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THE GOOD NEWS

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 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.



**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*"Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17*

CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE

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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 23

8:00 am the Keys & Morrisey Families

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 am †Ashley Sullivan

Thursday, January 25

8:00 am †Scott Catanzariti

Friday, January 26

8:00 am †John Larry Bryan

Saturday, January 27

5:30 pm †Tom Carroll

Sunday, January 28

7:00 am †John Dorris

8:30 am †Harold Stone

8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners



**January 27/28,
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: Tom Morrisey

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: Keys Family

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

LECTORS: Phyllis Stone

SERVERS: the Wood Family

GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

LECTORS: Jim Aydt

EM: Mary Liz Wright, Andy Goodwin,
& Christi McClain

SERVERS: Santi Rea

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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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 13/14***

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$407.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Catholic Times	\$175.00
Church in Latin America	\$40.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	- \$550.00

ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday	\$430.00
Online Giving	\$125.00
Catholic Times	\$110.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$714.00

ST. MARY'S

Sunday	\$3,729.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
First Offering	\$25.00
Catholic Times	\$430.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$3,586.00

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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| Jody Crandell | Pearl Wallace |
| 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 |

***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 | Lincoln Downing |
| Jeff Moore | Bill Myers |
| Tom Greenwood | Lois White |
| Richard Rennier | |
| Joyce Bouslog | |

Announcements, Events and Activities

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January 27
Angie Barrett
Sharon Cash

January 28
Susie Rice
Maddy Speicher
Janet Barrett

January 29
Julie Gross
Jeanie Jones

January 30
Ava Barrett
Maggie Scott



January 25
Joseph & Mary Bosh

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

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

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

7:00 pm KC Meeting-STM Annex

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Thursday, January 25

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary's

Sunday, January 28

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael's

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary's

8:45 am A Family of Faith Community Mtg.

8:30 am OCIA Meeting

Reminders

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.

2nd Collection

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



#ShareYourFaith
#1Church1Mission

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

Isaiah 49:1

WE STAND FOR



SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

**In America, there are approximately
98 abortions every hour!**

**Join us on Sunday, January 21, 2024
as we set aside a special day
to celebrate the Sanctity of Human
Life and stand in opposition
to the culture of death
promoted by the abortion industry.**

ALL WOMEN OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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

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

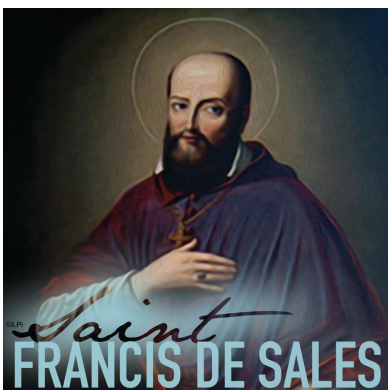
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RETREAT SPEAKER: FATHER RICHARD CHIOLA

Mark your calendar! The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to this annual winter Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday Feb 27th and ending at noon on Wed. Feb 28th, with Fr. Richard Chiola, retired priest of our diocese, as retreat master, What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, reflection, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more. Bring your sister, your mom, your friend. All are welcome! Registration form with cost is available in the parish office. Registration deadline: Feb 17th. Contact: Mary Ann Sullivan 217-822-1928 .

Saint of the Week



Be at peace.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.

St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622

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DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantánamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantánamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of **January 27/28, 2024**. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.usccb.org/give-catholic-together) ([usccb.givecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america](https://www.usccb.org/give-catholic-together)) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Pastoral Reflections

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

This familiar oracle brims over with the enthusiasm of a prophet totally committed to God's service. The passage comes from the book's closing chapters celebrating the nation's return to God. The prophet is thrilled to be the one to bring such good news to the people. He speaks of sharing the great privilege of kings or priests who were anointed with olive oil for their special service. He has the spirit of God upon him, granting him all the strength and creativity needed for the task.

The character of John the Baptist is portrayed differently in John's Gospel than it is in the synoptics. In John, he is never identified as the Baptist. He is not characterized as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus. In fact, he is not a messianic figure of any kind. He has one function and that is to give testimony to Jesus.

Testimony to the light. He came to testify to the light. Verses 6–8 are inserted into the very poetic prologue to the Gospel of John and serve the purpose of rooting this message in history. We learn that John is sent from God. His mission is to testify to the light in order that through him all might believe in the light. There is a strong disclaimer made that John himself was not the light.

Negative testimony. The Jewish officials from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to interrogate John regarding his identity. The motive is not given, but it is apparent that some had heard or thought that John was a messianic contender. Very forcefully, John made it clear that he was not the Christ. Commentators point out that at the time this Gospel was written, there were still disciples of John the Baptist claiming that he was the real Messiah. So there is a polemical edge to John's strong denial. He goes further and denies any connection with Elijah or the prophet, both of whom were connected with the coming of the Messiah. So far, this interrogation has produced nothing but denials. Those doing the interrogating still have no idea who this person they are questioning really is.

Positive testimony. The tone of John's testimony now turns positive as he identifies himself with the voice of Isaiah 40:3. This voice in the actual Hebrew text cried out to prepare the way of the Lord in the desert. The point is that John, just like this voice, is to give testimony to the Lord. At this point, there are some Pharisees who have also been sent to interrogate John. The Pharisees focus on why John baptizes if he is not a messianic figure. John does not address this question directly. Instead, he testifies to the greatness of the one coming after him which is obviously a reference to Jesus. So much greater is Jesus than John, that John is not even worthy to untie his sandal strap. John has now fulfilled his primary role of a witness who gives testimony to Jesus.

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*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Aloysius*



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A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

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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