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THE GOOD NEWS
Easter Sunday
March 31, 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.



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
- Jn 20:8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD, OLP

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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, April 2

8:00 am ☩ Carrie Collier *by Mike David*

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 am ☩ Nana Matt & Pearman Family *by Matt Pearman*

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am ☩ Betty Sudduth *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Friday, April 5

8:00 am ☩ Mary Ann Williams *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Saturday, April 6

5:30 pm ☩ Judy St. Louise *by Mark & Amy Anderson*

Sunday, April 7

7:00 am ☩ Sue Secondino *by Jody Crandell*

8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

10:15am ☩ Virginia Sullivan



April 6/7, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines & Jim Moore

SERVERS: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: Justin Wood

LECTORS: Phyllis Stone/PSR

SERVERS: Lily Brown

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Brian Murphy

EM: Adam Cash, Christi McClain & Chris Wright

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 2

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

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, April 5

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, April 6

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Sunday, April 7

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

8:45 am A Family of Faith

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Reminders

April 9: 7pm KC Meeting

April 10: 12pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary's meeting room.

April 23: 7pm KC Meeting

May 7: 6pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

May 13: 5pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

May 25: 10am Bruce Scott's Ordination Mass in Springfield, and **5:30pm** Bruce's 1st Mass at St. Mary followed by celebration dinner at St. Mary's Hall

June 4: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Council Meeting

April 1

Office Closed on Easter Monday

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Welcome and Congratulations to our Newly Initiated at Easter Vigil!

Dillon Garver

Birthdays & Anniversaries



April 1
Alice Kramer
April 3
Cara Hall
Jerrri Ricketts

April 6
Adam Cash
Mark Cox

April 7
Pearl Wallace
April 8
Bradley Cash

April 9
Matt Sullivan



April 3
Richard & Julie Gross
April 4
Robert & Dawn Roman

June 16–21, 2024
Totus Tuus

Summer Camp
for all children Grades 1–12
Registration is open now!

Just Scan



1st - 6th Grade Program

9:00am - 2:30pm

Middle & High School Program

6:30pm - 8:45pm

Totus Tuus is open for every child free of charge.

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$344.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,872.00

St. Michael's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$544.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,717.00

St. Mary's Parish

-January Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,420.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,498.00



**Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 March 23/24**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$551.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$411.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,570.00
 Online Giving \$125.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal **+\$426.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,597.44
 Building Fund \$110.00
 Easter \$420.00
 Holy Land \$1,120.00
 Seminarian \$25.00
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$3,237.56**

Thank you for your support!

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.*



Prayer Requests



For the Sick

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

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

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Raynelle Reynolds

For Our Military

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

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

For Our Confirmandi

Lord, show the path to Faith to these who will be confirmed and these who will join the Catholic Church, so that they learn to know Your Son Jesus Christ !

Our Confirmandi:

Abner Wood	Kallen Keys	Jocelyn Tracy
Leah Wood	Leo Higginbotham	

VISITS TO THE SICK

If you know of someone who is sick at home, in the hospital, or in the nursing home and would like to have Fr. Aloysius's visit, please contact the office and leave the name, phone number and address.

Thank you.



Illinois March for Life 2024

Registration for the Illinois March for Life is now open! The event is Wednesday, April 17 in Springfield. Mass will be at 10:00am on the campus of the University of Illinois, Springfield, and then gathering at the State Capitol at Noon. You can register for the Illinois March for Life Mass by going to the diocesan website: www.dio.org and clicking on the image for the March.

Springfield Right to Life Art Contest: Calling all young artists. The "Children Helping Children" PRO-LIFE 2025 Calendar Art Contest for grades 5-12 is now accepting ART-WORK submissions. The competition is open to all artists in the Springfield Diocese and has cash prizes. If you would like more information on contest rules please visit the Springfield Right to Life website at <https://springfieldrtl.org> or contact our office at 217-523-2700.



Our Dearly Departed

David Yates - Brother of Richard Yates

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!
May he rest in peace!*

Saint of the Week – St. Juliana of Cornillon (of Liege)

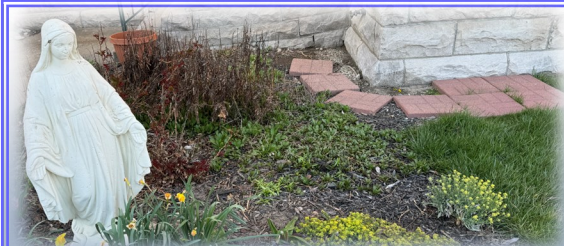
Saint Juliana of Mont Cornillon (1193 - 1258), also known as Juliana of Liege was born near Liege, Belgium. She was orphaned at the age of five and placed in the convent of Mt. Cornillon near Liege. She made rapid progress in virtue and grew in love for the Passion of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of thirteen she became a nun and devoted herself to caring for the sick in the convent hospital. She eventually became the superioress of her community.

Taught in repeated visions that Our Lord wanted a liturgical feast in honor of the Holy Eucharist to be established, she worked diligently to have the feast of Corpus Christi instituted for the Universal Church, a task for which she endured much opposition. She was forced to flee her convent after its general superior excited the populace against her and her visions. She was later vindicated by the bishop and returned to her rightful place, only to be forced to flee a final time, ending her life in seclusion.

The feast of Corpus Christi was finally instituted six years after her death by Pope Urban IV, who also commissioned Saint Thomas Aquinas to prepare the magnificent texts for the feast's Office and Mass.



Her feast day is April 6.



**Parish Work Day - April 13,
9am—1pm (Lunch provided)**
Come with your garden tools, and help us to beautify your church campus.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024



God, in His Great mercy, is giving mankind a last chance for salvation. On this day you can receive the total forgiveness of your sins and punishment! Confession is required within the two weeks before or after this Feast, and communion is required on the day of the Feast. Our Lord promised to the souls who follow these requests a complete remission of sin and punishment!

“Jesus, I Trust in You.”

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is to be prayed at St. Mary at 3pm on April 7.

CRS Rice Bowl

EASTER SUNDAY HAPPY EASTER! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Mary’s Gathering Space!

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

Thought of the Week

Our Blessed Lord was hopeful about humanity. He always saw men the way He originally designed them. He saw through the surface, grime, and dirt to the real man underneath. He never identified a person with sin. He saw sin as something alien and foreign which did not belong to man. Sin had mastered man but he could be freed from it to be his real self. Just as every mother sees her own image and likeness on her child’s face, so God always saw the divine image and likeness beneath us.

- Fulton Sheen

Pray Everyday to End Abortion

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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

Job openings at the curia

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is hiring! The Diocese is looking for dynamic individuals to fill our open positions: Internal Auditor, Director, Office for Safe Environment, and Safe Environment Assistant. Please share with your community about our open positions, you can find them at dio.org/hr/employment-listings.

Be a TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY in 2024 with the diocese of Springfield in Illinois



MISSIONARIES WILL RECEIVE:

- Paid full-time employment
- Food, gas, and lodging all covered
- A trip to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress, fully paid for by the Diocese
- A daily opportunity to share Jesus with kids
- A week off
- Paid training
- 2 retreats to grow in faith
- Heaps and heaps of fun!



MAY 29 - JULY 27

Pastoral Reflections

Easter Sunday

My dear parishioners,

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

Our first reading is the classic narrative of deliverance for Israel. The sea withdraws so they can cross on dry land; the same sea engulfs the entire army of Pharaoh, their bodies scattered lifeless on the seashore. The reading also reinforces the role of Moses as God's appointed leader, destined to take them to the Promised Land. He will accomplish this mission as long as he carries out faithfully every word of the Lord, just as he does in this reading.

Most scholars agree that the original ending of Mark's Gospel is Mark 16:8. This ending raises many questions and in fact is not included in the Gospel reading for today. Two additional endings were added at a later time by editors and, while they are considered canonical and inspired, they were not composed by the original author of the Gospel of Mark. The challenge is to struggle with the text as the original author composed it.

The women at the tomb. The only people in the story who know where Jesus was buried following his crucifixion were a group of women: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. They come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' dead body. This was an action that was considered most sacred by Jews and thus they arrive early on the morning following the Sabbath. Their main concern was how to remove the huge stone that would have been placed at the tomb's entrance.

The stone rolled back. To their great surprise, the women discovered not only that the stone has been rolled back, but also there was a young man clothed in a white garment sitting there. He is understood to be an angel and the women are utterly amazed. More amazing yet is the good news the angel communicates to the women. The crucified Jesus is not in the tomb. He has been raised. The women are then given clear instructions, "Go and tell his disciples and Peter, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you" (Mk 14:28). Everything depends on these women since they are the only people who know what really happened to Jesus.

Fear versus faith. In this Gospel, the women fail. They are overcome by trembling and bewilderment. The final sentence of the Gospel states: "They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." How can this be? Who will spread the good news? Did Mark make a mistake? Was a more complete ending to this Gospel lost? The answer is that this is all part of Mark's creative theology. Throughout this Gospel, Mark has told the reader every important aspect regarding who Jesus is and what his mission is to be. Now, everything is up to the reader. He or she is the only one who knows what happened. Easter depends on the reader now proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

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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.



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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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