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**THE GOOD NEWS**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**March 3, 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.*



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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**

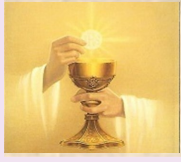
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 4 ~ 4:45pm or by appointment

**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 5

5:00 pm      † Larry Bryan *by Dianne Yates*

### Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am      † Ed & Virginia Sullivan *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

### Thursday, March 7

**No Daily Mass**

### Friday, March 8

8:00 am      † Richard Willis *by Susi Willis*

### Saturday, March 9

5:30 pm      Living & Deceased Parishioners

### Sunday, March 10

7:00 am      Andrew & Elaine Pierzchalski Family (L+D)  
*by Alan Zuber*

8:30 am      † Mary Storey

10:15am      † Jim Ring *by Mary Ann Sullivan*



**March 9/10, 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:** Glenda Waller

**LECTORS:** Martha Williams

**SERVERS:** Lily Brown

**GIFTS:** the Keske Family

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

**LECTORS:** Mary Liz Wright

**EM:** Brian Murphy, Kit Kirby & Scott Hall

**SERVERS:** Santi Rea

## Parish Council & Committee Chairs

### St. Aloysius

#### **Pastoral Council**

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## 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**

-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  
 February 24/25**

**ST. ALOYSIUS**

Sunday \$601.00  
 Easter Flower \$40.00  
 Catholic Charities \$130.00  
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00  
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$321.00**

**ST. MICHAEL**

Sunday \$820.00  
 Online Giving \$125.00  
 Flower \$75.00  
 Catholic Charities \$416.00  
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00  
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$249.00**

**ST. MARY**

Sunday \$5,906.00  
 Building Fund \$211.00  
 Flower \$185.00  
 Catholic Charities \$530.00  
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00  
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$1,063.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Bulletin Deadline**

Please forward information for the bulletin to: [jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org](mailto: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!**

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

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

**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**

## Announcements, Events and Activities

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Happy Birthday!*

*March 8*

*Mary Ann Sullivan*

*March 10*

*Anne Marie Happ*

*March 12*

*Dave Sullivan*

*March 14*

*Karen Savoree*

*March 16*

*Amanda Yates*

### Choir Practice

Choir practice for Holy Week and Easter will begin on Monday evenings March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at 6:30 pm.

### CR& Rice Bowl

Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community.

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope

### Save the Day

**Totus Tuus Summer Camp**

**for all children Grades 1—12**

**June 16—21, 2024**

**Totus Tuus**

### Happening This Week

#### Monday, March 4

**6:30pm Choir Practice at St. Mary**

#### Tuesday, March 5

**5:00 pm Mass** - St. Mary

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

#### Wednesday, March 6

**8:00 am Mass** - St. Mary's

**2~8:30pm Photography at St. Mary**

#### Thursday, March 7

**No Daily Mass**

**2~8:30pm Photography at St. Mary**

#### Friday, March 8

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

**2~8:30pm Photography at St. Mary**

**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 9

**5:30 pm Mass** - St. Mary

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

**10am ~ 4pm Photography at St. Mary**

#### Sunday, March 10

**7:00 am Mass** - St. Aloysius

**8:30 am Mass** - St. Michael

**10:15 am Mass** - St. Mary

**8:30 am OCIA Meeting**

### Reminders

**March 13:** 12pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary

**March 13:** 6pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Mtg.

**March 14:** 6pm 1st Reconciliation & Confession for all PSR students

**March 15:** 4 ~ 6:30pm KC Fish Fry

**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

*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 place in all parishes.

Thank you very much!

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season Schedule: February 14 – May 19, 2024

### \*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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

**\*\*New Saturday Confession Time: 4:00 — 4:45pm\*\***

### Holy Week

\*On Tuesday March 26, 2024

there will be No Mass

– Chrism 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

## Saint of the Week – St. Katherine Drexel



### Saint Katharine Drexel Prayer

Ever loving God, you called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church, that we may be one in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Wisdom Shared**

To a great extent the world is what we make it. We get back what we give. If we sow hate, we reap hate, if we scatter love and gentleness we harvest love and happiness. Other people are like a mirror which reflects back on us the kind of image we cast. The kind person bears with the infirmities of others, never magnifies trifles, and avoids a spirit of fault finding.

- Fulton Sheen

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” – Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

**St. Aloysius North Arm News**

**Newly Formed Pastoral and Finance Councils**

**Pastoral Council members:**

Jim Frisz      Chip Keys      Jody Crandell  
Angie Barrett      Carole Halloran

**Finance Council members:**

Joe Keys      Alan Zuber      Lee Barrett  
Linda Hahn      Joe Englum

**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!**



**Spring Cleaning**

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!**

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**KC Lenten Fish Fry**



**Friday, March 8 & 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)**

**Last Call to Sign Up**

**CPR & AED Training**

Dear Parishioner,

Jeff Roush is going to offer a **CPR & AED Training Class.** If you are interested please contact the office (**217-466-3355**) or fill the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you!

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

# Pastoral Reflections

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

My dear parishioners,

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

During their long stay at Mt. Sinai, the people of Israel receive instructions as God's covenant partners. The Ten Commandments address issues that had marred human relationships with God and neighbor since creation. If the people of Israel succeed in obeying these commandments, those relationships will heal dramatically.

The first thing to notice is that the cleansing of the temple comes at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of John. The synoptic Gospels place it in conjunction with Jesus' passion. While historically the synoptics are probably more accurate, John's purpose is theological indicating how the risen Lord and his authority has replaced the authority of the Temple.

**The action of Jesus in the Temple.** Only John mentions the oxen, sheep, and doves being sold in the temple area as well as Jesus having made a whip of cords. The action of Jesus is a prophetic act that points beyond the buying and selling. The commerce is not the problem. The issue is in fact the entire temple system which Jesus, by his actions, symbolically condemns. The key to interpret Jesus' action in the Temple is the quote from Ps 69:9, "Zeal for your house will consume me." Here "consume me" refers to Jesus' crucifixion.

**The misunderstanding.** The Jews do not understand what Jesus has done and therefore they challenge his authority by requesting a sign. This, of course, leads to a misunderstanding which is a method John's Gospel uses to move the reader below the surface of the story where the deeper meaning lies. The misunderstanding centers on the meaning of Jesus' comment about destroying this temple and he will raise it up again in three days. The Jews take Jesus' words literally whereas they are meant to be understood symbolically. Jesus is talking about "the temple of his body."

**The disciples remember.** While all this action was unfolding, even the disciples are not sure what Jesus is doing or what it means. It is only later, when they are able to reflect back in light of their experience of the resurrection, that they grasp what Jesus meant. It is through this remembrance that the disciples came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. The story concludes with reference to many people believing in Jesus based on the signs he was doing. Jesus, however, is not taken in by this at all. He knows how fickle this surface commitment is. These people are merely sign chasing and Jesus knows this full well and so he has no intention of trusting himself to them.

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*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Fr. Aloysius*



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*Bless our President.* Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

*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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