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St. Aloysius
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St. Michael
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THE GOOD NEWS

4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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

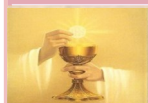
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 3:15—3:45pm or by appointment

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 28

5:00 pm † Jacob Egan

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am † Grey Currey

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am † Joan McCulley

Friday, May 1

8:00 am † Ed Pool by Janet Clark

Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm † Earl & Pauline Anderson

Sunday, May 3

7:00 am † Leonard Twigg Sr.

8:30am † Doris Stone

10:15am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 28

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 29

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

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

Thursday, April 30

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 1

8:00am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 2

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

4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 3

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

**All are invited May Crowning & Brunch
after 10:15am Mass**



May 2/3, 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: Jim Frisz

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Volunteer

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Randy Stone

LECTOR: Martha Williams

SERVERS: Leah Wood/ Nora Keske

GIFTS: the Jansen Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Brian Murphy

EM: Christi McClain, Chris Wright & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the Rollings 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: Totus 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!

April 30

Matthew Boland

May 2

Leighsa Cornwell

May 3

Jeff Arp

May 4

Mike McFatridge

May 5

Joe Keys

Rosana Rocha

Alan Zuber

St. Michael's 150 Year Anniversary

St. Michael's is celebrating 150 years on June 28th. Mass will be at 10 a.m. with Bishop Paprocki celebrating with us.

A catered meal will follow in the Parish Hall.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 1st.

Please text or call Lori at 630-531-2045

or email Phyllis at stone.phyllis5@gmail.com

Our Dearly Departed

rother to Alan Zuber
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!
May he rest in peace!



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



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



Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:	\$71,220.00
Weekly received:	\$100.00
Up-to-date total:	\$27,580.00
Fund needed:	\$43,640.00
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St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	\$90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$.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:	\$2,285.00
Up-to-date total:	\$383,111.00
Fund needed:	\$342,139.00



Weekly Offertory April 18/19, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$605.00
Online Giving	\$0
Catholic Home Mission	\$116.00
Total Collection:	\$721.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$798.00
Online Giving	\$70.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$20.00
Total Collection:	\$888.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$4,524.00
Online Giving	\$734.74
Seminarians	\$60.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$396.55
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$125.00
Total Collection:	\$5,840.29

Thank you for your support!

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$467.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,185.00

St. Michael's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$669.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,796.00

St. Mary's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,393.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$26,556.00

Prayer Requests



For the Sick

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

Tom Wagner	Ruby Kindred
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 Hucceby
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	Dan Bruner
Donna Keys	Doris Bernard
Brian Mullenix	Joseph Finch
Linda McHenry	Marc Wolf
Richard Yates	&
Tamera Brown Tadlock	For those who have no one
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	to pray for them
Larry Elsberry	
Joanie Hutchcraft	

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

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. They will be confirmed by Bishop Paprocki on June 6, 2026 at the Cathedral.

Our Confirmandi

<i>Carter Staub</i>	<i>Easton Pinnel</i>	<i>Emitt Keys</i>
<i>Hallie Rollings</i>	<i>Hunter Rollings</i>	<i>Jackson Tarr</i>
<i>Nora Keske</i>	<i>Romi Rea</i>	

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

4th Sunday of Easter

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin – to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Ward of Life

April 26th

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”

usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

Paris Council 860
Knights of Columbus



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.**

Exaltation of the Cross

Question:

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Pastoral Reflections

4th Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaims that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus Christ. Addressing the leaders and elders, he declares that the one they rejected has become the cornerstone. The saving mission of Jesus now continues through the Apostles, whose courage reflects the transforming power of the Resurrection. Their witness reminds the community that Christ, though once rejected, is now the foundation of new life.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd, an image rich in meaning and intimacy. He is not a distant ruler but one who knows his sheep personally, calls them by name, and leads them with care. This relationship is built on trust and recognition. The sheep respond because they know his voice, revealing that discipleship begins with attentive listening and a willingness to follow.

The encounter unfolds as Jesus speaks in parables to those who struggle to understand him. While some remain confused, the deeper truth is revealed to those open to hearing. Jesus identifies himself as the gate for the sheep, emphasizing that he is the point of entry into life with God. Through him, the flock finds safety, nourishment, and direction.

A sharp contrast is drawn between Jesus and those he calls thieves and robbers. These figures represent all who mislead, exploit, or scatter the people. Unlike them, Jesus comes not to take but to give. His mission is to offer life—life in abundance. This promise points beyond mere existence to a fullness of grace, peace, and communion with God.

For the early Christians, this message affirmed that the risen Lord remains present as their shepherd and guide. Today, the same invitation is extended to us: to listen for his voice amid the many distractions of life and to follow where he leads. In doing so, we discover the security of his care and the richness of the life he offers, a life rooted in trust and sustained by his enduring presence.

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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