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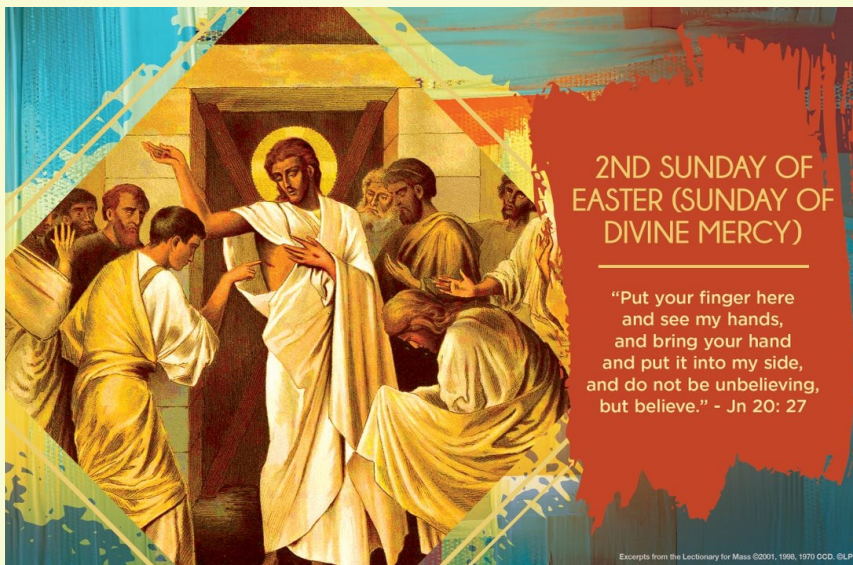
THE GOOD NEWS
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20: 27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD, OLP

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am ~ 4:00pm
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Tue-Fri 8am at St. Mary's
Saturday Vigil at St. Mary's: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius: 7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass at St. Mary's: 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 9

5:00 pm † John Swanson

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 am † Larry Bryan *by Dianne Yates*

Thursday, April 11

8:00 am † Norma Harpring *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Friday, April 12

8:00 am † Mr. & Mrs. Bierman & Chuck Bierman

Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm † Jim Englum

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am † Cash & Estes Family (L + D)

8:30 am † Thomas Sullivan

10:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes



April 13/14, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Jim Moore

EMS: Lugene Joines & Volunteer

SERVERS: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: Neal Wood

LECTORS: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Mary Liz Wright

EM: Brian Murphy, Kit Kirby & Scott Hall

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 9

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

7pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

12pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary's meeting room.

Thursday, April 11

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, April 12

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

9:00am - 1:00pm Parish Work Day

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Reminders

April 23: 7pm KC Meeting

May 7: 6pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

May 13: 5pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

May 25: 10am Bruce Scott's Ordination Mass in Springfield, and **5:30pm** Bruce's 1st Mass at St. Mary followed by celebration dinner at St. Mary's Hall

June 4: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Council Meeting

June 12: 6pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Meeting

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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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 Morrisey
Greg Bussing
Edith Sullivan
Bryanne Garver

April 15

Lisa Roush
Allison Step
Phil Wright



Please keep praying for our newest member Dillon Garver who was received into full communion at Easter Vigil that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen him on his journey toward God!

June 16–21, 2024 Totus Tuus

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

Just Scan



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.



April 12

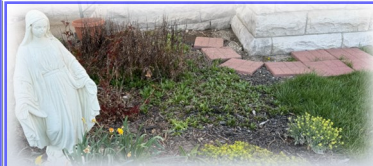
Greg & Mary Ann Sullivan

April 10 at noon
Prayer Lunch

Everyone is invited to our monthly Prayer Lunch held at St. Mary's meeting room.

April Menu:

Ham, Sweet Potato, Mashed Potato & Veggies
See you then!



**Parish Work Day -
April 13,
9am—1pm (Lunch
provided)**

Come with your garden tools, and help us to beautify your church campus.

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$344.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,872.00

St. Michael's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$544.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,717.00

St. Mary's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,420.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,498.00



**Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 March 30/31**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$1,071.00
 Easter Offering 155.00
 Seminarian \$120.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **+\$264.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,385.00
 Online Giving \$175.00
 Holy Land \$270.00
 Seminarian \$470.00
 Rice Bowl \$150.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **+\$291.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$5,332.00
 Building Fund \$85.00
 Flower \$20.00
 Holy Land \$405.00
 Seminarian \$1,695.00
 Catholic Relief \$35.00
 Catholic Home Mission \$20.00
 Compassionate Clothing Closet \$100.00
 Rice Bowl \$592.28
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$1,928.00**

Thank you for your support!

Prayer Requests



For the Sick

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

George Furnish	Marie Hibner
Tim Hahn	Michael Ndeanaefo
Tabathia Bratcher	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Judy Ferris	Ross Lanter
Joan McCulley	Bob Joines
Dalton Elsberry	Dan Bruner
Rosemary Ogle	Sheila Brothers
Tate Kest	Maxi Fitzjarald
Jody Crandell	Doris Bernard
Priscilla Hutton	Amber Hall
Leigh Ketner	Mary Lou Hollowell
Isaac Hayes	Gerry Scott
Colette Bernard	Richard Rennier
Colette Kamalosky	Joseph Finch
Theo Brink	Mary Jo Thompson
Rita Brink	Marc Wolf
Donnie Farris	Bill Myers
Jean Kramer	
Garry Williamson	
Diana Haupt	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Raynelle Reynolds

For Our Military

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

Trent Senczyszyn	Richard Scott
Jeff Walsh	Justin Vice
Nathan Gatlin	Joe Kachmar
Caleb Machuca	Zack Lueken
Simon Holzer	Joseph Livesay
Joe Jenness	

For Our Confirmandi

Lord, show the path to Faith to these who will be confirmed and these who will join the Catholic Church, so that they learn to know Your Son Jesus Christ !

Our Confirmandi:

Abner Wood	Kallen Keys	Jocelyn Tracy
Leah Wood	Leo Higginbotham	
Bryce McGrath	Brooke McGrath	



Gratitude!

From Good Friday
to Easter Sunday!

We shout *Thank you*
aloud to

* **Benjamin Jansen** who
crafted the stump for
Good Friday Venera-
tion,

* **Anita Rhodes and her
crew** who decorated our
church, especially dur-
ing the Holy Week,

* and **everyone** who
came and celebrated the
Sacraments which our
Lord has instituted.

Yet, most of all, we
thank the Lord our God
who laid down His life
for us so that we might
have eternal life with
Him!



Saint of the Week – Pope St. Leo the Great



Pope St. Leo the Great is known as the Doctor of the Unity of the Church. Little is known of his early life. He lived in Florence for a time, but always referred to Rome as his “patria” (fatherland). His pontificate was filled with tumultuous changes, but St. Leo constantly emphasized the fact that the Pope, as the visible head of the Church, is the source of Catholic unity. To protect this unity, he defended the True Faith against all heresies. In his “Tome,” he expounded the true Catholic teaching regarding the Annunciation and explained the errors of Nestorianism and the Monophysite heresy. He combatted Manicheanism in Italy, Priscillianism in Spain, and Pelagianism, which denied original sin. St. Leo preserved Rome from complete destruction, first in 452 from Attila the Hun and again in 455 from Genseric the Vandal. He sent priests to Africa to minister to captives. St. Leo is often described as having had a majestic personality. He was prudent and far-sighted; he rebuked and corrected his flock with charity, teaching that “through concern for charity, all Christ’s sheep may feel that they have one shepherd.”

Feast Day April 11 (Trad.)

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage JULY 8-12

FOLLOW ME
Pray — Experience — Witness

You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented nationwide pilgrimage where Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions, and it’s coming to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois July 8-12, 2024!

JULY 8
St. Peter and Paul
St. Mary Alton
St. Peter and Paul Collinsville

JULY 9
St. Francis Solanus
St. Peter
Quincy
St. Mary Alton

JULY 10-11
Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen
Girard
Springfield
St. Francis of Assisi Campus
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

JULY 11-12
St. Anthony of Padua
Effingham
St. Francis of Assisi Teutopolis

For more details visit DIO.ORG/PROCESSION or scan the QR code

The Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in Terre Haute from July 12th-14th at St. Patrick, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes.

Pray Everyday to End Abortion

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Volunteer Open House

Wednesday, May 1st
11 AM - 1 PM & 2 - 6 PM EDT
Foley Room, Providence Spirituality & Conference Center



Join Sisters of Providence Volunteer Services for refreshments and to learn about the many fun and meaningful volunteer opportunities we offer.

**FLEXIBLE
SCHEDULE
GIVE BACK
FEEL GOOD**

Word of Life

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 on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion” www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion.
For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Illinois March for Life 2024

Registration for the Illinois March for Life is now open! The event is Wednesday, April 17 in Springfield. Mass will be at 10:00am on the campus of the University of Illinois, Springfield, and then gathering at the State Capitol at Noon. You can register for the Illinois March for Life Mass by going to the diocesan website: www.dio.org and clicking on the image for the March.

Pastoral Reflections

2ⁿ Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

My dear parishioners,

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

Once released from custody, Peter and John return to the community of believers and they all offer up a prayer of thanksgiving to God. After that prayer, the community boldly proclaims the word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:23–31). Next comes this passage further describing the character of the community.

Today's Gospel focuses on three events that took place after Jesus had been raised from the dead. The first incident is Jesus appearing to his frightened disciples and granting them his peace. The second event is Jesus commissioning his disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit empowering them to continue his work on earth. The final event is the appearance of Jesus to Thomas who was not present when Jesus first appeared to his frightened disciples. All three occurrences manifest Jesus in his new life as the risen lord.

The gift of peace. The disciples have locked themselves behind closed doors for fear that the same thing that happened to Jesus will now happen to them. Their fear is countered by Jesus suddenly appearing in their midst. No attention is given as to how Jesus did this. At first, this only increases the fear of the disciples, and they pay no attention to what Jesus says regarding peace. However, once he shows them his hands and his side, they are able to grasp the continuity between the earthly and the risen Jesus and they rejoice. They are comforted and encouraged by the gift of peace that Jesus gives them.

The commissioning with the Holy Spirit. Jesus moves quickly to his next action which is commissioning his disciples to carry on his work. He empowers the disciples to carry on this work by breathing the Holy Spirit on them. This is how God made the first human person a living being (Gen 2:7). It is how Jesus prepared his disciples for their new life's work. They are also granted the power to forgive sins. In John's Gospel, sin is being blind to the revelation of God manifested in Jesus.

The appearance to Thomas. Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared to the frightened disciples. When they told Thomas what they had seen he was not yet convinced because he had not seen what the disciples had seen. A week later, Jesus appears to Thomas in the very same way he had appeared to the other disciples. Jesus even offers Thomas the opportunity to touch his wounded side and hands, but he does not touch Jesus at all. Instead, Thomas immediately makes a profession of faith declaring Jesus, "My Lord and my God." Thomas was no more a doubter than were the other disciples. When he saw what they had seen he was a fervent believer. Faith is always a challenge.

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Fr. Aloysius



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Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless the Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life - from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.



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Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



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