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## **THE GOOD NEWS**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 28, 2026**

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

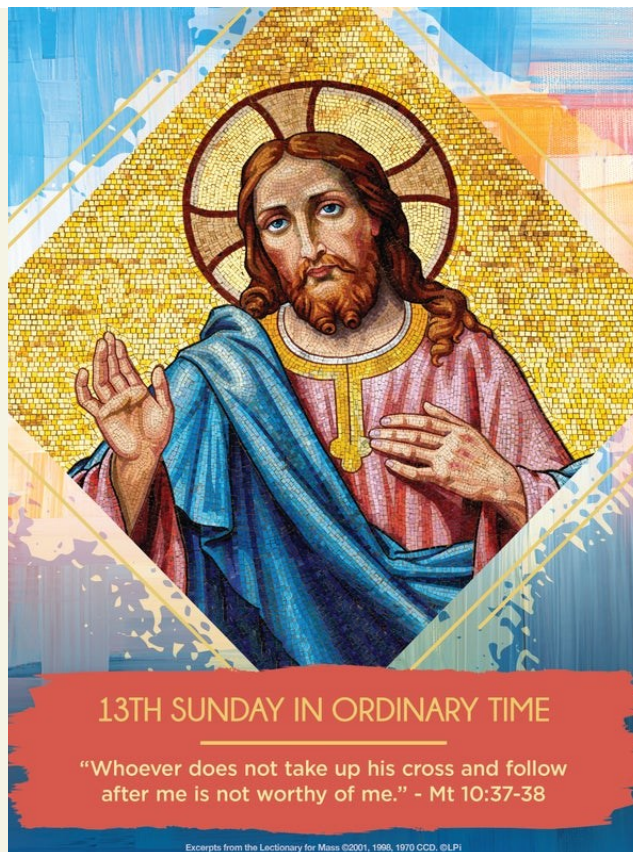
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 3:15—3:45pm or by appointment

### **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.



**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38**

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### **CHURCH CENTRAL OFFICE**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday: 9:00am ~ 4:00pm  
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass: Tuesdays 5:00pm at St. Mary

Wed-Fri 8am at St. Mary

Saturday Vigil at St. Mary: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius: 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Michael: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Mary: 10:15 a.m.



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Tuesday, June 30**  
 5:00 pm † Fr. Donald Meehling

**Wednesday, July 1**  
 8:00 am † Tom Zuber

**Thursday, July 2**  
 8:00 am † Greg Currey

**Friday, July 3**  
 8:00 am † Hans Kollinger

**Saturday, July 4**  
 4:00 pm Nana Matt & Pearman Family

**Sunday, July 5**  
 7:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes  
 8:30am † James Mulcahey  
 10:15am † Don & Glenda Goodwin

## Happening This Week

**Tuesday, June 30**  
*5:00 am ~ 5:00 pm Adoration - St. Mary*  
*11:00 am Hobby & Craft Circle at St. Mary*  
 5:00pm Mass - St. Mary

**Wednesday, July 1**  
 8:00am Mass - St. Mary


**Thursday, July 2**  
 8:00am Mass - St. Mary

**Friday, July 3**  
 8:00am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

**Saturday, July 4 ~ Mission priest Fr. Don Selvaraj**  
**3:15 ~ 3:45pm Confession at St. Mary**  
 4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

**Sunday, July 5 ~ Mission priest Fr. Don Selvaraj**  
 7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius  
 8:30 am Mass - St. Michael  
 10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

**9:30am Patriotic Rosary - St. Mary's**  
**Totus Tuus Week**  
**Summer Camp at St. Mary's**



## Ministers' Schedule

**July 4/5, 2026**

*St. Mary 4:00pm (Sat.)*

**GREETER:** Volunteer  
**LECTOR:** Jim Moore  
**EM:** Lugene Joines & Volunteer  
**SERVER:** Doug Happ/Ryan Sullivan  
**GIFTS:** Volunteer

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

**GREETER:** Joe Keys  
**LECTOR:** Lee Barrett  
**EM:** Linda Hahn  
**SERVERS:** Volunteer  
**GIFTS:** the Keys Family

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

**GREETER:** Neal Wood  
**LECTOR:** Phyllis Stone/PSR  
**SERVERS:** Leah Wood/Nora Keske  
**GIFTS:** the Wilhoit Family

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

**GREETER:** Brad Cash  
**LECTOR:** Brian Murphy  
**EM:** Christi McClain, Chris Wright & Terry Sullivan  
**SERVERS:** Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy  
**GIFTS:** the Rea Family

## Reminders

July 13: 5pm St. Aloysius' Pastoral Council meeting  
 July 20: 10am St. Aloysius' Finance Council meeting  
 July 20: 6:30pm St. Mary's Finance Council meeting  
 July 21: 6:00pm St. Michael's Finance Council meeting  
 August 23: Picnic at St. Aloysius's Lawn  
 September 3: 5:00pm St. Michael' Pastoral meeting

## Pray & Play Dates (5:15—7:30pm) for you to mark your calendar

August 7	September 4	October 2
November 6	December 4	

## *The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Dying*

Please call or text Father Aloysius(217-412-4344) if you have a loved one who is seriously ill or close to death to receive this Sacrament, which can only be administered to the living. It is recommended that any Catholic who is facing surgery or has a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Once administered, the sense of the Lord's presence draws everyone more closely together. The sacrament is not a guarantee that healing is in the Divine Will of God. It assures that whatever the outcome, God will be present and guide the patient and family throughout the entire journey.

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**St. Michael Hume**

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**Birthdays /Anniversaries**

*Happy Birthday!*

**July 8**  
Amanda Tracy  
**July 12**  
Ann Kenney

**July 11**  
Lucas Boland  
Penny Cook



**July 7**  
Bill & Lorraine Bailey  
**July 9**  
Bruce & Angie Barrett

**St Mary's Celebrates America's  
250<sup>th</sup>**

**July 5th**  
Patriotic Rosary before Mass (9:30)  
Lunch for everyone after Mass  
Bring your favorite dessert and the parish will provide sandwiches and drinks

**Patriotic Rosary**

*The Patriotic Rosary is a special form of praying the Rosary dedicated to the United States, its leaders, and its citizens. Inspired by Marian apparitions and the call for national prayer, this devotion focuses on seeking God's protection, healing, and unity for the country through the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

This wonderful prayer calls to mind our elected and appointed officials and all the citizens of our country. Please consider arriving to Mass early (9:30) on July 5<sup>th</sup> as we thank God for our great country and pray for our future.

**Our Dearly Departed**

**William "Bill" Englum**  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!*  
*May he rest in peace!*



## Capital Campaign

<b>St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$71,220.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$27,580.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$43,640.00</b>
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<b>St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$90,130.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$24,205.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$65,725.00</b>
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<b>St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$725,250.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$445,324.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$279,926.00</b>



### Weekly Offertory June 20/21, 2026

#### ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$835.00
Online Giving	\$0
Father's Day	\$210.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,045.00</b>

#### ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$780.00
Online Giving	\$50.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$830.00</b>

#### ST. MARY

Sunday	\$4,758.00
Online Giving	\$616.00
Father's Day	\$90.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,489.00</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

### 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

#### St. Aloysius Parish

May Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$964.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,632.00

#### St. Michael's Parish

May Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$737.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$6,858.00

#### St. Mary's Parish

May Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,369.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$31,149.00

## Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,  
Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love.  
We are at our best when we're close to You.  
Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision,  
that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.  
Amen. ©LPi



## Prayer Requests



### For the Sick

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

Mike McFtridge	Joanie Hutchcraft
Andrew Hochestler	John Yuza
Mindy Brown	Patricia Sullivan
Karen Ayres	Mary Jiron
Sharon Farrington	Kent Laughlin
John David Jones	Peter David
John Cannady	Mary Stoneburner
Colson Zerrusen	Margaret Huckleby
Sarah Prater	Alice Kramer
Janet Vaught	Sharon Bailey
Brad Cash	Rosemary Ogle
Claudia Blumthal	Leigh Ketner
John Throneburg	Isaac Hayes
Wink Cooper	Donnie Farris
Meredith Blumthal	Jean Kramer
Sandy Thompson	Marie Hibner
Tina Halloran	Dan Bruner
Victoria Magers	Doris Bernard
John Halloran	Joseph Finch
Barry Twigg	Marc Wolf
Lahaunda Madrid	&
Eleanor Macey	<b><u>For those who have no one</u></b>
Donna Keys	<b><u>to pray for them</u></b>
Brian Mullenix	
Linda McHenry	
Richard Yates	
Tamera Brown Tadlock	
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	
Larry Elsberry	

### For Our Military

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

Henry Arp	Michael Whitacre
Jeff Walsh	Nathan Gatlin
Joe Kachmar	Raynell Reynolds
Joseph Livesay	Richard Scott
Juliana Akhavan	Collyn Smith
Justin Vice	

### For Our Expectant Mothers

*We pray that God will bless and protect them during this time of waiting.*  
Callie Keys Cannady

## Summer Camp –Totus Tuus (July 5 - 10)

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

**Parents and grandparents**, please register your child/children by scanning the QR code so that they may get to the Lord better and grow closer to Him!

*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.*

*-Matthew 19:14*



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### Grades 1-6

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:30pm

Bring sack lunch

### Grades 7-12

Sunday-Thursday

6:30-8:15pm

Snack provided

#### QUESTIONS?

Email Mary Liz Wright at [mlwright@stmaryschurchparis.org](mailto:mlwright@stmaryschurchparis.org)



## OUR 2026 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith Office of our diocese has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish. **Rev. Don Bosco Selvaraj** will speak about this on the week end of **July 04/05.**—**Here is an overview of the missionary assets, activities, challenges and needs of the Diocese of Kumbakonam.** This Diocese, established in 1899 in the State of Tamil Nadu, India, has an area of 7824 sq.km., a Catholic population of 2,13,000(6% of the total population),95 parishes and 610 missions, 198 diocesan and 74 religious priests,620 nuns, 12 trained catechists and 590 untrained lay catechists, two Social Service Centres, 136 schools and 12 orphanages.

**Most pressing missionary needs of this mission-diocese are :-**1) 4 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. Large parishes need to be divided into smaller parishes with a resident priest for better pastoral ministry. But the people are cannot this project due to their poverty.

2) Schools are our main means of ushering in progress at all levels. Education is a main means of evangelization and boosting the future prospects of the youth. In this context, the 136 Catholic schools and 12 orphanages in the missions need better facilities, building, infrastructure, educational and technical tools, children's Bibles, a projector, catechetical materials in the form of videos, pictures, text-books and workbooks to improve the quality of religious and faith formation of Catholic and non-Catholic students in mission-schools.

3) Training 480 nuns and 4955 Catholic teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children and adults in the Catholic faith and to help the people, particularly the poor and the marginalized for their integral development, through annual seminars on Scripture and Catechetics and Motivation Courses and annual Retreats.

4) Projecting the healing touch and loving care of Jesus, the Divine Healer through our diocesan hospitals for lepers, home and school for hearing impaired children, HIV patients& their children and the many rural medical clinics, staffed by nuns.

5) Education of more seminarians since the diocese abounds in vocation to priesthood and religious life so that some could be sent as missionaries to missions abroad where there is a shortage of priests. Now 28 priests of this diocese are missionaries abroad.

**Note: Every year an average of 120 young men and women go from this diocese to other Missions and Religious Orders in India and abroad as missionaries.**

6) To educate 2500 very poor or orphan children, of single mothers and widows, and of addictive and abusive fathers by providing them with free board & lodge, in order to eradicate child labor. Such children are forced to tend cattle, work in hazardous conditions in factories, hotels or farms in order to eke out a living for the family.

7) To build low cost homes with \$6,000 for these poor families with elderly parents who do not have a proper home.

**All the above mission projects are 80% dependent on MCP funds, Due to acute poverty of 65% of the Catholics, the diocese depends mostly on funds from annual Mission Appeal for the pastoral, educational, medical, and socio-economic emancipation of the marginalized and poor converts.**

**Important: please make checks payable to your church: St. Mary, St. Aloysius or St. Michael**

**Congratulations to St. Michael's Catholic Church Hume**  
**to celebrate the 150th anniversary this Sunday.**  
**We welcome Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and Fr. Vahling**  
**as they join us for this celebration.**



**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Word of Life*

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB, "[Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty](#)"

**Stewardship Corner**

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38*

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

**Peter's Pence Collection**

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Pastoral Reflections

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

God Is Good!!! All the Time!!! And All the Time!!! God Is Good!!!

Elisha requested a double portion of the spirit given his mentor, Elijah. And, in fact, the narratives featuring Elisha seem to demonstrate that God did indeed answer this request. Already Elisha proved to be an agent of life for a widow and her two sons; by his word their meager resources became enough to nourish them for many days (2 Kgs 4:1–7). In this reading, Elisha's life-giving word is displayed even more dramatically.

Today's Gospel comes from the second major discourse of Matthew's Gospel (Mt 10:1–42). This is often referred to as the "Missionary Discourse." It contains instructions from Jesus to his Twelve Apostles. The special focus of the current passage sets forth some of the difficulties the apostles can expect to encounter in their missionary endeavors.

**Divisions and sufferings.** Jesus warns his apostles that the kind of commitment required for a person to follow him can easily lead to divisions that reach even into one's family members. Suffering is also part of the life of an apostle. Thus, an apostle of Jesus must be willing to "take up the cross" and follow him. This reference to "taking up the cross" implies embracing cruel and often unjust suffering. Crucifixion was a harsh punishment that was in existence at least 300 years before the time of Jesus. Of course, there is also a connection here to the way Jesus himself suffered and died. Real life is following Jesus authentically. This might cost one his or her physical life, but it will lead to a greater life than the one lost.

**The grace of receiving.** Many commentators think that the reference to receiving Jesus as being equal to receiving God who sent him is the key point of this whole passage. Certainly, it is the Christological high point. An apostle, by being commissioned by Jesus, carries with him a presence of Jesus. Jesus is the earthly revelation of God. Therefore, to receive an apostle is, in effect, receiving God made manifest in and through Jesus. This interrelationship between apostle, Jesus, and God is sometimes referred to as "divine mutuality." It is a favorite theme in John's Gospel.

**Rewards.** Matthew clearly believes that God bestows rewards on those who believe the Gospel message and put it into practice. The final section of today's Gospel combines receiving with rewards. There is no logical connection between a prophet, a righteous person, and one in need of a cup of cold water. These describe activities carried out by the apostles. The cost of being called by Jesus, and of being sent by him to engage in apostolic activity, is high. While it will involve suffering and divisions, it will also reap great rewards for the apostles.

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*Fr. Aloysius*



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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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