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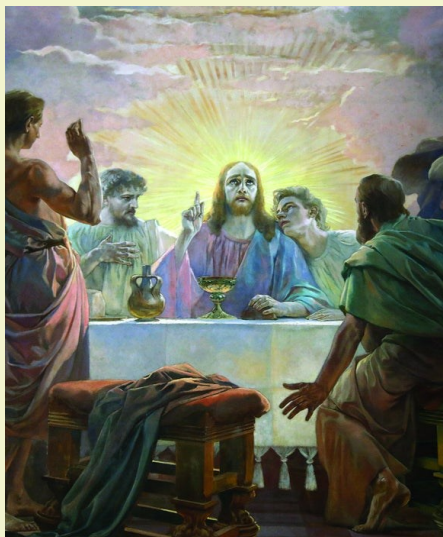
THE GOOD NEWS
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024

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.



**20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."
- Jn 6:56-57*

YEAR B

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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

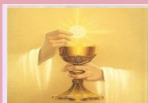
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 4 ~ 4:45pm or by appointment

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, August 20

5:00 pm ✝ Fr. Meehling

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 am ✝ Rita Brink

Thursday, August 22

8:00 am ✝ Mary Duncan

Friday, August 23

8:00 am ✝ John McNary

Saturday, August 24

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, August 25

7:00 am the Keys & Morrissey Family by Matt Pearman

8:30 am ✝ Lowell & Laura Denbo

10:15am ✝ Oland & Ann Hanner



August 24/25, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm (Sat.)

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EM: Eugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteers

GIFTS: Volunteers

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: Phyllis Stone

LECTORS: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Jim Aydt

EM: Adam Cash, Christi McClain & Mary Liz Wright

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Tuesday, August 20

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

8:30am Rosary for Virginia &

11:00am Virginia Holley's Funeral Mass

Thursday, August 22

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, August 23

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, August 24

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

4:00 pm Patriotic Rosary

Sunday, August 25

10:15 am Mass - St. Aloysius

Parish wide Picnic following Mass at North Arm.

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Fr. Deusdedit will celebrate 10:15am Mass at St. Mary

Reminders

August 27: 7pm KC meeting

September 12: 6:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Meeting

September 24: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

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

Mass Intention Requests

Submit requests to the Parish Office:

jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org

Mass stipend is \$10 /Mass.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary.

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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St. Mary Paris

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



St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday!

August 22

Sharon Farris

August 23

Patrick Mattingly

August 25

Randy Stone

August 26

Kane Kenney

Levi Sullivan

August 27

Christia Coogan

Lily Brown

Mateya Moreschi



August 24

Chip & Beth Keys

August 25

Kevin & Penny Ring

Stewardship Corner

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

Contractor Quotes

St. Mary's Church is looking for contractor quotes for a proposed one room and bath addition to our Rectory. If you or someone you know, would like to submit a quote for this project, please text Fr. Aloysius at 217-412-4344 and Father will contact you.

Bulletin Deadline

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

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

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-June Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$339.00
-Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,934.00

St. Michael's Parish

-June Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$700.00
-Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$7,475.00

St. Mary's Parish

-June Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,405.00
-Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$34,706.00



Our Stewardship Weekly Offertory August 3/4, 2024

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,159.00
Online Giving	\$0.00
Total Collection:	\$1,159.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$ 569.00
Online Giving	\$50.00
Total Collection:	\$619.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$5321.00
Online Giving	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$175.00
Assumption	\$55.00
Total Collection:	\$5,591.00

Thank you for your support!

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.*

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

Beverly Hanner	Leigh Ketner
Peter David	Isaac Hayes
Adam Dennison	Colette Bernard
Mary Stoneburner	Donnie Farris
Cheryl Clements	Jean Kramer
Julie Weger	Garry Williamson
Nancy Weger	Diana Haupt
Margaret Huckleby	Marie Hibner
Melissa Cohn	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Kathryn Lentz	Ross Lanter
Kenneth Kocher	Bob Joines
Jeff Brinkley	Dan Bruner
Andrew Hostetler	Sheila Brothers
Alice Kramer	Doris Bernard
Sharon Bailey	Mary Lou Hollowell
Tabathia Bratcher	Joseph Finch
Joan McCulley	Mary Jo Thompson
Dalton Elsberry	Marc Wolf
Rosemary Ogle	
Tate Kest	
Jody Crandell	
Priscilla Hutton	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Raynelle Reynolds	Brooke Carrington
Shelby Carrington	Shaun Sullivan

For Our Military

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

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

Prayer Lists

Please let the office know if you know that:

- 1) the person whom you requested is healed or passed
 - 2) the Expectant Mother has given birth to her baby
 - 3) members in our Military have retired from serving
- Thank you very much!**

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
dwelling pure and holy,
cover my soul with
your maternal protection,
so that being ever faithful
to the voice of Jesus,
it responds to His
love, and obeys His
Divine will.
Amen.*

The Mother of Heaven and Earth

Not that he, who has found Mary, by true devotion, will be exempt from crosses, and sufferings: far from it, he is more assailed by them than any other, because Mary, being the mother of all living, gives to her children pieces of the Tree of Life, which is the Cross of Jesus; but in cutting for them good crosses, she obtains for them the grace to carry them with patience, and even with joy, so that the crosses which she gives to those who belong to her are rather sweet than bitter crosses. Or, if for awhile they feel the bitterness of the chalice which they must drink in order to be the friends of God, the consolation and joy which this good mother gives after this sorrow, encourages them exceedingly to carry still heavier and more bitter crosses.

-Saint Louis De Montfort



Our Dearly Departed
Virginia Holley

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord!
May she rest in peace!



Saint of the Week – St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima | August 23

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.



Congratulations
to the newest member Austin Eugene Paul Mason who was
received into full communion on Sunday August 11, 2024 !



The Farmers Table



The Farmers Table is in the Gathering Space at St. Mary. Parishioners are welcome to share your blessings of abundance and parishioners who do not have a garden are welcome to take them home.

Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women 95th Annual Convention

The Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women are excited to announce their upcoming convention on **Wednesday, August 28th**, at **Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, Illinois**. **Kelly Wahlquist**, speaker, and **Donna Cori**, singer, will be sharing their message as women who are **"Sent On Mission & Fortified By The Eucharist."** We are excited about the two speakers we have this year and think many women will be blessed by their message! There will be the church basket silent auction raffle, the quilt and garden statue raffles, vendors and the 50/50 drawing. Consult your parish secretary for the convention registration form and the advertising order form if you would like to place an ad in the convention book. The annual convention is a rewarding and enjoyable day with our fellow sisters in Christ! Hope to see you in Carlinville on August 28th!

The Patriotic Rosary

Parishioners of all our parishes are invited to join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary at St. Mary on these Saturdays at **4:00pm**

August 24
September 21
October 19

If you could not make it to St. Mary, you may pick a printed copy of the Patriotic Rosary at your church and pray at home for our country.
May God bless America!

St. Aloysius Picnic

A Self-service Picnic by a waterfall
on the green pasture under a blue sky
on August 25, 2024
after 10:15am Mass at St. Aloysius.
The Keys family will provide meat,
everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish
to share.
And please bring your chair.
Come and enjoy a God-given beautiful day!

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Friday, September 6
6:00 p.m. dinner

7:00 p.m. "Show Me The Father"
Kendrick Brothers movie

Saturday, September 7
8:00 a.m. breakfast
9:00 a.m. Todd Wilson
"The Familyman"

Event will be at:
First Baptist Church
201 S. Central, Paris, IL 61944

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"The Dad Event" is supported in part
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Pastoral Reflections

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

The opening chapters include many proverbs promoting a right relationship with God. Then Lady Wisdom steps forward to reinforce the life-giving message of all those proverbs. This Lady Wisdom is a personification of God's saving will. In the previous chapter (Prv 8:22–31) she appears as a companion with God as the world is made to prepare for the creation of man and woman. Once humanity enters the world so does wisdom. Her delight is to engage those fashioned in God's image and likeness. Her mission is to steer them along the path that leads away from sin and back to God.

Today's Gospel presents us with the conclusion of the bread of life discourse. Each segment of this discourse has moved closer to a full exposure of the Johannine theology of the Eucharist. This final section uncovers the high point of that teaching. Christians continue to debate this section (Jn 6:51–18), some wanting to see it as a separate section while others connect it intimately with what has gone before. Most Catholic exegetes see it as a conclusion which is connected to what has gone before and not as a separate section of eucharistic theology.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. This is a clear “I am” statement wherein Jesus declares himself to be the bread that came down from heaven. The eating of this bread leads to eternal life. Now, however, Jesus makes a new point. His flesh is for the “life of the world.” This has been the whole purpose of the Incarnation. Now he feeds the world with the Eucharist.

Misunderstanding. Those Jews who reject Jesus are shown once again not to be able to grasp what he is saying. They take issue with Jesus declaring that he gives the world his flesh to eat. Using an “amen, amen” statement to get their attention and make an important point, Jesus further states that unless they eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, they do not have life within them. Now the emphasis is on flesh and blood, eating and drinking. Clearly this is the full description of the Eucharist. Eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood leads to eternal life and ultimate resurrection on the last day. This is true food and true drink.

Eucharist as divine mutuality. Jesus has highlighted the reality of the Eucharist. Now he reflects further on its meaning. He makes reference to remaining in him and he in us. In other words, participation in the Eucharist draws the believer into an intimate relationship with Jesus (remaining or abiding). The Eucharist in the Gospel of John is all about relationship and presence. It is a life-giving relationship with a divine presence that leads to eternal life. This is not the same bread that the ancestors ate. Their bread could nourish but it could not give eternal life. Those who eat and drink the Eucharist will live forever.

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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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