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THE GOOD NEWS

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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.



EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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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: 5:30 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: 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 22
5:00 pm ✝ Greg Currey *by Sheila Brothers*

Wednesday, April 23
8:00 am ✝ Theresa Ndeanaefo *by Eugene Joines*

Thursday, April 24
8:00 am ✝ John McMullen

Friday, April 25
8:00 am Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Saturday, April 26
5:30 pm Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, April 27
7:00 am ✝ Charles & Veronica Englum
8:30 am ✝ Ed & Betty Mulcahey
10:15am ✝ Beverly Carr *by Anne Pool*

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 22
Adoration 5:00am—5:00pm at St. Mary
5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary
7:00pm *KC Meeting*

Wednesday, April 23
8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, April 24
7:00 pm Mass - St. Mary with

Friday, April 25
8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, April 26
5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, April 27
7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius
8:30 am Mass - St. Michael
10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Story Telling : *Woman at the Well* by Patti Winn
after 10:15am Mass followed by Potluck at St.
Mary's Hall. Meat



April 26/27, 2025

St. Mary 8:00pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Doug Happ
LECTOR: Jim Moore
EM: Eugene Joines & Volunteer
SERVERS: Volunteer
GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETER: Joe Keys
LECTORS: Lee Barrett
EM: Linda Hahn
SERVERS: Scott Neal
GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Beth Harbaugh
LECTORS: Kevin Smith
SERVERS: Lily Brown/Millie Wilhoit
GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker
LECTORS: Jim Aydt
EM: Christi McClain, Janet Tracy & Mary Liz Wright
SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy
GIFTS: the Rollings Family

Reminders

Divine Sunday, April 27, 2025
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
at St. Mary

April 29: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Mtg.
May 6: 7:00pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting
May 12: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Finance Council Mtg.
May 12: 6:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral Council Mtg.
May 27: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Council Mtg.

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025
We encourage everyone
to wear **RED** to church!

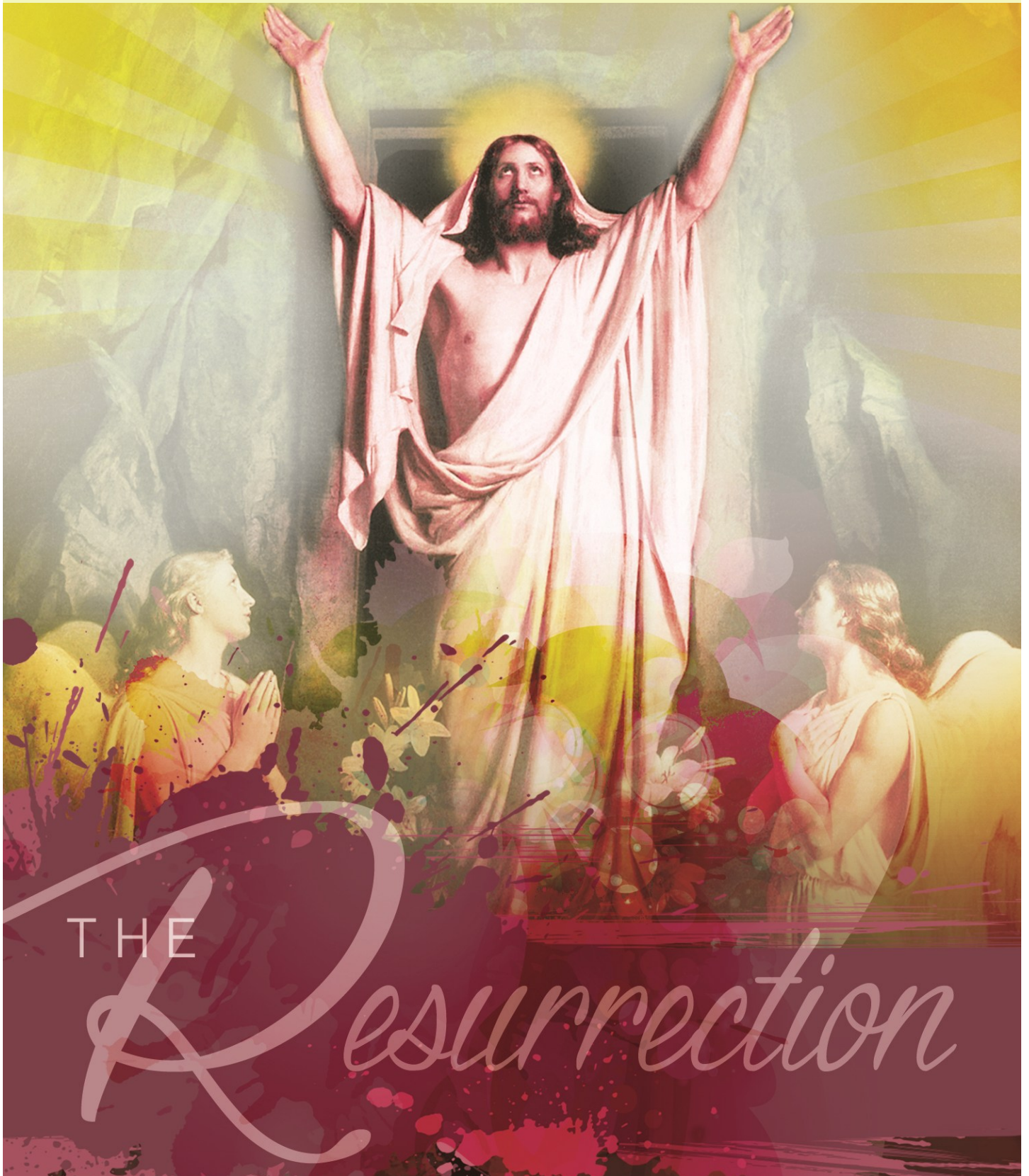
June 12: 6:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Mtg.
July 6-11: Totus Tuus Week

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

Let us rejoice and be glad!

-Psalm 118



THE

Resurrection

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal: **\$71,220.00**
Weekly received: **\$1500.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$25,390.00**
Fund needed: **\$45,830.00**

St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal: **\$90,130.00**
Weekly received: **\$100.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$3,200.00**
Fund needed: **\$86,930.00**

St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal: **\$725,250.00**
Weekly received: **\$1,047.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$193,291.00**
Fund needed: **\$531,959.00**



Weekly Offertory April 12/13, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$658.00
Online Giving \$0
Compassionate Clothing Closet \$20.00
Total Collection: **\$678.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,425.00
Online Giving \$130.00
Total Collection: **\$1,555.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,977.00
Online Giving \$40.00
Easter Flower \$55.00
Compassionate Clothing Closet \$255.00
Holy Land \$25.00
Catholic Home Mission \$60.00
Seminarians \$20.00
Total Collection: **\$4,432.00**

Thank you for your support!

2024/2025 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$418.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,724.00

St. Michael's Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 482.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,480.00

St. Mary's Parish

February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,259.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,961.00

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

Linda McHenry	Adam Dennison
Randy Turner	Mary Stoneburner
Richard Yates	Margaret Huckeby
Brad Neal	Melissa Cohn
Jana McIntosh	Kathryn Lentz
Pope Francis	Kenneth Kocher
Jim Hart	Jeff Brinkley
Chris Morris	Andrew Hostetler
Tamera Brown Tadlock	Alice Kramer
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	Sharon Bailey
Larry Elsberry	Joan McCulley
Kami Kraemer	Rosemary Ogle
Connie Hart	Jody Crandell
David Volk	Priscilla Hutton
Joanie Hutchcraft	Leigh Ketner
Steve Allen	Isaac Hayes
Ruby Kindred	Donnie Farris
Andrew Ferucci	Jean Kramer
John Yuza	Marie Hibner
Patricia Sullivan	Ross Lanter
Mary Jiron	Dan Bruner
Kent Laughlin	Sheila Brothers
Phil Ludington	Doris Bernard
Beverly Haase	Joseph Finch
Sydney Shanks	Marc Wolf
Peter David	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Callie Keys Cannady Jill Cucinella

For Our Military

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

Jeff Walsh	Joe Kachmar
Nathan Gatlin	Zack Lueken
Caleb Machuca	Joseph Livesay
Simon Holzer	Raynell Kahala
Joe Jenness	Paul Devore
Richard Scott	Michael Whitacre
Justin Vice	

For Our PSR Families

We pray that God grant abundant grace upon all of our parents and children so that our Christian identity becomes rooted in the lives of our children through day-to-day religious practices.

For Our Confirmandi & Catechumen

Catelynn Cornwell	Marlyn Grider	Solomon Jansen
Landon Keske	Rosemary Keys	Millicent Wilhoit
Penelope Rhoads (Catechumen)		

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Collection Online Giving Links & QR Codes

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St. Mary Paris

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St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays



April 24

John McGinness

Ruth Sullivan

April 25

Doris Stone

April 26

Linda Barrett

April 28

Emma Moreschi

Mary Stoneburner

April 29

Wayne Buechlein

Dan Hutchings

April 30

Matthew Boland

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, St. Aloysius -North Arm and St. Michael Hume 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 scholastic, 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.

Knights of Columbus scholarship applications for graduating seniors are available to be picked up in the parish office. You can also receive a PDF copy by emailing stefan.aydt@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be returned to the parish office
or emailed to stefan.aydt@gmail.com by Sunday, May 4th.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award – Women of Distinction

SDCCW Announces their 14th 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 21st 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

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 26/27 to May 3/4.**

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

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

Stewardship Corner

Easter Sunday

*“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”
(Acts 10:38)*

We can’t give what we don’t have. Open your heart to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God’s adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Bulletin Deadline

Please forward information for the bulletin to: jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org
by **Wednesday at 12:00 P.M.**
before the following Sunday publication.

Dear Parishioners,

If you have any questions regarding St. Mary’s Capital Campaign, please feel free to contact any of these Committee members:

Andy Goodwin	Brian Murphy
Doug Happ	Greg Sullivan
John Carrington	Lorrain Bailey
Mary Ann Sullivan	Mary Liz Wright
Phil Wright	Scott Hall

Thank you for your support to St. Mary’s Church Family!

Will and Estate Planning

Have you remembered St. Mary’s Church in your Will and Estate planning? We have been privileged to receive many Estates/Wills over the years from devoted parishioners and supporters of St. Mary’s Church. Some are large and others are small but all helps to keep the legacy of our parish. *Let us remember to pray for all of our benefactors living and deceased.*

Pastoral Reflections

Easter Sunday

My dear parishioners,

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

In this reading, Luke's second book reaches a dramatic point. For the first time, the Gospel is proclaimed to a gentile audience. Without God's initiative in this matter, it is likely the apostles would have continued to preach the Gospel only to those belonging to the Jewish tradition. God must prime Peter to take this step by three times presenting him with a vision inviting the apostle to broaden his understanding of things (Acts 10:9–16). The apostle must recognize that the presumed boundary he accepted between what is clean and unclean does not apply when it comes to preaching the Gospel. Thus, once again in Acts, the Church through God's initiative goes beyond thresholds it might never have crossed otherwise.

The early Christians expressed their faith in the resurrection of Jesus by telling two kinds of stories. The first kind emphasizes Jesus appearing to his disciples and others after he had been raised from the dead. The second kind are stories about the tomb of Jesus being empty. These stories are not attempting to prove that Jesus had been raised from the dead; they expressed what those first Christians believed happened to Jesus when he was raised from the dead.

Mary Magdala came to the tomb. In this empty tomb story, Mary Magdala goes to the tomb of Jesus and immediately discovers that the big stone covering the entrance to the tomb has been removed. She neither enters the tomb nor even looks inside. Instead, she immediately runs to Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple, telling them what she has concluded from her brief experience: She is convinced that someone has stolen the body of Jesus. She arrived at this conclusion without entering the tomb or even peering in.

Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to the tomb. Both Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to the tomb, based on the information Mary Magdala has given them. A point is made that the Beloved Disciple arrives at the tomb first. This disciple has become the favorite in John's Gospel even though the special status of Peter is still respected. The Beloved Disciple does not enter the tomb but instead waits for Peter to arrive. He enters the tomb and sees that indeed it is empty; the burial cloths are still there with the head covering in a separate place. There is no response at all from Peter.

The Beloved Disciple sees and believes. After Peter has gone into the tomb and seen what was and was not there, the Beloved Disciple enters. He sees and believes. Obviously, this means that he saw exactly what Peter had seen. But whereas Peter offered no response at all, the Beloved Disciple responds with faith. He believes. The Beloved Disciple is a model in John's Gospel for what a faithful disciple should be. Although he does not replace the role of Peter among the disciples, he exceeds Peter in faith. The Gospel indicates that at this point the meaning of the resurrection is not clear. That is yet to come.

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Sincerely in Christ,

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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