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THE GOOD NEWS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
- Jn 1:35-36

CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE

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Please text (217) 412-4344

PARISH STAFF

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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, January 16

8:00 am †Peter Secondino

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am †James Stagg

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am †Tom & Sue Anderson

Friday, January 19

8:00 am †John McNary

Saturday, January 20

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 21

7:00 am †Hayden Felgenhauer

8:30 am †Patrick Dillon

8:30 am †Louise Pearman



**January 20/21,
2024**

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

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: *Doug Happ*

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

LECTORS: Tom Morrissey

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: Keys Family

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

LECTORS: Martha Williams

SERVERS: *the Wood Family*

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

LECTORS: Chris Wright

EM: Scott Hall, Brian Murphy & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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Dave Smith

dsmith.tke718@gmail.com

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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

-November Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$472.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$2,422.00

St. Michael's Parish

-November Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$512.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$2,861.00

St. Mary's Parish

-November Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,919.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$13,176.00



***Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 January 6/7***

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,450.00
First Offering	\$40.00
Catholic Times	\$20.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	+ 528.00

ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday	\$1570.00
Online Giving	\$125.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$70.00
Parish Tithing	\$120.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	+\$491.00

ST. MARY'S

Sunday	\$6,465.00
Building Fund	\$320.00
First Offering	\$80.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$70.00
Catholic Times	\$700.00
Sister Parish	\$75.00
Latin America	\$60.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	+\$380.00

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

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

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

Long Term Prayer List

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

Announcements, Events and Activities

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January 19

Dale Curl

January 20

Christopher Ellis

Emori Staub

John Smith

January 24

David Steiner

January 25

Jordan Dowden

Jacob Higginbotham



January 24

Ed & Anne Pool

Dates & Events

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

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

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary's

Sunday, January 21

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael's

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary's

8:30 am OCIA at St. Mary's Mtg. Rm.

Reminders

January 23: St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting in the meeting room at 5:00pm

January 23: KC Meeting-STM Annex - 7:00 pm

January 30: St. Michael's Finance Council Meeting at 6:30pm

February 6: St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting at 5:00pm

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

Quote of the Week

If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy.

- Fulton Sheen



Pray to Protect Human Life January 16—24, 2024



There is a 9 Day Novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Printed copies of this Novena are available at all parishes.

Word of Life

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Support Our Choices Pregnancy & Health Center!

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month, and Choices Pregnancy & Health Center of Edgar County is asking for your help.



There is a display board with envelopes of different amounts that is located in the gathering space. An individual or family may choose an envelope, fill it with the designated love offering, and place the envelope in the church offering any time during January.

All donations will be used to help those in need to allow this ministry to remain in our community. The offering (envelope) may be dropped in the collection basket. Use a check if you would like a receipt - **make payable to Choices Pregnancy & Health (not St. Mary's).**

Thank you for supporting life!

Saint of the Week

Meditation

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him Face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image."

—Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration



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S.D.C.C.W. 2024 WINTER/LENTEN RETREAT

TUES., FEB. 27TH and WED., FEB. 28TH

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Father Richard Chiola was ordained in 1972 and is pastor emeritus of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Springfield, IL. He holds a doctorate in historical theology and a master's degree in human development counseling. Since retirement in 2015, Fr. Chiola has offered multiple retreats and workshops for priests, religious sisters, seminarians, and laity throughout the U.S., Central America, and the South Pacific. In addition to serving in parishes in the Springfield diocese, he also served as assistant professor of Pastoral Theology at Yale University, adjunct professor at SIU School of Medicine, Catholic chaplain at University of Chicago, and as theological consultant for Hospital Sisters Health System. He is the author of two books, Catholicism for the Non-Catholic (Templegate, 2006) and Science and Christ: a Dialogue (2023). Fr. Chiola continues a private practice in spiritual direction.

Lenten Retreat is a tradition - Spiritual Presentations, Prayer, Personal Reflection, Holy Mass, Confession, Fellowship and much more...

Retreat costs include meals, refreshments, retreat speaker, retreat materials and use of facility.

Registration fee **payable to S.D.C.C.W.** are **due by February 17th, 2024.**

Mail form and payment to: Alice Massey, 1101 S. Diamond, Jacksonville, IL 62650
Email: d6aOr6@aol.com Phone: (217) 371-1108

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Maria is located at 1903 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, North of Lincoln Memorial Gardens. From I-55, take Exit 88. Turn onto East Lake Shore Drive. Phone: (217) 529-2213. Retreat begins with registration and light breakfast at 9:00 am. Tuesday, February 27th. Retreat concludes after lunch Wednesday, February 28th.

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Special Dietary Needs: _____

\$120.00 Overnight Stay, Single Occupancy, if available

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Monday night, February 26th: \$60.00 No Meals.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Pastoral Reflections

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

In the first reading, the young Samuel's devotion to God is clearly apparent from the fact that he sleeps "in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was." In contrast, Israel's devotion to the ark was not nearly so strong. And so the ark was lost to them briefly early on in Samuel's career as a prophet (1 Sm 4–7). During the night, Samuel hears a voice calling him. Imagining it must be Eli calling him, Samuel dutifully runs to the old priest to find out what he wants. Only when this is repeated three times does it occur to Eli that God must be calling the young Samuel.

Today's Gospel narrates the story of the call of the first disciples. It is quite different from the way the synoptic Gospels describe the call of disciples. One of the goals of the story is to show how John the Baptist redirects his own disciples to become followers of Jesus.

Behold the Lamb of God. John the Baptist is standing with two of his own disciples watching Jesus walk by. He immediately identifies Jesus as the lamb of God. This christological title refers to the image of the paschal lamb which was understood to be the sacrificial lamb whose death and blood saved the Israelites. John's disciples are portrayed as immediately following Jesus. However, the narrative shows that this is just the beginning of a process that involves some dialogue between Jesus and these two followers.

Where are you staying? The questions and answers that follow are meant to be understood on two levels. The first level is the literal understanding, which hears the questions as seeking information about what the disciples are seeking and where Jesus is staying. The second level is the theological understanding, which reflects the deeper reality of what discipleship really entails. A real disciple is seeking God through following Jesus. Jesus is an itinerant preacher and moves around. He does not stay in any one place. Discipleship is an invitation to stay with Jesus wherever he goes. One must first respond to Jesus' invitation, then one will see where Jesus stays.

Andrew and Peter. Andrew is here identified as one of the two initial disciples of John who followed Jesus. Andrew finds his own brother, Simon Peter, and makes the confession that he has found the Messiah. Following this confession, Andrew takes Simon to Jesus. At this point it is Andrew's strong conviction that Jesus is the Messiah that is urging Peter on. Peter does not say anything during this whole exchange. As soon as Jesus sees Peter he states his name, Simon the son of John, and then changes the name to Cephas which is translated Peter and carries with it the nickname of Rock. Notice how the call to discipleship is based on a faith conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. No proof is given. It is clearly a matter of faith.

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*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Aloysius*

Gratitude!!!

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone that sent Christmas and New Year greetings, wishes, cards and gifts to me and my mother. We are very grateful. May God bless and reward you most abundantly.

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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