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THE GOOD NEWS
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."
- Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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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

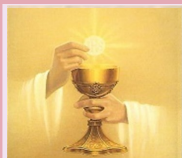
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 4 ~ 4:45pm or by appointment

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, July 2

5:00 pm Keys & Morrissey Families by Matt Pearman

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am ☩ Ben Joines

Thursday, July 4

8:00 am Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Friday, July 5

8:00 am ☩ Marge Fullerton

Saturday, July 6

5:30 pm ☩ Tricia Leminger by Ann Staats

Sunday, July 7

7:00 am ☩ John Dorris

8:30 am ☩ Mary Storey

10:15am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes



July 6/7, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Susi Willis

EM: Eugene Joines & Jim Moore

SERVERS: Volunteers

GIFTS: Volunteers

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Jim Frisz

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: John Barrett

LECTORS: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Brian Murphy

EM: Adam Cash, Christi McClain & Mary Liz Wright

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 2

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, July 4

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, July 5

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, July 6

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Sunday, July 7

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Reminders

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

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

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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, for people affected by abortion, September 27-29, 2024, Villa Maria Retreat Center. Cost is \$150. Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the full registration fee. Please let others know about this healing opportunity. For more information call 217-698-4456, or email projectrachel@dio.org

Bulletin Deadline

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

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Giving Links & QR Codes

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St. Mary Paris

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



St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday!

July 4

Cecilia Laughlin

July 5

Tom Blandford

July 7

Mary McFatridge

July 8

Amanda Tracy

July 10

Rowan Mattingly



July 4

Brad & Sharon Cash
John & Rosemary Williams

July 6

Dave & Charlene Creech

July 7

Bill & Lorraine Bailey

July 9

Bruce & Angie Barrett

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 Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Stewardship Corner

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

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!

Margaret Huckleby	Colette Bernard
Theo Brink	Colette Kamalosky
Melissa Cohn	Rita Brink
Kathryn Lentz	Donnie Farris
Kenneth Kocher	Jean Kramer
Jeff Brinkley	Garry Williamson
Andrew Hostetler	Diana Haupt
Gerry St. Louis	Marie Hibner
Alice Kramer	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Sharon Bailey	Ross Lanter
Mary Stoneburner	Bob Joines
Tabathia Bratcher	Dan Bruner
Joan McCulley	Sheila Brothers
Dalton Elsberry	Doris Bernard
Rosemary Ogle	Mary Lou Hollowell
Tate Kest	Joseph Finch
Jody Crandell	Mary Jo Thompson
Priscilla Hutton	Marc Wolf
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 Senczysyn	Richard Scott
Jeff Walsh	Justin Vice
Nathan Gatlin	Joe Kachmar
Caleb Machuca	Zack Lueken
Simon Holzer	Joseph Livesay
Joe Jenness	

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.*



WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UN- PRECEDENTED 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!

The Eucharistic Pilgrimage

in Terre Haute

July 12

at St. Patrick

3 - 3:30 Adoration
3:30-4:15pm Procession to
St. Joseph University Parish

at St. Joseph University y Parish

4:30-5pm public Vespers
5:15-6pm Mass
6-7:30 Potluck
7:30-8:30pm Adoration

July 13

8-8:20am Rosary
8:30-9am morning Mass

July 14

at Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:30 -11:30am Sunday Mass
11:30am - 12pm Eucharist procession

(Practicing) Catholic—Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol' mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it." — Mark 4:33

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Happy July 4th!



Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

Meditation of the Week

Children copy their parents through watching them and talking to them, and they learn their own language through hearing them speak. An apprentice learns his trade through watching his master at work; in the very same way, the faithful members of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary can become like their divine Master if they reverently study and imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, which are shown in the mysteries of His life. They can do this with the help of His grace and through the intercession of His Blessed Mother."

—St. Louis Mary de Montfort

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.

Saint of the Week – St. Elizabeth of Portugal



St. Elizabeth of Portugal was named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. When only twelve, she was married to King Denis of Portugal. She made a strict schedule for herself, reciting Matins, Lauds and Prime before morning Mass, and praying Vespers and other devotions in the evening. She took care of the poor and pilgrims, established charitable institu-

tions and convents, and provided dowries for poor girls. Though her husband was a good public administrator, he was an unfaithful husband. Elizabeth educated their two children and, retaining her sweet disposition, continually prayer for his conversion. St. Elizabeth is called the peacemaker. She twice rode out between her son Alfonso and his father in order to reconcile them. And she prevented was more than once. Elizabeth was once exiled from court when the king thought that she favored Alfonso. In 1324, Denis suffered a long illness, during which Elizabeth scarcely left his side. Before he died the following year, Denis repented of his sins. Elizabeth became a Franciscan tertiary and settled at Coimbra near a Poor Clare convent that she had founded. She was buried in the convent upon her death in 1336.

Pastoral Reflections

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

The wisdom promoted in this book is not the conventional kind associated with intellectual pursuits. In this book wisdom is living in right relationship with God. In its very first line this book challenges readers to love “righteousness” and to think of the Lord. To reinforce this theme the author (the wise King Solomon by tradition) contrasts the advantages of service (wisdom) with the disadvantages experienced by those who resist serving God (folly).

Today's Gospel employs a literary device known as intercalation or sandwiching. It is a technique Mark uses frequently. He begins by telling a story and, just as the narrative gets interesting, he stops and begins telling another story. He finishes the second story and then returns and concludes the first story. Both stories influence one another, heighten the tensions involved in both, and reveal something about who Jesus is. The stories highlighted in today's passage begin with the dying 12-year-old daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official, and then moves to the story of a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for 12 years.

The synagogue official's dying daughter. Jairus is a synagogue official who believes firmly that Jesus can heal his dying daughter. We do not know why Jairus believes in Jesus, except that he is desperate. There is no exchange of words between Jesus and the synagogue official. We are told that Jesus went off with him. No further details are given but we assume Jesus has the intent of healing this young girl. Will he get there in time? What will he do? Mark abruptly stops the story here and begins a new story.

The woman afflicted with hemorrhages for 12 years. The second story is about a woman who also is desperate. She has run out of resources to cure her illness. She also, for some reason, has faith that Jesus has the power to heal her. In fact, she believes that by just touching his cloak she will have access to his healing power. However, if this woman touches Jesus or his clothing he will be rendered ritually impure. A response to such an action could be very dangerous for the woman and even jeopardize her life. Immediately Jesus knows he has been touched. The woman very courageously approaches him, with fear and trembling, and admits to what she has done. Jesus responds with mercy and forgiveness. He declares that the woman's faith has saved her and brought about her cure.

Jairus' daughter raised to new life. Mark now returns to the first story. By this time the girl has died but Jesus is not deterred in the least. He takes her hand and “raises her up” to new life. Faith brings wholeness. Jesus' lordship knows no bounds. Those who witnessed all this were utterly astounded.

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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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