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THE GOOD NEWS
Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 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.



PENTECOST
SUNDAY

YEAR B

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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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 21

5:00 pm † Pauline Anderson

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 am † Virginia Sullivan

Thursday, May 23

8:00 am † Karen Moreschi *by Mary Ann Sullivan*

Friday, May 24

8:00 am † Elizabeth Ann French

Saturday, May 25

5:30 pm † Mary Beth & Joy Scott

Sunday, May 26

7:00 am † Fr. Zimmerman

8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

10:15am † Fr. John (Jack) Savoree



May 25/26, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

SERVERS: Volunteers

GIFTS: Family

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: Mike Thompson

LECTORS: Martha Williams

SERVERS: Lily Brown/Abner Wood

GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Jim Aydt

EM: Adam Cash, Christi McClain & Mary Liz Wright

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Monday, May 20

6:30pm Choir Practice at St. Mary

Tuesday, May 21

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

7:00pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, May 23

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 24

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 25

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

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Sunday, May 26

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

High School Graduation Mass at 10:15

& Brunch after Mass for Graduates

& families at St. Mary

Reminders

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.

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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Giving Links & QR Codes

St. Aloysius North Arm

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St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birth-

May 23

Ellen Ayd
Francis Holley
Kim Keske

May 24

Meredith McFathridge
Jim Roush
Abel Sullivan

May 26

Jim Halloran

May 29

Susi Arp



May 25

Steve & Chris Sunkel

May 27

John & Donita Smith

Bulletin Deadline

Please forward information for the bulletin to: jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org by Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. before the following Sunday publication.

May

the Month of the Blessed Mother

"No one denies that Jesus Christ is our only mediator of justice, and that he by his merits has obtained our reconciliation with God. But, on the other hand, it is impious to assert that God is not pleased to grant graces at the intercession of his saints, and more especially of Mary his mother, whom Jesus desires so much to see loved and honored by all. Who can pretend that the honor bestowed on a mother doesn't redound to the honor of the son? For this reason St. Bernard says, 'We must not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son.'"

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

Mass at cemeteries

on Monday May 27, 2024

10:00am at St. Mary's Cemetery

11:00am at St. Aloysius Cemetery

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 11/12, 2024**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$1,314.00
 Retired Priest \$20.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: +\$352.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,345.00
 Online Giving \$125.00
 Catholic Communication Campaign \$45.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal +\$201.00

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,906.00
 Building Fund \$240.00
 Ascension \$201.00
 Mother's Day \$285.00
 Retired Priest \$30.00
 Catholic Communication Campaign \$1,020.00
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: -\$2,733.00

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!

Ben Joines	Rita Brink
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	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Raynelle Reynolds	Brooke Carrington
Shelby Carrington	Shaun Sullivan

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

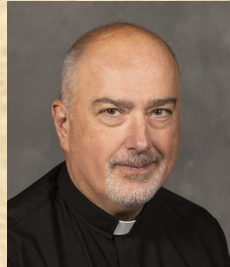
Lord, show the path to Faith to these who will be confirmed and these who will join the Catholic Church, so that they learn to know Your Son Jesus Christ !

Our Confirmandi:

Abner Wood	Kallen Keys	Jocelyn Tracy
Leah Wood	Leo Higginbotham	
Bryce McGrath	Brooke McGrath	

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

May 25, 2024



Psalm 118:24

Praise and Glorify the Lord with Deacon Bruce Scott!
Bus to Springfield to attend his Ordination Mass will leave
at St. Mary's parking lot at **7:00am**.
There is still seats available for those who would like to join at this time;
please call the office to reserve.

Come, Join Us



The Celebration of Father Bruce Scott's 1st Mass

Joyfully!

**Let Us Sing Praise
to God, our Savior!**

**Father Bruce Scott's 1st Mass
at St. Mary @ 5:30pm**

**There will be
Special Blessings**

**from
our newly Ordained priest.**

**Celebration Dinner
after Mass will be held**

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Word of Life - Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

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,
Fr. Aloysius Ndeanaefo

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.

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.

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

SIGN UP HERE!

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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.

Pastoral Reflections

Pentecost Sunday

My dear parishioners,

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

The apostles received instructions from the Risen Lord over the course of 40 days. This experience has changed them. While awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit they turned to the Scriptures for inspiration. They also turned to the Lord in prayer to guide them in replacing Judas. Now the time is ripe for them to receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

This Gospel selected for Pentecost Sunday comes from John and is often referred to as the “Johannine Pentecost.” It is quite different from the familiar Pentecost story of Acts 2:1-13. The passage falls neatly into two sections. First there is the actual appearance of the Risen Lord to the disciples (Jn 20:19-20). Second is the commissioning of the disciples confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:21-23).

The appearance. After Jesus' crucifixion his followers feared that their lives were also in mortal danger from the Jewish authorities and so they locked themselves in a room hoping to avoid the worst. Suddenly Jesus is standing right in their midst. No explanation is given as to how he got into the room. His first words to his followers convey to them his peace but this must not have been overly convincing. Thus, he confirms the reality that even in his risen form Jesus is still the Jesus who was crucified. As evidence he shows them his hands and his side, and this convinces them that it is really Jesus standing before them but now very much alive. Once again, he gives them his gift of peace and this time they accept it with joy.

The commissioning. Without any further conversation Jesus moves from his gift of peace to his commissioning the disciples to carry on his work. The work of Jesus has been to reveal the identity of God. Jesus has done this mostly through signs. Now he will return to the Father and the disciples must carry on this same work of revealing the identity of God as manifested in and through the words and deeds of Jesus. The disciples are confirmed in this new work through the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus breathes upon them. This reminds the reader of Genesis 2:7, where God breathed the breath of life into the first human, Adam, and this person became a living being. The disciples have now been given a new life through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The forgiveness of sin. The disciples are also commissioned to forgive sin or retain sins. Sin according to the Gospel of John is not a moral transgression. For this author sin is to be blind to the revelation of God manifested in Jesus. It is a theological transgression. The disciples will encounter this in their new mission of carrying on the work of Jesus in the world.

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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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