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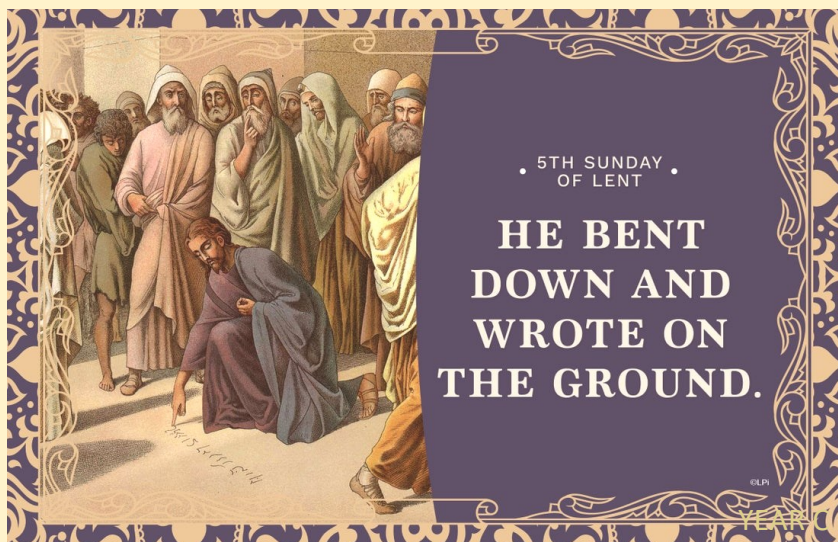
THE GOOD NEWS
5th Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

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.



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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 8
 5:00 pm ✝ Jacob Egan

Wednesday, April 9
 8:00 am ✝ Brooke Bohner

Thursday, April 10
 8:00 am L & D Mel & Jeanette Hahn Family

Friday, April 11
 8:00 am ✝ Bernie Englum

Saturday, April 12
 5:30 pm ✝ Marge Chapa & Marge Fullerton

Sunday, April 13
 7:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes
 8:30 am ✝ Thomas Sullivan
 10:15am ✝ Joan Mattingly *by Rosemarie Ketner*

Happening This Week

Monday, April 7
6:30pm Choir Practice at St. Mary

Tuesday, April 8
Adoration 5:00am—5:00pm at St. Mary
 5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary
 7:00pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, April 9
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary
 8:30—9:00am Confession at St. Mary

Thursday, April 10
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary
 8:30—9:00am Confession at St. Mary

Friday, April 11
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary
Stations of the Cross
 12:00pm & 5:30pm -St. Mary
 6:00pm—St. Michael

Saturday, April 12
 5:30 pm Mass & 15 minutes Adoration
 4:00 - 4:45pm Confession at St. Mary

Sunday, April 13
 7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius
 8:30 am Mass - St. Michael
 10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



April 12/13, 2025

St. Mary 5:30pm (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/Kallen Keys/Rosemary Keys
GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Kevin Smith
LECTORS: Brian Simith& Martha Williams
SERVERS: Lily Brown/Abner Wood
GIFTS: the Jansen Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker
LECTORS: Mary Liz Wright/Bryce McGrath
EM: Andy Goodwin, Brian Murphy & Janet Tracy
SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy
GIFTS: the Laughlin Family

Reminders

April 27: Story Telling : *Woman at the Well*
 by Patti Winn

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.

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

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Jim Frisz
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St. Mary Paris

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



St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

April 11
Misty Elsberry
Cooper Keys

April 12
Richard Yates
Donita Smith

April 13
Dave Kirsch
Richard Scott

April 14
Joe Morrissey
Greg Bussing

April 14
Edith Sullivan
Bryanne Garver

April 15
Lisa Roush
Allison Step
Phil Wright



April 12
Greg & Mary Ann Sullivan

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season Schedule March 5 ~ June 8, 2025

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays

12:00pm & 5:30pm at St. Mary's
6:00 pm at St Michael's

Confession & Penance during Lent

- Confession 8:30–9:00am after Mass on Wed. & Thur.
- 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Mary's on Tuesday April 1, 2025
- 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Michael on Thursday April 3, 2025
- Confession 4:00 – 4:45pm at St. Mary's on Saturdays

Holy Week

Tuesday April 15, 2025 ~ No Mass

Chrism Mass in Springfield

Holy Thursday April 17, 2025

at 7:00pm Mass at St. Mary's with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and
continue till midnight

Good Friday April 18, 2025

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
12:00pm Station of the Cross at St. Mary
3:00pm Station of the Cross at St. Michael
5:30pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary

Holy Saturday April 19, 2025

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
11:00am OCIA Rehearsal
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

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

Easter Egg Hunter after all Masses

Divine Sunday, April 27, 2025

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
at St. Mary

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

We encourage everyone to wear **RED** to church!

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ **Goal:** **\$71,220.00**
Weekly received: **\$1,200.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$23,790.00**
Fund needed: **\$47,430.00**

St. Michael's Parish ~ **Goal:** **\$90,130.00**
Weekly received: **\$850.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$3,100.00**
Fund needed: **\$87,030.00**

St. Mary's Parish ~ **Goal:** **\$725,250.00**
Weekly received: **\$2,277.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$180,042.00**
Fund needed: **\$545,208.00**



Weekly Offertory March 29/30, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$776.00
Online Giving \$102.20
Catholic Relief \$160.00
Total Collection: **\$1,038.20**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$984.00
Online Giving \$260.00
Catholic Relief \$110.00
Total Collection: **\$1,354.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,363.00
Online Giving \$40.00
Catholic Charities \$20.00
Catholic Relief \$875.00
Flower \$25.00
Church in Europe \$20.00
Total Collection: **\$4,343.00**

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!

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	Rosemary Ogle
Kami Kraemer	Jody Crandell
Connie Hart	Priscilla Hutton
David Volk	Leigh Ketner
Joanie Hutchcraft	Isaac Hayes
Steve Allen	Donnie Farris
Ruby Kindred	Jean Kramer
Andrew Ferucci	Marie Hibner
John Yuza	Ross Lanter
Patricia Sullivan	Dan Bruner
Mary Jiron	Sheila Brothers
Kent Laughlin	Doris Bernard
Phil Ludington	Joseph Finch
Beverly Haase	Marc Wolf
Sydney Shanks	
Peter David	
Adam Dennison	
Mary Stoneburner	

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

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

St. Mary's Capital Campaign

~ Project Eight: Chapel Gutter and Roof

Issue: Leaks

Remedy: Replace

Cost: \$18,000.00



St. Mary's Capital Campaign

~ Project Nine: Chapel Gutter and Roof

Issue: No foundation, Lean out over side walk & gaps

Remedy: New wall with proper foundation

Cost: \$50,000.00



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
Lorrain Bailey

Brian Murphy
Mary Ann Sullivan

Doug Happ
Mary Liz Wright

Greg Sullivan
Phil Wright

John Carrington
Scott Hall

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

St. Mary's Parish Family Life Committee

Let's gather as a parish family and have fun while honoring the rich heritage that our Catholic liturgical seasons and customs provide. A **Parish Life Committee** will brainstorm and plan activities for our parish family : potlucks, breakfast, game nights as well as those customs and celebrations of our liturgical calendar. Let's get started!

Come to the meeting room—share your ideas, needs, requests, stories....

April 16 at 5:30pm (children are welcome—we will have snacks)

RSVP Mary Liz Wright 217-822-3090 by April 14



**Come,
and Receive the Living Water!**

April 27, 2025 @11:15am

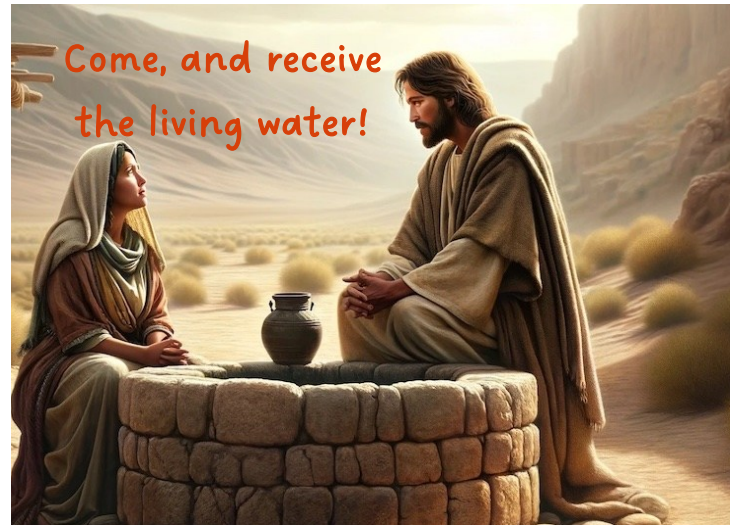
At St. Mary's Hall

We invite all of you, our parishioners,
to join us to a story time.

Patti Winn will present us the story of

the Woman at the Well

on April 27, 2025, following with potluck
(meat will be provided).



Our Dearly Departed

*Mary Lou Hollowell
Joan McCulley*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!
May they rest in peace!*



**Congratulations
to the children in our Faith Community
on making it to the honor roll (the Quarter)**

Elementary

Anber Wood
Emaline Tarr
Jocelyn Tracy
Landon Keske
Millicent Wilhoit
Solomon Jansen

Junior High School

Ava Tarr
Brooke McGrath
Harper Pinnell
Mateya Moreschi
Helen Barrett
Hunter Rollings
Jacob Roush
Leah Wood
Leo Smith
Santi Rea
Tenley Pinnell
Tess Barrett

High School

Bryce McGrath
Carlee Longest
Claire Kirby
Cooper Keys
Daniel Lopez
Emmerson Barrett
Gabriel Roush
Lily Brown
Logan Curl
Miranda Hogan
Paedyn Keys

*** Please let the
office know if we
missed any names
from the honor roll.

Thank you!



**Choir practice for Holy Week and
Easter will begin on Monday**

March 31st, with other practices

April 7th and 14th , all at 6:30 pm.

Bulletin Deadline

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

Pastoral Reflections

5th Sunday of Lent

My dear parishioners,

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

In spite of Isaiah's tireless efforts to steer kings and people in the right direction, they chose to invest in earthly forms of security rather than in God. The result of this choice was the collapse of the kingdom into the hands of the Babylonian Empire. Thousands were taken into exile. In this reading, however, God prepares to bring healing to a weary people.

This story about a woman caught in adultery is not found in the earliest manuscripts of the Gospel of John. In many ways it fits better with synoptic tradition, especially Luke's Gospel. Nevertheless, it has ended up here in John's Gospel, and it is from that perspective that it must be understood and interpreted. Regardless of its origins, this is one of the most popular stories found in the entire New Testament.

Scribes and Pharisees test Jesus. The story is located in the temple area where many people have gathered to hear the teaching of Jesus. In the midst of this, some scribes and Pharisees bring a woman they claim was caught in the act of adultery. They claim that the law of Moses required such a woman to be stoned. They bring no witnesses (required by the law), and they also fail to indicate that the law condemned both the man and woman engaged in adultery (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22). The scribes and the Pharisees are clearly concerned neither with this woman nor justice; rather, they seek to trap Jesus into judging an embarrassing legal situation.

Jesus writes on the ground. Jesus does not give a verbal reply to the scribes and Pharisees. Instead, he simply begins to write on the ground. This symbolic gesture indicates that Jesus is not even going to engage the question of the scribes and Pharisees. He clearly sees through their motives, and he will not play into their hands. Such a gesture was equal to shunning a question by treating it as totally irrelevant. The content of the writing—if there was any—is unimportant. The meaning is in the gesture itself. Jesus does finally give a verbal response to the scribes and Pharisees: Whoever is without sin gets to cast the first stone. They all leave without one stone being cast.

Has no one condemned you? When all had left, Jesus asks the woman if anyone has condemned her. No one has. He then tells the woman to go and sin no more. He does not pretend that she has not sinned or that her sins are insignificant. Instead, Jesus is giving her an opportunity to start over and from now on to sin no more. The woman has been acquitted—and thus presented with the opportunity to begin a new life.

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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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