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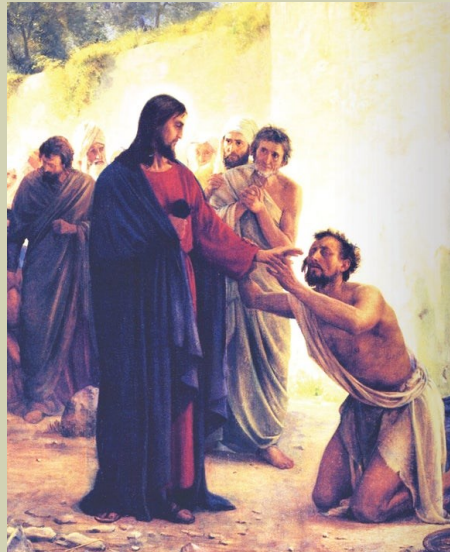
THE GOOD NEWS
4th Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024

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.



**4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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, March 12

5:00 pm † Pete Secondino *by Jody Crandell*

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 am Mel & Jeanette Hahn Family (L+D)
by Alan Zuber

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am † Carrie Morgan

Friday, March 15

8:00 am † Connie & Ruth Ashley *by Linda McHenry*

Saturday, March 16

5:30 pm † Jim Englum *by Margaret Englum*

Sunday, March 17

7:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

8:30 am † Jodi Bosch *by Mag Bosch*

10:15am † Charles & Margaret Catanzariti *by Pat C*



March 16/17, 2024

St. Mary's: 5:30 pm (Sat. Vigil)

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Jim Moore, Lugene Joines & Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteer

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

LECTORS: Jim Frisz

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: Keys Family

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

GREETOR: David Smith

LECTORS: Phyllis Stone or PSR

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

LECTORS: Chris Wright

EM: Andy Goodwin, Terry Sullivan & Scott Hall

SERVERS: Santi Rea

Happening This Week

Monday, March 11

6:30pm Choir Practice at St. Mary

Tuesday, March 12

5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

7:00pm KC Meeting

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

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

12:00 Prayer Lunch at St. Mary

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary's

6:00pm 1st Reconciliation & all PSR students

Friday, March 15

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

12:00pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Aloysius

5:30pm Stations of the Cross led by Laity followed by simple potluck

4 ~ 6:30pm KC Fish Fry

Saturday, March 16

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

4:00 ~ 4:45 pm Confession at St. Mary's

Sunday, March 17

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

8:30 am OCIA Meeting

8:45 am A Family of Faith

Reminders

March 18: 5pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Mtg.

March 19: 6pm Penance Service at St. Mary

March 21: 6pm Penance Service at St. Michael

March 26: KC Meeting

March 28: 7pm Lord's Supper Mass at St. Mary followed by Adoration

March 29: 5:30pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary

March 30: 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Mary

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday!

March 19

JoEllen Edmonds
Julie Gosnell
Levi Happ

March 20

Kallen Keys
Gerry St. Louis
Chris Wright

March 21

Steve Sunkel
Leonard Waller



March 15

Kris & Amy McGinnes

March 16

Richard & Rita Hutchings

Save the Day

Totus Tuus Summer Camp
for all children Grades 1—12

June 16—21, 2024
Totus Tuus

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season Schedule:

*Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays

12:00pm & 5:30pm at St. Mary's
6:00 pm at St Michael's

*Confession & Penance during Lent

- Confession from 8:30 – 9:00am after Daily Mass
 - 6:00pm on Thursday March 14, 2024
1st Reconciliation & all PSR students
 - 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Mary's
on Tuesday March 19, 2024
 - 6:00pm Penance Service at St. Michael
on Thursday March 21, 2024
- Confession 4:00 – 4:45pm at St. Mary's
on Saturday March 24, 2024

Holy Week

*On Tuesday March 26, 2024

No Mass – Chrim Mass in Springfield

*On Holy Thursday March 28, 2024

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
The Lord's Supper Mass at 7:00pm at St.
Mary's with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Adoration till midnight

*On Good Friday March 29, 2024

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
12:00pm Station of the Cross at St. Mary
3:00pm Station of the Cross at St. Michael
5:30pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary

*On Holy Saturday March 30, 2024

10:00am Server Rehearsal at St. Mary
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

- January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$600.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,528.00

St. Michael's Parish

- January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$659.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,173.00

St. Mary's Parish

- January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$3,614.00
- Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$22,078.00



Our Stewardship Weekly Offertory March 2/3

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$5,896.00
Easter Flower	\$10.00
Weekly Goal:	\$962.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal:	+\$4,944.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1965.00
Online Giving	\$175.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,269.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal	+\$871.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$8,443.00
Building Fund	\$450.00
Flower	\$90.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00
Holy Land	\$70.00
Catholic Relief	\$260.00
Seminarian	\$65.00
Weekly Goal:	\$7,365.00
Over/(<u>Under</u>) Goal:	+\$1,618.00

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



For the Sick

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

George Furnish	Marie Hibner
Tim Hahn	Michael Ndeanaefo
Tabathia Bratcher	Theresa Ndeanaefo
Judy Ferris	Ross Lanter
Joan McCulley	Bob Joines
Dalton Elsberry	Dan Bruner
Rosemary Ogle	Donna Keys
John McMullen	Sheila Brothers
Tate Kest	Maxi Fitzjarald
Jody Crandell	Joan Stirek
Priscilla Hutton	Doris Bernard
Leigh Ketner	Amber Hall
David Yates	Mary Lou Hollowell
Isaac Hayes	Gerry Scott
Colette Bernard	Richard Rennier
Colette Kamalosky	Joseph Finch
Theo Brink	Mary Jo Thompson
Rita Brink	Marc Wolf
Donnie Farris	Bill Myers
Pearl Wallace	
Jean Kramer	
Garry Williamson	
Diana Haupt	

Our Expectant Mothers

We pray that God will bless and protect them during this time of waiting.

Raynelle Reynolds

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	Raynell Kahala
	Shelly Johns

Our Confirmandi

Lord, show the path to Faith to these who will be confirmed on June 1, so that they learn to know Your Son Jesus Christ !

Please, keep them in your prayers.

**Abner Wood Kallen Keys Jocelyn Tracy
Leah Wood Leo Higginbotham**

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! -Psalm 118:24

A Commercial Charter Coach is reserved for those who would join us to travel to Springfield to attend the Ordination Mass of Bruce Scott at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

on **Saturday, May 25, 2024**.

Sign-Up sheet will be placed in all parishes.

Thank you very much!



We visited our parishioners, Joan McCulley & Mary Lou Hallowell (not pictured), after Vitality Study Group Meeting on Saturday March 2 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

Saint of the Week - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born Margaret Alacoque in a small village in France. After her father died when she was eight years old, she was sent to a convent school run by the Poor Clares where she became bedridden with rheumatic fever. For four years she was confined to her bed until she made a vow to Mary, Mother of God, to consecrate herself to religious life. Following this vow, her health was restored. Throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Margaret continued to have religious visions of Jesus.

In 1671, at age 24, Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and took the name Mary when she professed her vows. During her time in the convent, she had series of mystical experiences — most notably, her encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to her accounts, Jesus appeared to her and revealed his Sacred Heart, burning with love for humanity and instructed her to devote herself to adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday night during a holy hour which she immediately incorporated into her routine. He also instructed her to celebrate a new feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary dedicated herself to promoting the feast and adoration of the Eucharist. Her visions and messages were met with skepticism initially, but she trusted God's guidance. In 1688, just two years before she died, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated for the first time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Eventually, her holy hour of adoration also became a popular tradition among Catholics worldwide. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us!



Wisdom Shared

Fasting means abstinence from food but it includes other forms of privation for the sake of a more sober life. [But] all of this does not yet constitute the full reality of fasting: It is the external sign of an interior reality, of our commitment, with God's help, to abstain from evil and to live the Gospel. He does not really fast who does not know how to nourish himself.

Pope Benedict XVI, Ash Wednesday 2011, Into The Deep, Feb/Mar 2014, stonesswillshout.com/wp



ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on **all the Fridays of Lent**.

FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

On the days of Fast and Abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is NOT permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of Fast and Abstinence is seriously sinful!

Choir Practice

Choir practice for Holy Week and Easter will begin on Monday evenings

March 11th, 18th & 25th at 6:30 pm.

Compassionate Clothing Closet Workers Needed in April!

April is St. Mary's & St. Aloysius' month to work the CCC. Workers are needed to help sort clothes on **Mondays anytime during 10am-1pm**. We need at least **two volunteers** to help clients check out clothing on **Tuesdays from 11:45-2:15pm**. Please call the office at 466-3355 or sign up in the Gathering Space if you can help.

Thank you!!!

CRS Rice Bowl

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Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how – with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours – Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe.

Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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KC Lenten Fish Fry



Friday, March 15, 2024

4:00PM—6:30PM

**At St. Mary's Hall—528 N. Main St. Paris
Adults \$12.00 (in Advance) \$15.00 at Event
(Drive through available)**



The annual cleaning of St. Mary's Cemetery will begin **April 1**. All winter decorations, including artificial decorations, will be removed.

Please collect what you wish to save. Spring and Summer decorations may be placed beginning **April 15**.

Thank you!

Pastoral Reflections

4th Sunday of Lent

My dear parishioners,

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

In the first reading, this book reviews the history of the kingdom of Judah from a brighter perspective, accenting the spiritual achievements of kings and leaders. Yet even this positive view could not ignore the fact that the kingdom fell, and its people were taken into exile. This final chapter explains why things turned out so badly.

The context for today's Gospel has Jesus explaining to Nicodemus the necessity of a new birth from above. Needless to say, Nicodemus cannot grasp what Jesus is saying. Hopefully, the reader will be able to understand what Nicodemus only finds confusing.

The serpent lifted up in the desert. Part of Jesus' instruction to Nicodemus makes reference to an event involving Moses and a bronze serpent (Num 21:8–9). The people were being bitten by serpents and dying from their injuries. Moses instructed that a bronze serpent be mounted on a pole and lifted up for the people to see. Those who looked at it recovered. This event is used to explain the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. These are all understood to be one continuous event. When Jesus is lifted up on the cross at his crucifixion, the son of man is at that very same moment being exalted by God. Jesus' being lifted up on the cross makes eternal life possible for those who believe.

God so loved the world. John 3:16 is certainly one of the most popular verses of the entire New Testament. It is a concise summary of the saving action initiated by God and accomplished by Jesus. So great was God's love for the world, that God "gave" his only Son that all who believe in him have access to eternal life. The verb "gave" is unique here. The usual word is "sent." The "world" refers to those human beings who are at odds with Jesus and God. "Eternal life" describes life lived in the unending presence of God.

The necessity of faith. God is not interested in condemning the world. Therefore, God has provided everything possible to save the world because of God's great love. Still, people must make their own choices. Those who believe in Jesus will not be condemned. Those who fail to believe in Jesus have already condemned themselves by their lack of faith. In the prologue to this Gospel, the author made it clear that the "light" came into the world but that people chose "darkness." Jesus is the light of the world and all who believe in him choose both light and life. From the very beginning, many people have chosen darkness to light. Still, God has not given up on the world. That is why God gave the world God's very own Son.

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Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Aloysius



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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.



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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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