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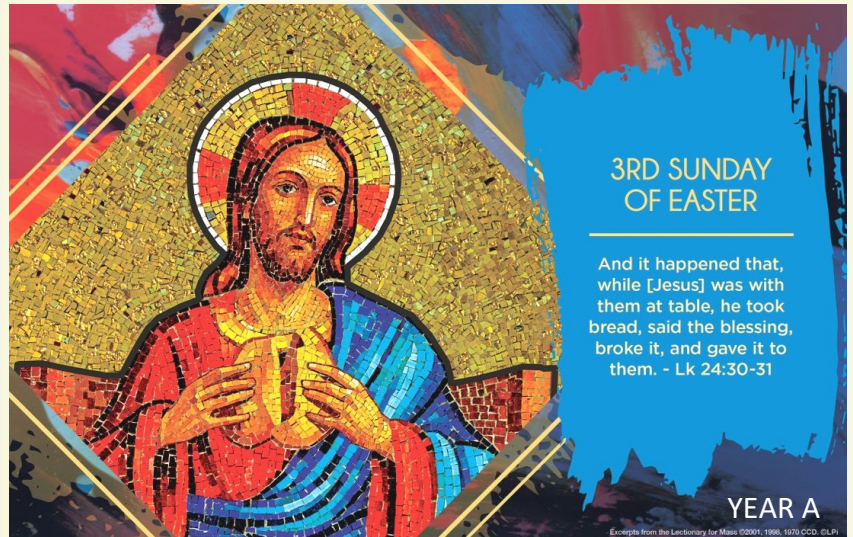
THE GOOD NEWS
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

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: Tuesdays 5:00pm at St. Mary

Wed-Fri 8am at St. Mary

Saturday Vigil at St. Mary: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius: 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Michael: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Mary: 10:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

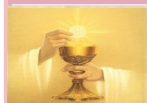
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 3:15—3:45pm or by appointment

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 21

5:00 pm † Joe Flanagan

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 am † Mary Lou Hollowell

Thursday, April 23

8:00 am † the Deceased members of the Gilivary

Friday, April 24

8:00 am † Marjorie Milliner

Saturday, April 25

4:00 pm Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, April 26

7:00 am † Nancy Young

8:30am † Kay Barrett

10:15am † Pat Roush

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 21

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

11:00 am Hobby & Craft Circle at St. Mary

5:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, April 22

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm OCIA- St. Mary's

Thursday, April 23

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, April 24

8:00am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, April 25

3:15 ~ 3:45pm Confession at St. Mary

4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, April 26

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



April 25/26, 2026

St. Mary 4:00pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Volunteer

LECTOR: Jim Moore

EM: Lugene Joines & Volunteer

SERVER: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETER: Joe Keys

LECTOR: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Volunteer

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Beth Harbaugh

LECTOR: Brian Smith

SERVERS: Abner Wood/ Millie Wilhoit

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Jim Aydt

EM: Janet Tracy, Jeff Roush & Mary Liz Wright

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the Rea Family

Reminders

May 5: 6:30pm St. Mary's Finance Mtg.

June 8: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Finance Mtg.

June 8: 6:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral Mtg.

June 9: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Mtg.

June 11: 5:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Mtg.

June 28: 10:00am St. Michael's 150th Celebration

July 5 ~ 10: Totu Tuus Week

Pray & Play Dates (5:15—7:30pm) for you to mark your calendar

May 8

September 4

June 5

October 2

July 10

November 6

August 7

December 4

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Dying

Please call or text Father Aloysius(2127-412-4344) if you have a loved one who is seriously ill or close to death to receive this Sacrament, which can only be administered to the living. It is recommended that any Catholic who is facing surgery or has a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Once administered, the sense of the Lord's presence draws everyone more closely together. The sacrament is not a guarantee that healing is in the Divine Will of God. It assures that whatever the outcome, God will be present and guide the patient and family throughout the entire journey.

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St. Michael Hume

<https://pushpay.com/g/stmichaelhume>



Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

<i>April 23</i> Judy Hess Peter Krieger	<i>April 24</i> Ruth Sullivan	<i>April 28</i> Mary Stoneburner
<i>April 24</i> John McGinness	<i>April 26</i> Linda Barrett	<i>April 29</i> Wayne Buechlein
	<i>April 28</i> Emma Moreschi	<i>Dan Hutchings</i>



Temporal Punishment Explained and How To Get It Off Your Soul

Ever wondered why Catholics believe sin still has consequences even after forgiveness in Confession? In this episode, we dive deep into the Church's teaching on temporal punishment — what it means, why it matters, and how God's mercy and justice work together. Discover how confession wipes away guilt but not always the damage left behind, and how we can heal that through prayer, penance, and love. Father Christopher Trummer, a moral theologian, joins Dive Deep. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Summer Camp – Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Parents and grandparents, please register your child/children and save the week for the Lord!

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

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TOTUS TUUS

5-10 JULY 2026

St. Mary,
Paris

Grades 1-6

Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:30pm
Bring sack lunch

Grades 7-12

Sunday-Thursday
6:30-8:15pm
Snack provided

QUESTIONS?
Email Mary Liz Wright at mlwright@stmaryschurchparis.org



Rosary before Mass
Please come and join us to pray the Rosary.
Sunday @8:00am – St. Michael
Sunday @9:45am – St. Mary
Rosary before Daily Mass at St. Mary

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:	\$71,220.00
Weekly received:	\$100.00
Up-to-date total:	\$27,480.00
Fund needed:	\$43,740.00
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St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	\$90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$0.00
Up-to-date total:	\$23,755.00
Fund needed:	\$66,375.00
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St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$1,160.00
Up-to-date total:	\$380,826.00
Fund needed:	\$344,424.00



Weekly Offertory April 11/12, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,400.00
Online Giving	\$0
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$65.00
Total Collection:	\$2,289.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1,010.00
Online Giving	\$50.00
Seminarians	80.00
Total Collection:	\$1,140.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$4,617.00
Online Giving	\$65.00
Seminarians	\$40.00
Holy Land	\$115.00
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$190.00
Total Collection:	\$5,027.00

Thank you for your support!

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$476.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,718.00

St. Michael's Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$641.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,127.00

St. Mary's Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,610.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,163.00

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

Angie Napier	John Yuza
John David Jones	Patricia Sullivan
Bill Englum	Mary Jiron
John Cannady	Kent Laughlin
Colson Zerrusen	Peter David
Sarah Prater	Mary Stoneburner
Janet Vaught	Margaret Huckeby
Brad Cash	Melissa Cohn
Claudia Blumthal	Andrew Hostetler
John Throneburg	Alice Kramer
Wink Cooper	Sharon Bailey
Meredith Blumthal	Rosemary Ogle
Sandy Thompson	Jody Crandell
Tina Halloran	Leigh Ketner
Victoria Magers	Isaac Hayes
John Halloran	Donnie Farris
Barry Twigg	Jean Kramer
Lahaunda Madrid	Marie Hibner
Eleanor Macey	Ross Lanter
Donna Keys	Dan Bruner
Brian Mullenix	Doris Bernard
Linda McHenry	Joseph Finch
Richard Yates	Marc Wolf
Tamera Brown Tadlock	&
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	For those who have no one
Larry Elsberry	to pray for them
Joanie Hutchcraft	
Ruby Kindred	

For Our Military

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

Henry Arp	Michael Whitacre
Jeff Walsh	Nathan Gatlin
Joe Kachmar	Raynell Reynolds
Joseph Livesay	Richard Scott
Juliana Akhavan	Collyn Smith
Justin Vice	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Julie Magers Yawanis	Hannah Furnish
Victoria Machuca	

Let us pray for our PSR Confirmandi that God shower abundant graces upon them during this period of preparation to be true followers of Jesus Christ.

Our Confirmandi

Carter Staub	Easton Pinnel	Emitt Keys
Hallie Rollings	Hunter Rollings	Jackson Tarr
Nora Keske	Romi Rea	

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award – Women of Distinction

SDCCW Announces their 15th 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 2025 honorees, clergy, family, friends and parishioners will be celebrated Saturday, June 27th 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, Anita Rhodes & Rosemarie Ketner.

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 May 9 to May 17, 2026.**

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, Jody Crandell & Angie Barrett.

St. Michael – ... Ruth Anne Smith ... Helen Barrett & Martha Williams



Our Graduates

Ava Barrett	Colton Cornwell
Gabriel Roush	Gabriel Williams
Logan Curl	Kennen Svendsen

High School Graduation Mass & Brunch Sunday, May 24, 2026

Let us Graduates in the Gathering Space after Mass.

***A brunch reception following Mass in the Parish Hall
for the graduates and their families.***

If you have a graduating senior and I missed him/her, please let the office know, so we don’t miss anyone. Thank you!

Stewardship Corner

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” *LUKE 24:32*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Ward of Life

April 19th

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

Paris Council 860
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Scholarship Application

Knights of Columbus - Scholarship Program - Paris Council 860

Selection: 1. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership, church activities, and future plans. There is no minimum class rank, SAT, or ACT score.

2. Finalists may be invited for an interview by the scholarship committee.

Amount: 1. The scholarship is \$1000.00 paid in four payments in your name consisting of \$250.00 per year directly to the winner.

Renewal: 1. The scholarship is renewed each year (up to four years) if satisfactory progress is made toward completion of degree requirements. All previous winners must submit a current transcript prior to being awarded another year of scholarship money.

Applications: 1. All applications must be returned to the Scholarship Chairman by the time frame listed in the bulletin. Selection will usually be made no later than May 15th (depending on the graduation date).

Copies of Application are available at your parish office or email to Mr. Aydt stefan.aydt@gmail.com. Completed Application should be emailed back to Mr. Aydt, or physically delivered to him or the parish office by **May 1st.**

End of the World

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!” ©LPi

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

IF I CLOSE MY EYES I CAN ALMOST FEEL JESUS WITH ME AS I'M WALKING



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IF YOU KEPT YOUR EYES OPEN DURING YOUR WALK WITH JESUS YOU'D FALL DOWN LESS



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Pastoral Reflections

3rd Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

God Is Good!!! All the Time!!! And All the Time!!! God Is Good!!!

Peter, along with the Eleven, raises his voice to proclaim the Gospel; the new Israel addresses the old Israel. The saving work of Jesus continues through the Twelve Apostles who have just received the gift of the Spirit. Their audience is a crowd of people gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost.

The story of the appearance of the risen Lord on the way to Emmaus is the best developed of all the Gospel appearance stories. The drama evolves around the tension of whether or not the disciples will recognize the risen Lord in their very midst.

The meeting. Two disciples of Jesus are heading for Emmaus, discouraged by the crucifixion of Jesus, which has dashed all their hopes for the future. In the midst of their conversation, Jesus, under the appearance of the risen Lord, approaches them in the form of a stranger. We are told explicitly that the disciples do not recognize him. Jesus makes the first move by asking these disciples what they are talking about as they walk.

The conversation. Now ensues a rather lengthy conversation between the risen Lord and these disciples. The first part focuses on the disciples who are shocked that this “stranger” is ignorant of what has happened these past days to Jesus the Nazarene. Their unfolding of the events is first of all a Christological affirmation regarding who Jesus is as a prophet, mighty in word and deed. Secondly, their description serves as a summary outline of the Gospel Passion narrative from Jesus’ arrest to his death, burial, and reports of the empty tomb by some women. The grand irony of all this, is that the very subject of their narrative is walking with them side by side. Jesus himself finally intervenes and carefully points out how everything that has happened to the Christ is part of God’s divine plan of necessity. He does this through interpreting to them the Scriptures. Still they do not recognize him.

The meal. As they all approach Emmaus, the disciples’ offer Jesus hospitality, and he accepts. It was in the context of their common meal that Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to them. Within this action, the disciples immediately recognized Jesus, but then, just as quickly, he vanished from them. Finally, they recognized the divine stranger, and quickly they returned to Jerusalem to share this good news. For the early Christians, this story said that we still can meet the risen Lord in the presence of the stranger, the interpretation of the Scriptures, and the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist).

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Fr. Aloysius



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The Unity Prayer

My adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.

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