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THE GOOD NEWS

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 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 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.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."
- Mk 1:40

CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE

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Please text (217) 412-4344

PARISH STAFF

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stmarysrcia@stmaryschurchparis.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 9:00 am — 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: 4-5pm 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, February 13

8:00 am †Connie & Ruth Ashley

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 am †Nana Matt & Pearman Family

5:00 pm †Rosemarie Maloney

7:00 pm †Ben & Grace Morrison

Thursday, February 15

8:00 am †Patsy Rared

Friday, February 16

8:00 am †John McNary

Saturday, February 17

5:30 pm †Fr. Meehling

Sunday, February 18

7:00 am †Cash & Estes Family (L+D)

8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:15am †Marjorie Milliner



**February 17/18,
2024**

St. Mary's: 5:30 pm (Sat. Vigil)

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteer

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

LECTORS: Angie Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: Keys Family

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

GREETOR: Phyllis Stone

LECTORS: Phyllis Stone or PSR

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

LECTORS: Chris Wright

EM: Terry Sullivan, Scott Hall & Brian Murphy

SERVERS: Santi Rea

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

St. Michael's

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Finance Council

Brian Smith

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Deacon

Bruce Scott

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217-264-3113

Mass Intention Requests

Submit requests to the Parish Office:

jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org

Mass stipend is \$10 /Mass.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's.

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.*

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-December Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$506.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$2,928.00

St. Michael's Parish

-December Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$653.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,514.00

St. Mary's Parish

-December Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$5,288.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$18,464.00



***Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 February 3/4***

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$818.00
Flower	\$25.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$119.00

ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday	\$1,560.00
Online Giving	\$125.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(Under) Goal	+\$441.00

ST. MARY'S

Sunday	\$6,397.00
Building Fund	\$425.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Flower	\$180.00
Catholic Times	\$20.00
Sister Parish	\$20.00
Church in Central Europe	\$60.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$358.00

Thank you for your support!

Bulletin Deadline

Please forward information for the bulletin to: jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org by **Wednesday at 2:00 P.M.** before the following Sunday publication.



Prayer Requests

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

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| Rosemary Ogl | Donnie Farris |
| John McMullen | Dan Bruner |
| Tate Kest | Pearl Wallace |
| Jody Crandell | Jean Kramer |
| Priscilla Hutton | Garry Williamson |
| Leigh Ketner | Michael Nugent-Dolan |
| David Yates | Lucas Edmonds |
| Isaac Hayes | Donna Woodyard |
| Colette Bernard | Diana Haupt |
| Colette Kamalosky | Marie Hibner |
| Katherine Lentz | Michael Ndeanafo |
| Theo Brink | Theresa Ndeanafo |
| Rita Brink | Ross Lanter |
| Josiphen Pedigo | Bob Joines |
| Kay Barrett | George Furnish |

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

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

Long Term Prayer List

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| Jean Wilcox Hibben | Joyce Bouslog |
| Bobbie Turner | Ronnie Strow |
| Ian McDonald | Katie Lenz |
| Nelson Zucker | Roger Wolfe |
| David Volk | Peter David |
| Pam Shoot | Bryan Albert |
| Donna Keys | Nancy Wrede |
| Kaylee Kelleher | Kehlin Crawford |
| Sheila Brothers | Joseph Finch |
| Maxi Fitzjarald | Sean Bradley |
| Joan Stirek | Christa Swinford |
| Doris Bernard | Jack Livesay |
| Amber Hall | Mary Jo Thompson |
| Julia McGowen | Mike Elledge |
| Mary Lou Hollowell | Mike Duke |
| Jeri Ingram | Roseann Tate |
| Kevin Wamsbley | Patricia Wilson |
| Michael Shelkey | Marc Wolf |
| Gerry Scott | Danielle Fox Lindsey |
| Janet Mullen | Kevin Farris |
| Jeff Moore | Lincoln Downing |
| Tom Greenwood | Bill Myers |
| Richard Rennie | Lois White |

Announcements, Events and Activities

Birthdays & Anniversaries



February 15
Preston Crandell

February 16
Margaret Huckleby

February 18
Mike Cash

February 19
Corey Phipps

February 20
John Thompson

February 21
Frank Chapa
Terri Crippes



February 14
Robert & Shirley Stolz

February 19
Mike & Sandy Thompson

February 13, 2024 Prayer Lunch

Everyone is invited to our monthly Prayer Lunch held at St. Mary's meeting room on every second Wednesdays. As for this month, we will have our Prayer Lunch on Fat Tuesday so that we can eat more for the next day! We will have Turkey, mashed potato and gravy. Bring your favorite dish to share if you would like to!

See you then!

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Adoration 5:00 am - 5:00 pm—At St. Mary's

12:00 pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary's

@5:00pm Parish Vitality Study Mtg in the Mtg Rm.

@7:00pm KC Mtg.

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

5:00 pm Mass - St. Michael (Fr. Probst)

7:00 pm Mass - St. Mary's (Fr. Probst)

Thursday, February 15

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Friday, February 16

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary's

12:00pm Station of the Cross led by Fr. Aloysius

5:30pm Station of the Cross led by lay parishioners following by simple potluck

Saturday, February 17

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary's

4:00 -5 -:00pm Confession at St. Mary's

Sunday, February 18

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael's

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary's

8:30 am OCIA Meeting

Reminders

February 27 : KC Mtg. at 7:00pm

March 2: 8:00am Parish Vitality Study Meeting at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

March 7, 8 & 9: Photo Days for a New Directory of our parishes.

March 8 : KC Fish Fry

March 13: St. Michael's Pastoral Council meeting at 6:00 pm

March 15: KC Fish Fry

March 18: St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting at 5:00pm

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

Indeed, this is the day, **Saturday, May 25, 2024** which the Lord has made; let us not only rejoice, be glad in it but also celebrate together for the gift God has bestowed to our Church, by attending Deacon Bruce Scott's Ordination Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the Trip. Please let the office know or fill this form (on your right) and drop it in the collection basket before Sunday February 18. Your early response will help us to determine the Bus Capacity for this trip. Thank you very much!

I will attend Ordination Mass

Your Name:

Your Phone#:

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season Schedule: February 14 – May 19, 2024

*Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) Mass Schedule

8:00 am & 7:00pm at St. Mary's
5:00 pm at St Michael's

*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 from 8:30 – 9:00am after Daily Mass
- 6:00pm on Thursday March 14, 2024
1st Reconciliation & all PSR students
- 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Mary's
on Tuesday March 19, 2024
- 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Michael
on Thursday March 21, 2024
- Confession 4:00 – 4:45pm at St. Mary's
on Saturday March 24, 2024

Holy Week

*On Tuesday March 26, 2024

there will be No Mass
– Chrism Mass in Springfield

*On Holy Thursday March 28, 2024

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
The Lord's Supper Mass at 7:00pm at St.
Mary's with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Adoration till midnight

*On Good Friday March 29, 2024

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

*On Holy Saturday March 30, 2024

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

Easter Sunday

1. 7:00am Mass at St. Aloysius
2. 8:30am Mass at St. Michael
3. 10:15am Mass at St. Mary

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024

*Everyone wears Red to church



Prayer



Dear Saint and glorious Martyr, who are so popular with lovers, be kind to those whom we love and to us. Teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and God in each other.

A new Pictorial Directory!

Our dates and times of photography are : **March 7, 8 (2-8:30pm) & 9 (10:00am – 4:00pm)** at **St. Mary's meeting room**. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment:

- 1) Sign up after Mass at sign up table (**weekend**)
- 2) Online (**Mon. – Fri.**) since **February 5** by either following the link www.ucdir.com or scan the code below
- 3) Call the office at 217-466-3355



We look forward to seeing you !!!

Thank you!

Deacon Bruce's Ordination Reception

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 PM in the meeting room at church. If anybody is interested in helping, please attend the meeting.

Thank you for all your help.



Dear Parishioners,

Please pray for our young families who are challenged by this world of flesh. Let us pray that in the midst of the busyness of this world they still find time to help their children to get to know our True Living God better and better with each passing day!!! Especially, I ask you to pray for our children (**Abner Wood, Callen Keys, Jocelyn Tracy, Leah Wood and Leo Higginbotham**) who are preparing for their Confirmation on Saturday June 1, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

Thank you!

Fr. Aloysius



Retreat for married couples offered

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

3/15/2024 – 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

4/5/2024 – 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

8/2/2024 – 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 – 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

10/11/2024 – 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL

CPR & AED Training

Dear Parishioner,

Jeff Roush is going to offer a **CPR & AED Training Class**. If you are interested please contact the office (**217-466-3355**) or fill the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you!

Your name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email : _____

Pastoral Reflections

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

From the beginning of this book to its end, the people of Israel remain encamped at the base of Mount Sinai. Things have changed since they first arrived there. The Ark of the Covenant and the tent of meeting stand in the center of the camp (Ex 40:3); now it seems God is closer to the people than ever before in this world. In fact, this book begins with God speaking to Moses “from the tent of meeting” (Lv 1:1). All this suggests an intimacy between God and people not experienced since the first man and woman walked with God in the Garden of Eden. But conditions are also very much unlike the garden. This reading is a stark reminder of the differences.

This story describes Jesus healing a man with a serious skin disease. The disease is referred to as leprosy, but it is not what modern medicine understands as Hansen's disease. The process Jesus uses to address the situation is standard in narratives of healing. The ailment or disease is described. Jesus heals the person sometimes by word or touch or both. The healing is totally successful.

The healing. A person suffering from a serious skin disease assertively approaches Jesus and begs him for healing. No detail is given as to why this man picked Jesus. He has a strong conviction that Jesus can indeed perform the healing. Jesus is described as being “moved with pity.” There are some Greek manuscripts that have Jesus “being angry.” He does not seem to be angry at the man with the disease. The real point is most likely Mark's emphasis that Jesus was deeply and emotionally moved by this situation. Jesus agrees to heal the suffering man. He touches the man and speaks the words, “Be made clean.” The healing happens immediately and it is complete.

The traditional clearance. A person suffering from a disease that rendered him or her ritually impure had to have the priest's declaration that the disease was cured before the person could reenter ordinary social interactions with others (Lev 13). Jesus insists that the man go to the priest and obtain this clearance. The prescriptions of Moses are to be followed literally. Jesus obviously does not want his name connected with this healing. This insistence on the part of Jesus has been referred to in scholarship as the “messianic secret.”

The report is spread. The healed person cannot keep this experience to himself and thus the whole thing gets publicized. The reason Jesus wants this activity kept secret is that he knows this will be misunderstood and these healings and exorcisms will be understood as the main mission and ministry of Jesus. While Jesus can indeed do miracles of healing and exorcism, that does not capture who he really is. He is the Messiah and the Son of God and this is far more than simply a miracle worker. Jesus' fear quickly materializes as the people flock to him with their illnesses and diseases.

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Sincerely in Christ,

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.

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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