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THE GOOD NEWS

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 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.



**4TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
- Mk 1:23-25

CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE

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Email: anaefoaloymelody@yahoo.com

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Please text (217) 412-4344

PARISH STAFF

Business Mgr. & CRE: Juliana Koutsoumpas
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Custodian: Misty Elsberry

Music: Mary Ann Sullivan
gma.sullivan80@gmail.com

RCIA: Scott Hall
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, January 30

8:00 am †Raquel Hernandez

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am †Ray Crippes

Thursday, February 1

8:00 am †James Stagg

Friday, February 2

8:00 am †Virginia Sullivan

Saturday, February 3

5:30 pm †Fr. Zimmerman

Sunday, February 4

7:00 am †John Hogan

8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

8:30 am †Graig Catanzariti



February 3/4, 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: Justin Wood

LECTORS: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Lily Brown/Abner Wood

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

LECTORS: Brian Murphy

EM: Chris Wright, Scott Hall & Christi McClain

SERVERS: Santi Rea

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

St. Michael's

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Dave Smith

dsmith.tke718@gmail.com

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Brian Smith

tstsmith36@gmail.com

St. Mary's

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Doug Happ

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Building & Grounds Committee

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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

-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 20/21***

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$435.00
Sister Parish	\$70.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal:	- \$527.00

ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday	\$1,183.00
Online Giving	\$125.00
PCT	\$60.00
Catholic Times	\$515.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal:	+\$ 99.00

ST. MARY'S

Sunday	\$5,197.25.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
First Offering	\$25.00
Catholic Times	\$80.00
Sister Parish	\$1,520.00
Church in Latin America	\$5.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal:	-\$2,042.75.00

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



Happy Birthday!

February 1

Tess Barrett

Mary Sue Whitaker

February 2

Jeff Roush

February 3

Bill Bailey

Pat Finch

Martin Rea

February 4

Greighton Tarr

February 6

Bruce Willis

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

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

6:30 pm St. Michael Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Thursday, February 1

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary's

Sunday, February 4

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

Parents/Children Classes

8:30 am OCIA Meeting

Reminders

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

February 13: Prayer Lunch at St. Mary's at noon
KC Mtg. at 7:00pm

February 17: 10:00 am Lenten Class in the meeting room.

February 24: 10:00 am Lenten Class in the meeting room.

February 27 : KC Mtg. at 7:00pm

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

The leadership of our parishes, Pastoral Councils, have determined that it is time for our new pictorial church directory. **Our dates for photography will: March 7, 8 & 9 from 2:00 – 8:30pm at St. Mary's meeting room.** We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact

Juliana Koutsoumpas either by emailing her at jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org or by calling the office (217-466-3355) this week to volunteer to be a part of this project. We need at least one volunteer from each of our parish to form a committee for our new directory.

Thank you!

Make a Positive Impact by Showing Solidarity with the Church in Latin America

Share YOUR Faith



Support the Church in
Latin America
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This week Catholics in many dioceses throughout the United States will participate in the special annual collection for the Church in Latin America.

Your contribution makes a positive impact by supporting seminary studies for future priests, pastoral ministries that provide reconciliation, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands.

The Church in the United States has strengthened its relationship with the Church in Latin America through this collection for nearly 60 years, and you can join in by giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving/e-offertory platform. [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.givecatholic.com) also accepts funds for the collection.

"Outstanding Catholic Female High School Senior"

\$2,000 Scholarship!

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four \$2,000 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic Senior Girls.

Deadline to enter is March 30, 2024

Winners will be announced in May and honored at the Woman of Distinction Banquet in July.

Young women who are interested in applying for the scholarship should contact their high school principal, high school guidance office or parish office for an application. A typed completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation are required.

Send application, essays and recommendations to
Shirley Dallmier PO Box 414, Arcola, IL 61910

Email: shirleydallmier@gmail.com Phone 217-979-9959

LENT WILL BE HERE SOON

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year that is February 14, 2024, Valentine's Day. That is a few short weeks away.

Our Saturday morning gathering group for Lent will be meeting each week of Lent on Saturday, beginning February 17, 2024 at 10:00 am in the church meeting room.

Watch this space next week for the name of the book which we will be discussing.

I hope to see you there.

Priscilla

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-108) was a bishop of Antioch in the first century which, at the time, was the capital of Syria. One of the earliest bishops, he was a disciple of the apostle John and was a prolific writer and teacher of the early faith.

Throughout his ministry, he emphasized the importance of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, considering the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" and "the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." His seven epistles, passionately partaking in the Eucharistic unite with Christ and faithful to hold fast to the and the sacraments passed tions.

During the reign of Roman us was arrested for his faith to Rome for execution. long journey with Roman Rome, St. Ignatius was al- of the faithful and to write Christian congregations. time and his conviction in served as an inspiration to many. His writings live on today as important teachings of the early Church, shedding a light into early Christian theology.



writings, particularly his affirmed the significance of celebration as a means to low believers. He urged the teachings of the apostles down through the genera-

Emperor Trajan, St. Ignati- and condemned to be taken While in chains making the soldiers from Syria to lowed to meet with many letters to neighboring His seven epistles from this the face of martyrdom

St. Ignatius was martyred in Rome's Colosseum when he was thrown to the lions and devoured. He's remembered as the patron saint of Church unity, and the Eucharist. St. Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us

Pastoral Reflections

4th 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 book of Deuteronomy is chiefly a long series of instructions given by Moses to the people of Israel. He prepares them for life on the other side of the Jordan River. His concern is that once they arrive in the Promised Land and enjoy all its comforts and abundance, they will begin to become complacent. They will forget they need God just as much in the Promised Land as they did in the wilderness during their 40 years of wandering.

The ministry of Jesus consists primarily of two elements: teaching and healing. Seldom are we told precisely what Jesus taught, but often it is understood that he taught with authority and not like the scribes. His healings were often exorcisms where we find Jesus in battle with the forces of evil. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus in full action both teaching and healing.

Jesus teaches with authority. Jesus begins his ministry at Capernaum which was located on the northwest bank of the Sea of Galilee. There was a synagogue at Capernaum and Jesus began his ministry by teaching there on the Sabbath. The actual content of Jesus' teaching is not given, but the people who heard it were astonished by his authority. He apparently did not make references to sources outside of himself as the scribes would have done. Jesus was his own authority.

Encounter with an unclean spirit. In that same synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit. Unclean spirits were understood to be the power of evil. Much of Jesus' healing ministry involves the power of evil against the power of God. Jesus, as the mediator of God's power, consistently defeats the power of evil. The process is similar in every exorcism: Jesus encounters a demon who recognizes him, he expels the demon, the demon departs, and finally, the people who witnessed the event respond with amazement.

The power of evil versus the power of God. Exorcisms are always about power. No one ever questions whether or not Jesus could do exorcisms. They would question the power he employed. Since Jesus would often heal on the Sabbath, the scribes and the Pharisees accused him of breaking the Sabbath law since healing was considered a work. They would then accuse Jesus of using the power of Satan to heal on the Sabbath. Jesus is not bound by the Sabbath laws. He is the fulfillment of the Torah and as such he is his own authority. He continues God's battle with the forces of evil. "He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." People are impressed by Jesus' capacity to cast out demons. However, Jesus does not want to be known merely as one more miracle worker. This is not the sum total of his work

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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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