships will be \$1,000 each and are paid in four annual installments of \$250, if satisfactory progress is made toward the completion of degree requirements.

Once you contact Mr. Zuber, he will forward you a "Word" copy of the application and you can fill it out and email or mail it back to him. If you have any questions, please feel free to call him.

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$344.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,872.00

St. Michael's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$544.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,717.00

St. Mary's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,420.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,498.00



**Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 April 6/7**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$1,198.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **+\$236.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1920.00
 Online Giving \$75.00
 Maintenance \$35.00
 Seminarian \$50.00
 Rice Bowl \$198.75
 Catholic Home Mission \$20.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal **+\$686.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,421.89
 Building Fund \$390.00
 Easter Offering \$50.00
 Seminarian \$10.00
 Catholic Home Mission \$70.00
 Compassionate Clothing Closet \$165.00
 Rice Bowl \$50.00
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$3,503.11**

Thank you for your support!

Bulletin Deadline

Please forward information for the bulletin to: jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org by Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. before the following Sunday publication.

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

Let us pray for healing and strength of those who are experiencing illness!

Sharon Bailey	Garry Williamson
Mary Stoneburner	Diana Haupt
George Furnish	Marie Hibner
Tabathia Bratcher	Michael Ndeanaefo
Joan McCulley	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Dalton Elsberry	Ross Lanter
Rosemary Ogle	Bob Joines
Tate Kest	Dan Bruner
Jody Crandell	Sheila Brothers
Priscilla Hutton	Maxi Fitzjarald
Leigh Ketner	Doris Bernard
Isaac Hayes	Amber Hall
Colette Bernard	Mary Lou Hollowell
Colette Kamalosky	Joseph Finch
Theo Brink	Mary Jo Thompson
Rita Brink	Marc Wolf
Donnie Farris	Bill Myers
Jean Kramer	

For Our Expectant Mothers

We pray that God will bless and protect them during this time of waiting.

Raynelle Reynolds	Sara Harris
Brooke Carrington	Shelby Carrington

For Our Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Trent Senczyszyn	Richard Scott
Jeff Walsh	Justin Vice
Nathan Gatlin	Joe Kachmar
Caleb Machuca	Zack Lueken
Simon Holzer	Joseph Livesay
Joe Jenness	

For Our Confirmandi

Lord, show the path to Faith to these who will be confirmed and these who will join the Catholic Church, so that they learn to know Your Son Jesus Christ !

Our Confirmandi:

Abner Wood	Kallen Keys	Jocelyn Tracy
Leah Wood	Leo Higginbotham	
Bryce McGrath	Brooke McGrath	

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award – Women of Distinction

SDCCW Announces their 13th Annual “Our Lady of Good Counsel Award “Women of Distinction”. This event honors one woman chosen from each parish in the Springfield Diocese who actively lives her Catholic faith by serving her parish and community. The honoree does not need to belong to any parish women’s group. Honorees will be presented a certificate by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Mass for 2024 honorees, clergy, family, friends and parishioners will be celebrated Saturday, June 15th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL . A luncheon will follow at the Crowne Plaza. **Criteria for selection**” – A woman must actively live her Catholic faith, display her spirituality and share her time and talents with a cheerful attitude by doing acts of service and leadership toward her parish and community.

Our previous Women of Distinction Honorees have been:

St Mary – Kaye Hayes, JoEllen Edmonds, Mary Ann Sullivan, Virginia Holley, Evelyn Ring, Mary Stoneburner, Rosemary Ogle, Becky Kraemer, Bonnie Stephens, Julie Gross , Debra Kirsch & Karren Todd

If you would like to nominate a woman from St. Mary’s who exemplifies these characteristics, fill out the slip of paper (provided) and drop it in the red hat in the Gathering Space. **[St. Mary’s voting will take place from April 27/28 to May 4/5.](#)**

St. Aloysius – Lee Barrett, Linda Hahn, DeAnn Cash, Jerri Ricketts, Jeanette Waller, Mary Ann Morrissey, Rosemary Elsberry, Mary Frisz, Ann Robison, Nancy Hogan, Carole Halloran & Sheila Keys.

St. Michael – Ruth Anne Smith, list to be completed next week

Saint of the Week – St. Lambert of Lyons



St. Lambert’s parents were members of the nobility, and they sent him to live at the French court of King Clotaire III when he was still very young. Though he enjoyed the king’s good favor, he left the court after a number of years to become a Benedictine monk at the Abbey of Fontenelle, where the monks were known for their sanctity. This abbey in Normandy had been founded by St. Wandregisilis (Wandrille), who had formed the abbey into a missionary center and also added a school there. After Wandregisilis’ death, St. Lambert was chosen to succeed him as abbot, and the monk’s reputation for holiness grew even more. Many saints are known to have lived at Fontenelle, including St. Erembert, who had been Bishop of Toulouse before resigning his office and serving under St. Lambert. Around 679, the Archbishop of Lyons, St. Genesisus, died, and St. Lambert was chosen to be his successor as Archbishop of Lyons. Little is known about the later years of St. Lambert, except that he would sometimes retire to the Abbey Donzere, a branch of Fontenelle which he had founded on land that King Thierry had given him.

Feast Day April 14



FOLLOW ME

Pray — Experience — Witness

You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called "our national Emmaus moment," after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented nationwide pilgrimage where Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions, and it's coming to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois July 8-12, 2024!




The Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in Terre Haute from July 12th-14th at St. Patrick, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes.


Pray Everyday to End Abortion

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



Our Dearly Departed
Timothy Hahn
 &
Cash Wright - Father of Phil Wright
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!
May they rest in peace!




Word of Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

Illinois March for Life 2024

Registration for the Illinois March for Life is now open! The event is Wednesday, April 17 in Springfield. Mass will be at 10:00am on the campus of the University of Illinois, Springfield, and then gathering at the State Capitol at Noon. You can register for the Illinois March for Life Mass by going to the diocesan website: www.dio.org and clicking on the image for the March.



St. Mary's workday *moved to April 20,* 9am—1pm (Lunch provided)

Come with your garden tools, and help us to beautify your church campus.

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion.
 For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Pastoral Reflections

3rd Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

God is Good!!! All the time!!! And all the time!!! God is Good!!!

A man lame from birth has just been healed as Peter and John prayed for him in the name of “Jesus Christ of Nazareth.” As the man, now healed, clings to the two apostles in gratitude, Peter addresses the crowd around them. All are amazed at what has just taken place.

Tradition. Peter wants to make it clear that this miracle was not something for which he and John could claim any credit. He will reveal to them the source of the healing in a moment. But first, he disposes his audience to listen to his message by mentioning the God of their fathers. The names Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would bring to mind some of the most cherished details of their history. In this way, Peter wins their favor and then invites them to recognize that the same God who cared for their fathers along the journey of faith is doing the same for them in their own time. God was gloried by the work of salvation in the past; God is glorified now through the saving work of “his servant Jesus.”

Deliverance. The people did not perceive the hand of God at work in Jesus. Instead, they surrendered him to Pilate and the authority of Rome. The governor wanted to release Jesus, replacing him with someone who was truly guilty. But they refused. In so doing, they denied the “Holy and Righteous One” and put to death “the author of life.” But God’s saving work could not be undone by their sin and ignorance. God raised Jesus from the dead. Peter and John are witnesses to this.

The opening line of today’s Gospel makes reference to the disciples’ previous experience with the risen Lord on the way to Emmaus (Lk 24:13–35). The four major points of the Emmaus story are found also in today’s narrative about Jesus appearing to the Eleven and commissioning them. Notice the following: 1) The failure of the disciples to recognize or believe Jesus; 2) The interpretation of the Scriptures by Jesus; 3) Eating with the disciples; 4) The opening of the disciples’ eyes or minds.

The appearance of the risen Lord. This appearance story reminds one of last week’s narrative from the Gospel of John (20:19–29). Jesus miraculously appears in the midst of his disciples, bestowing on them the gift of his peace. The disciples are terrified by all of this. It is only when Jesus shows them his wounded hands and feet with the invitation to touch him that the disciples slowly begin to recognize him. It is very important for the disciples to experience continuity between Jesus of Nazareth and the risen Lord.

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Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Aloysius



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Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless the Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life - from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.



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Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



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