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THE GOOD NEWS
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 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.



**12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

YEAR B

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"
- Mk 4:39-40

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am ~ 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

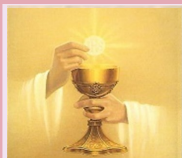
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 4 ~ 4:45pm or by appointment

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, June 25

5:00 pm † John McNary

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 am † Fr. Zimmerman

Thursday, June 27

8:00 am † Marjorie Millinar by Virginia Holley

Friday, June 28

8:00 am † Pauline Anderson by Brad & Sharon Cash

Saturday, June 29

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, June 30

7:00 am † Hayden Felgenhauer

8:30 am † Jodi Bosch

10:15 am † Jim Stagg by Maggie Rogers

Happening This Week

Tuesday, June 25

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

7pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 m Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, June 27

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, June 28

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, June 29

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Peter's Pence Collection

Sunday, June 30

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Peter's Pence Collection

Reminders

July 4: Office Closed

July 9: 4:00pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

July 9: 6:00pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

July 10: Monthly Prayer Lunch at St. Mary

July 11: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral & Finance combined meeting

July 16: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance meeting

September 11: 6:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Meeting

Bulletin Deadline

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



June 29/30, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EM: Lugene Joines & Jim Moore

SERVERS: Volunteers

GIFTS: Volunteers

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Angie Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: Kevin Smith

LECTORS: Phyllis Stone/PSR

SERVERS: Lily Brown

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Kit Kirby

EM: Andy Goodwin, Scott Hall & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

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Giving Links & QR Codes

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St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



June 26

Lee Barrett
Ellen Litteral

June 27

Kit Kirby

June 28

Phyllis Stone
Ava Tarr

June 29

DJ Hogan

June 30

Marge Anderson
Andrea Zuber

July 1

Millie Hamilton

July 2

Kevin Smith



June 28

Brian & Theresa Smith

June 29

Will & Mary Ann Magers

July 3

Peter & Pia Krieger

WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE

You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY! Go to dio.org to learn more and register!

Meditation of the Week

See, I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. How amazed will your heart be when you see Me in all My glory

~St. Faustina's Diary

Lord Jesus, Holy Communion here on earth is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet! Help us, O Lord,

to fittingly prepare for the eternal banquet by receiving You faithfully and lovingly at each Holy Communion.

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

- March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$837.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,709.00

St. Michael's Parish

- March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$748.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,465.00

St. Mary's Parish

- March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,862.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$27,360.00



Our Stewardship Weekly Offertory June 15/16, 2024

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$877.00
Father's Day	\$15.00
Online Giving	\$0.00
Sister's Parish	\$15.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$70.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$775.00
Online Giving	\$246.32
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(Under) Goal	-\$247.68

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$3,981.00
Online Giving	\$70.00
Mother's Day	\$20.00
Father's Day	\$165.00
Sister's Parish	\$347.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	-\$3,129.00

Thank you for your support!

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

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

Debbie Kirsch	Colette Bernard
Margaret Huckeby	Colette Kamalosky
Theo Brink	Rita Brink
Melissa Cohn	Donnie Farris
Kathryn Lentz	Jean Kramer
Kenneth Kocher	Garry Williamson
Jeff Brinkley	Diana Haupt
Andrew Hostetler	Marie Hibner
Gerry St. Louis	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Alice Kramer	Ross Lanter
Sharon Bailey	Bob Joines
Mary Stoneburner	Dan Bruner
Tabathia Bratcher	Sheila Brothers
Joan McCulley	Doris Bernard
Dalton Elsberry	Mary Lou Hollowell
Rosemary Ogle	Joseph Finch
Tate Kest	Mary Jo Thompson
Jody Crandell	Marc Wolf
Priscilla Hutton	
Leigh Ketner	
Isaac Hayes	

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

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.



Totus Tuus- Catholic Catechetical Summer Program

A weeklong of learning more about and growing closer to Christ through sacraments, prayer &



Our Totus Tuus Team Members:
Katie Douglas, MaryLorraine Hentz
Thomas Spillman, Steven Kraus
(from left to right)

Thank you!

Thanks to all who turned in their baby bottles and money. You may turn them into the church OR drop it off at CPH on High Street. We will post totals when completed. (If you need a receipt, use checks!)
Choices Pregnancy and Health
RoseMarie



Youth Retreat - Called and Sent

Join other high school students in our diocese for a 4 day/3 night retreat from July 14-17 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. Encounter Jesus in a new, deep, and meaningful way. Have loads of fun and enjoy the beautiful views at this lakeside retreat house. To register, go to dio.org/events. For questions, contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org.

Gratitude

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes to those who made Totus Tuus Week possible.

Thank you, Totus Tuus Team, who sacrificed your summer time in evangelizing our youngsters.

**Thank you, parents and grandparents, who sent your children to attend this week-long Catholic Summer VBS.*

**Thank you who hosted the Team's stay.*

**Thank you who welcomed and prepared supper for the Team.*

**Thank you who cooked lunch for the Team.*

**Thank you who helped the Team during the day program.*

**Thank you who prayed for us.*

**Thank Father Bruce Scott who helped us out during my vacation.*

Thanks be to God that He granted our children a chance to grow closer to Christ our Lord this week through sacraments, prayer and fun activities.

In Christ,

Fr. Aloysius

Saint of the Week – St. Irenaeus (June 28)



Saint Irenaeus' Story

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret

knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secret," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

Pastoral Reflections

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

In his service to God Isaiah met with resistance from shortsighted kings and people alike. Israel sought security in earthly resources; they neglected to put trust in the God of Israel. Their choices led to the collapse of the kingdom. But the experience of exile in a foreign land gave rise to a wiser Israel. The illusion of self-reliance was replaced with something more substantial and more beneficial for all.

Today is the solemnity of the nativity of John the Baptist and the Gospel passage focuses directly on that event. The birth itself is stated without any details. More time is spent describing the circumcision and naming of this newborn child. And finally the response of the neighbors is given. They are not sure what to make of this child or what he was destined to become.

The birth of John the Baptist. Lk offers only a bare-bones statement indicating that Elizabeth gave birth to a son. Previous to this Zechariah was visited by the archangel Gabriel who announced that this was going to happen even though Elizabeth was elderly and barren (Lk 1:5-25). This is the fulfillment of that prophesy and the neighbors all rejoice with Elizabeth.

Circumcision and naming of the child. Eight days after the birth of this child he is presented for circumcision and at this time he will receive his name. Circumcision officially incorporates John the Baptist into the people of Israel. He is now part of the covenant people. Ordinarily he would have received the name of his grandfather, or on occasion the father's name is given a newborn child. Elizabeth is the one who first declares that this child will be named "John." This was previously mandated by the angel Gabriel, but he told it only to Zechariah (Lk 1:13). Nevertheless, this name totally shocks everyone who heard it. Zechariah himself is then consulted and he confirms what Elizabeth had declared, "John is his name." It is quite clear from what has already taken place that this child's ultimate mission will be anything but normal.

The neighbor's response. Zechariah recovers his voice which was taken from him by the archangel Gabriel. His first words express blessings on God. The neighbors, on the other hand, experience the kind of fear that emerges from being in the presence divine mystery. From annunciation to birth the events surrounding John the Baptist have been extraordinary. Who is this child and what is he destined to become? He was born to pious faithful Jews who were just ordinary folks. But obviously out of the ordinary is going to emerge the extraordinary. In the meantime, he will be in the desert growing strong in spirit.

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The Unity Prayer

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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