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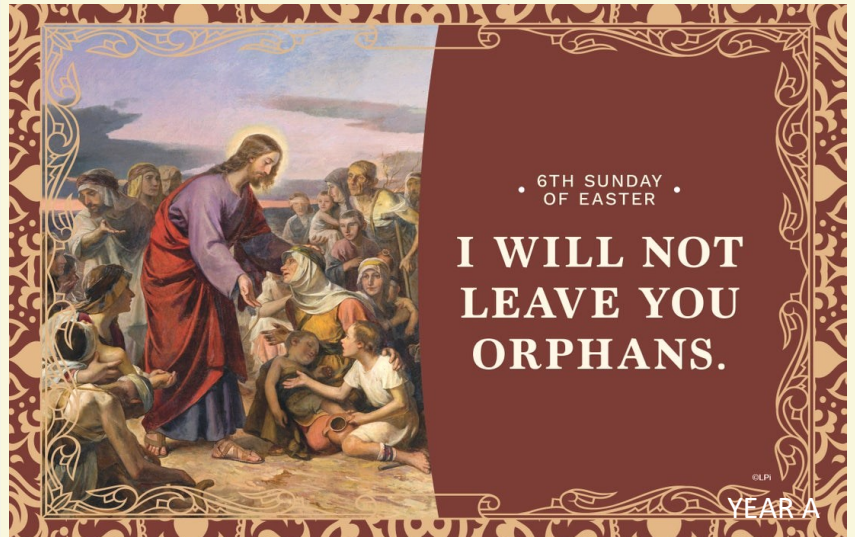
THE GOOD NEWS
6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

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 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.



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.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 12

5:00 pm † Connie & Ruth Ashley

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am † Harold, Dolores & Frank Waller

Friday, May 15

8:00 am † Fr. Joe Ring

Saturday, May 16

4:00 pm † Marjorie Milliner

Sunday, May 17

7:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

8:30am † Theresa Ndeanaefo

10:15am † Joan Mattingly

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 12

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

11:00 am Hobby & Craft Circle at St. Mary

5:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, May 13

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm OCIA- St. Mary's

Thursday, May 14

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 15

8:00am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 16

3:15 ~ 3:45pm Confession at St. Mary

4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 17

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



May 16/17, 2026

St. Mary 4:00pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Volunteer

LECTOR: Jim Moore

EM: Lugene Joines & Volunteer

SERVER: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETER: Joe Keys

LECTOR: Jim Frisz

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Volunteer

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Neal Wood

LECTOR: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Landon Keske/Solomon Jansen

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Chris Wright

EM: Andy Goodwin, Brian Murphy & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the Tracy Family

Reminders

June 8: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Finance Mtg.

June 8: 6:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral Mtg.

June 9: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Mtg.

June 11: 5:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Mtg.

June 28: 10:00am St. Michael's 150th Celebration

July 5 ~ 10: Totus Tuus Week

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

June 5 July 10

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(2127-412-4344) 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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Finance Council
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Collection Online 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!

May 16
Beth Cash

May 17
Brian Smith

May 18
Ty Bailey

May 19
John Carrington
John Barrett
Shirley Stolz



May 16
Jim & Lois Moore

May 19
Scott & Cara Hall



Our Graduates

Ava Barrett
Colton Cornwell
Gabriel Roush
Gabriel Williams
Logan Curl
Kenneth Svendsen

High School Graduation Mass & Brunch Sunday, May 24, 2026

Let us Graduates in the Gathering Space after Mass.
*A brunch reception following Mass in the Parish Hall
for the graduates and their families.*

If you have a graduating senior and I missed him/her, please let the office know, so we don't miss anyone. Thank you!

Body and Blood of Christ

Question: One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer: We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324).

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:	\$71,220.00
Weekly received:	\$.00
Up-to-date total:	\$27,580.00
Fund needed:	\$43,640.00
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St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	\$90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$.00
Up-to-date total:	\$24,255.00
Fund needed:	\$65,875.00
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St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$2,192.00
Up-to-date total:	\$386,113.00
Fund needed:	\$339,137.00



Weekly Offertory May 2 & 3, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,255.00
Online Giving	\$30.66
Total Collection:	\$1,285.66

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1,945.00
Online Giving	\$366.10
Maintenance	\$25.00
Total Collection:	\$2,336.10

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$5,576.00
Online Giving	\$95.00
Retired Priests	\$140.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$270.00
Catholic Communication	\$120.00
Food Pantry	\$200.00
Ascension	\$70.00
Mother's Day	\$300.00
Total Collection:	\$6,771.00

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$467.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,185.00

St. Michael's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$669.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$5,796.00

St. Mary's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,393.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$26,556.00

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

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

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

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

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

Callie Keys Cannady

Let us pray for our PSR Confirmandi that God shower abundant graces upon them during this period of preparation to be true followers of Jesus Christ. They will be confirmed by Bishop Paprocki on June 6, 2026 at the Cathedral.

Our Confirmandi

<i>Carter Staub</i>	<i>Easton Pinnel</i>	<i>Emitt Keys</i>
<i>Hallie Rollings</i>	<i>Hunter Rollings</i>	<i>Jackson Tarr</i>
<i>Nora Keske</i>	<i>Romi Rea</i>	



Happy Mother's Day!



We ask Mary to intercede for all mothers in our community, and for those who want to be mothers, too.

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Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
 Pour your goodness and grace
 upon the women of our commu-
 nity today in a special way.
 For mothers:

fill them with joy and blessing.
 For those who have lost children:
 hold them in their sorrow.
 For those who have hoped for
 children: surround them with
 Your love.
 For those who have lost a mother:

may they know Your comfort.
 For those carrying difficulty on
 this day: bring them consolation.
 Bless all women this day.
 Thank you for the love they bring
 to this world, no matter their cir-
 cumstances or story. Amen. ©LPi



Baby Bottle Blessings

Once again, beginning on Mother's Day through Father's Day, our churches will be collecting donations to benefit the Choices Pregnancy & Health Center of Paris. Baby bottles will be available for pick up on Mother's Day weekend at your church. Thank you for supporting our local families and honoring the sanctity of life! Please make check to [Choices Pregnancy & Health](#).



May 10th

Word of Life

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Radical Solidarity”

Summer Camp - Totus Tuus

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 and save the week for the Lord! **Just scan the QR code below!**

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

Matthew 19:14



TOTUS TUUS

5-10 JULY 2026

St. Mary,
Paris



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



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6th Sunday of Easter

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Rosary before Mass

Please come and join us to pray the Rosary.

Sunday @8:00am – St. Michael

Sunday @9:45am – St. Mary

Rosary before Daily Mass at St. Mary

Bulletin Deadline

Please forward information for the bulletin to: jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org by Wednesday at 12:00 P.M.

before the following Sunday publication.

Project Rachel

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

Pastoral Reflections

6th Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

Philip was one of those seven worthy members of the community chosen to take care of the distribution of goods to people in need (Acts 6:1-7). However, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Philip also advanced the Gospel in many other ways. Here we see once again Luke's overriding interest in demonstrating that the Holy Spirit was always the driving force behind the expansion of the Gospel.

Jesus continues his "farewell discourse" by making a strong connection between loving him and keeping his commandments. Throughout the passage, Jesus will use words such as commandments, word, and words. The reader should understand all these terms as synonyms. They represent the totality of what Jesus says and what he reveals about God.

Another advocate. One of the ways Jesus will maintain a presence in the world after he returns to the Father is by sending another advocate. The Greek term is *parakletos*, which is often translated as "paraclete." Jesus specifies that he will send "another advocate," indicating that he himself was the first one. This advocate plays a role similar to a defense attorney. He is a teacher who bears witness to Jesus and serves as a prosecutor of the world. He is the Spirit of truth whom the world will reject, but the disciples will accept him because they know him.

I will not leave you orphans. It is important for Jesus to reassure his disciples that they will not be left alone when he returns to the Father. One way that Jesus will be present will be in the form of the advocate. Another way is through his Resurrection. The world will not see this, but the disciples will. This new form of life will also be extended to the disciples. All this will result in the understanding, on the part of the disciples, of the divine mutuality that exists between God, Jesus, and the disciples. Jesus is in the Father, the disciples are in Jesus, and Jesus is in the disciples. This is how the disciples will share in the Father's love.

Keep my commandments. Jesus makes it very clear that simply knowing his commandments is not enough. The commandments have to be observed and put into practice. This is how the disciples demonstrate their love for Jesus: by keeping his commandments. Those who love Jesus, and therefore keep his commandments, are also assured that they will be loved by God. In addition to this, Jesus will also love the disciples and, in this process, reveal himself to them. All of this is aimed at encouraging the disciples to understand that Jesus' departure will, in fact, be a saving event that will benefit them all.

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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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