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THE GOOD NEWS
The Ascension of the Lord
May 12, 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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
- Mk 16:19-20

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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, May 14

5:00 pm † Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 am † Connie & Ruth Ashley

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

8:00 am † Fr. Meehling

Saturday, May 18

5:30 pm † Roger Mallat *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Sunday, May 19

7:00 am † Tim Hahn

8:30 am † Maureen Denbo

10:15am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes



May 18/19, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETOR: Volunteer

LECTORS: Tommy Morrisey

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETOR: David Smith

LECTORS: Brian Smith

SERVERS: Lily Brown/Abner Wood

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Chris Wright

EM: Andy Goodwin, Scott Hall & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Monday, May 13

6:00pm St. Mary's Pastoral Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, May 16

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 17

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 18

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Sunday, May 19

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Reminders

May 20: 5:30pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

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

May 26: High School Graduation Mass & Brunch for Graduates & families at St. Mary

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

June 12: 6pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Meeting

June 15-21: Totus Tuus Summer Camp

June 15: Potluck after 5:30 Mass at St. Mary's parish Hall.

June 16: 8-9:30am Father's Day Breakfast at St. Mary's Hall

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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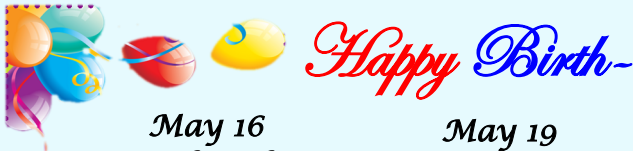
Pastoral Council

Dave Smith
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Finance Council

Brian Smith
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 16

Beth Cash

May 17

Brian Smith

May 19

John Carrington

May 19

John Smith

Shirley Stolz

May 21

Lori Rhodes



May 16

Jim & Lois Moore

May 19

Scott & Cara Hall

Congratulations!

Our "Women of Distinction"
Honoree for 2024

Jody Crandell of St. Aloysius

Helen Barrett of St. Michael

Anita Rhodes of St. Mary

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.



Please keep praying for our newest member James Laughead who was received into full communion last Sunday that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen him on his journey toward God!

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 Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for supporting our local families and honoring the sanctity of life!



Knights of Columbus #860

(Free) Father's Day Breakfast

Bring your Dad to Breakfast!

June 16th 8:00am - 9:30am St. Marys Hall.

If you want to donate, the money raised is going to sponsor a trip to Saint Louis this summer for all interested church families. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit & drinks.

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
 May 4/5, 2024**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$1,138.00
 Sister Parish \$120.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **+\$176.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,775.00
 Online Giving \$125.00
 Maintenance \$10.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **+\$641.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$6,693.00
 Building Fund \$250.00
 Ascension \$95.00
 Mother's Day \$170.00
 Compassionate Clothing Closet \$25.00
 Retired Priest \$180.00
 Catholic Communication Campaign \$80.00
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$157.00**

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!

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	Maxi Fitzjarald
Rosemary Ogle	Doris Bernard
Tate Kest	Amber Hall
Jody Crandell	Mary Lou Hollowell
Priscilla Hutton	Joseph Finch
Leigh Ketner	Mary Jo Thompson
Isaac Hayes	Marc Wolf
Colette Bernard	
Colette Kamalosky	
Rita Brink	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Raynelle Reynolds Brooke Carrington
 Shelby Carrington

For 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	

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	
Bryce McGrath	Brooke McGrath	

May Crowning 2024

Potluck Luncheon



Pushpay Online Giving

A new way to give at **St. Aloysius, St. Michael & St. Mary** that is quick, easy, and secure is through our online giving platform, Pushpay! Parishioners can now give through our mobile-compatible giving page which can be accessed by scanning the QR code below (different for each parish). Through this method, donors can make a one time gift, set up a recurring gift, and log into their account to access their giving history. Using this new giving solution will give you direct access to your giving history. Parishioners also can give through our Giving Links listed on our Website: Simply go to our website <https://stmaryschurchparis.org> and to the giving page. This will take you to a secure area and allow you to make your donation.

Giving Links & QR Codes

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St. Mary Paris

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



St. Michael Hume

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



Congratulations & Welcome!

Welcome! Ezraiah Wesley born to Sarah Harris & Isaiah Laughead on April 17, 2024.

Volunteers Needed

to assist Totus Tuus Program

Dear parishioners,
Please prayerfully consider:

- 1) to help prepare lunch for the team at the church
- 2) to host the team for dinner on June 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 for the team during the week of Totus Tuus.

Your participation is appreciated greatly and crucial for the vitality of our faith community! Please contact Juliana Koutsoumpas at 217-466-3355 if you can share your blessings with us!

In Christ,



TOTUS TUUS

June 16-21, 2024

Parish summer catechetical program

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Monday - Friday
9:00am-2:30pm

Grades
1-6 In the Fall

Sack Lunch
Please send a sack lunch with your student. Snacks and water provided

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sunday-Thursday
6:30-8:45pm

Grades
7-12 in the Fall

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 contact the parish office for more details. A Building and Grounds member will contact you with further information.

ST. MARY CHURCH
PARIS, IL
FREE TO ATTEND

SIGN UP HERE!



Pastoral Reflections

The Ascension of the Lord

My dear parishioners,

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

Luke carries forward his narrative of salvation with this second volume. After “dealing with all that Jesus did and taught” he now turns his attention to the work of the Lord's apostles. As readers will discover however, the most significant work is done by the Holy Spirit who drives the apostles to step beyond their chosen limits.

Most scholars are in agreement that the Gospel of Mark ends at Mk 16:8. Because that ending was not clearly understood and appeared too many to be no ending at all, additional endings were composed later on and subsequently added to this Gospel. This material is taken from other Gospels and it differs from the authentic Mark in vocabulary as well as theme. Nevertheless, the Church considers this material to be canonical and inspired and thus a legitimate part of the New Testament. Since this year the Church is using Cycle B (Mark) the story of the Ascension is taken from an additional ending of that Gospel.

The commissioning of the disciples. Today's Gospel begins with Jesus commissioning his disciples. Their mission is to be universal. They are to go into the whole world and they are to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. This commissioning is very similar to what we find at the end of Matthew's Gospel. Those who believe the Gospel and are baptized will be saved while those who do not will be condemned. This emphasis does not reflect either the teaching of Jesus or that of the authentic Gospel of Mark. It might reflect the frustrations the early Church experienced with its less than successful evangelizing efforts.

Signs of the saved. Believers are accompanied by certain signs. Casting out demons and speaking in new languages are mentioned in other Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Serpent handling and drinking poison are not mentioned otherwise in the New Testament as signs of a believer.

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus. The point that the liturgy is interested in is the brief one-line description of Jesus' ascension. “So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God” (Mk 16:19). This description is in basic agreement with what is found in Matthew and Luke. Jesus has now returned to the Father. The preaching of the Gospel must now be taken over by the disciples. Here we are told that “the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” What this means is that the disciples were not left alone in their task of preaching the Gospel. In a variety of ways, the Lord's presence supported and confirmed the work of the disciples

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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.



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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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