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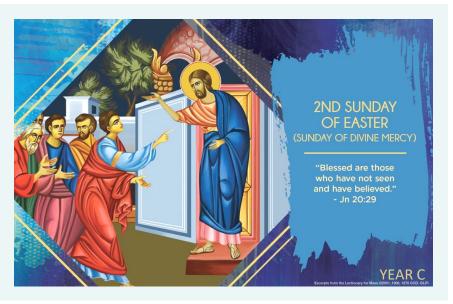
#### THE GOOD NEWS Sunday of Divine Mercy April 27, 2025

#### **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.



#### 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: 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 29

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 am Ray & Charlotte Crippes

Thursday, May 1

Friday, May 2

8:00 am Ed Pool *by Anne Pool* 

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

10:15am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parish-



May 3/4, 2025

St. Mary 8:00pm (Sat.)

**GREETER**: Doug Happ **LECTOR**: Jim Moore

**EM**: Lugene Joines & Volunteer

**SERVERS**: Volunteer **GIFTS**: Volunteer

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

**GREETER**: Joe Keys

**LECTORS**: Tom Morrisey

EM: Linda Hahn

**SERVERS**: Scott Neal/Kallen Keys

**GIFTS**: the Keys Family

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

**GREETER**: Randy Stone **LECTORS**: Brian Smith

SERVERS: Leah Wood/Landon Keske

**GIFTS**: the Wilhoit Family

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

**GREETER**: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

**LECTORS**: Brian Murphy

EM: Christi McClain, Chris Wright & Terry Sullivan

**SERVERS**: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

**GIFTS**: the Staub Family

#### **Happening This Week**

#### Monday, April 28

6:00pm—St. Mary's Building & Grounds Meeting

Tuesday, April 29

Adoration 5:00am—5:00pm at St. Mary

*5:00 pm* Mass - St. Mary

5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, May 1

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary with

Friday, May 2

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, May 3

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

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 4

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius 8:30 am Mass - St. Michael 10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

May Crowning at St. Mary after 10:15am Mass Catholic Home Mission Collection

#### Reminders

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

#### Parish Council & Committee Chairs

#### St. Aloysius

#### **Pastoral Council**

Jim Frisz jdfrisz@gmail.com

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#### Collection Online Giving Links & QR Codes

#### St. Aloysius North Arm

https://pushpay.com/g/staloysiusnortharm



#### St. Mary Paris

https://pushpay.com/g/stmarysparis



#### St. Michael Hume

https://pushpay.com/g/stmichaelhume



#### **Birthdays**

## Happy Birthday!

#### May 2

Leighsa Cornwell Julia Irwin **May 3** Jeff Arp

April 4

Míke McFatrídge

#### May 5

Joe Keys Rosana Rocha Alan Zuber

## Cookies Needed

## Faith In Action Pulled Pork Lunch

St. Mary's parish is asked to provide 10 dozens of cookies for the Pulled Pork Lunch hosted by Faith In Action at the 1st Christian Church on Friday May 16, 2025. Please contact the office if you can

## 2025. Please contact the office if you can make some cookies.

Cookies needs to be dropped at the church Thursday afternoon.

Thank you!

#### Press Release

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#### 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.

# Capital Campaign St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal: \$71,220.00 Weekly received: \$ Up-to-date total: \$25,390.00 Fund needed: \$45,830.00 St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal: \$90,130.00

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St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	S90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$
Up-to-date total:	\$3,200.00
Fund needed:	\$86,930.00
St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$602.00
Up-to-date total:	\$193,893.00



Fund needed:

#### Weekly Offertory April 19/20, 2025

\$531,357.00

#### ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,000.00
Online Giving	\$0
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$20.00
Seminarians	\$195.00
Total Collection:	\$1,215.00

#### ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1,035.00
Online Giving	\$240.00
Seminarians	\$355.00
Holy Land	\$60.00
Total Collection:	\$1,690.00

#### ST. MARY

Sunday	\$3,360.50
Online Giving	\$606.00
Easter Flower	\$20.00
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$25.00
Holy Land	\$946.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$120.00
Seminarians	\$1,175.00
Total Collection:	\$6,252.50

#### 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

#### St. Aloysius Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$633.00 Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,357.00

#### St. Michael's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 698.00 Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,178.00

#### St. Mary's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,796.00 Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$27,757.00



#### Prayer Requests



#### For the Sick

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

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

#### For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Callie Keys Cannady Bryanna Garver Jill Cucinella

#### For Our Military

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

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

#### 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

Catelymn Cornwell	Marlyn Grider	Solomon Jansen
Landon Keske	Rosemary Keys	Millicent Wilhoit



#### Welcome and Congratulations Penelope Katherine Rhoads

Please keep praying for our newest member, Penelope Katherine Rhoads, who was received into full communion at Easter Vigil that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen her on her journey toward God!

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! -Psalm 118:24



#### April 27

"If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu www.hopeafterabortion.org to

find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing



#### **Our Graduates**

**Bryce McGrath** Claire Kirby **Emerson Barrett**  **Carlee Longest Cooper Keys Natalie Burger** 

## **High School Graduation Mass & Brunch** Sunday, May 25, 2025

Congratulate our 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!



## Our Dearly Departed

Brad Neal-brother to Scott Neal Jim Hart—brother-in-law to Linda Cartwright Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! May they rest in peace!



## July 6- 11, 2025

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

#### Just Scan Here 🗖



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.

## 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

#### Our Lady of Good Counsel Award - Women of Distinction

SDCCW Announces their 14th Annual "Our Lady of Good Counsel Award "Women of Distinc-

tion". 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. <u>St. Mary's voting will take</u> place from <u>April 26/27 to May 3/4</u>.

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

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

#### Stewardship Corner

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Peace — the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

### 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.

#### "How do angels greet each other?"



## "Halo!"



In sacred art, we often see light radiating from the heads of the angels and saints.

This light is known as a halo, and it's meant to symbolize that person's holiness and closeness to God.

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## Pastoral Reflections

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

The apostle Peter plays a prominent role in the opening chapters of Acts. He has addressed fellow Jews on the feast of Pentecost, cured a man lame from birth, boldly proclaimed the Gospel before the high council, and, in immediately preceding this reading, pronounced judgment on the deceitful Ananias and his wife, Sapphira. In this reading Peter's service to God is exhibited once again.

According to John's Gospel, the resurrection of Jesus— as well as his conferring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples—occurred on Easter Sunday. The synoptic Gospels, especially Luke, spread these events out over a 50-day period. Today's Gospel is from John, and it contains a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples, the conferral of the Holy Spirit upon them, and a special event involving Thomas.

**Fear transformed into faith.** On Easter Sunday night, the disciples have barricaded themselves behind locked doors. They are afraid that what happened to Jesus will now happen to them. Suddenly, Jesus appears in their midst—in spite of the locked doors. His first words to them are a greeting of peace. However, it is only when he shows them his hands and side, verifying it is really Jesus, that their fear subsides, and they rejoice. They believe Jesus is the Risen Lord.

The commissioning with the Holy Spirit. Jesus wastes no time with small talk. He reconfirms his gift of peace and immediately commissions them to carry on the very work he has been doing. As he sends them out, he empowers them by breathing on them the Holy Spirit. This life breath of God also includes the power to forgive and retain sin, the failure to believe that Jesus is the very incarnation of God. This action of Jesus is often referred to as the "Johannine Pentecost" because this is the only place in John's Gospel where the Spirit is conferred on the disciples, commissioning them to carry on the work of Jesus.

Thomas experiences the Risen Lord. There is a long Christian tradition that portrays Thomas as a person who doubts that Jesus has been raised from the dead. That tradition is largely misinformed. Thomas was not present at Jesus' initial appearance to the disciples. Those disciples can affirm that Jesus is the Lord because they saw him and could thus confirm that it was really Jesus. Thomas wants the same evidential experience that the other disciples had—that is not doubt. Once Jesus appears to him and Thomas sees what the others saw, he is a pillar of faith. He does not touch Jesus at all. He sees and believes. Faith without evidence is a very rare grace.

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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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