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St. Aloysius
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THE GOOD NEWS

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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.

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 26
5:00 pm Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Wednesday, May 27
8:00 am † Mary Englum

Thursday, May 28
8:00 am † Fr. Joe Ring

Friday, May 29
8:00 am † Patsy Jared

Saturday, May 30
4:00 pm † Joan McCulley

Sunday, May 31
7:00 am † Mary Ann Morrissey
8:30am † Ben & Grace Morrison
10:15am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

Happening This Week

Monday, May 25
10:00am Mass- St. Mary's Cemetery
11:00 am Mass—St. Aloysius Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26
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 27
8:00am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, May 28
8:00am Mass - St. Mary
6:00pm 1st Reconciliation at St. Mary

Friday, May 29
8:00am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 30
3:15 ~ 3:45pm Confession at St. Mary
4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 31
7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius
8:30 am Mass - St. Michael
10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

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 11: 6:00pm St. Michael's Finance 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.



Ministers' Schedule

May 30/31, 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: Kevin Smith
LECTOR: Martha Williams
SERVERS: Leah wood/Nora Keske
GIFTS: the Jansen Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker
LECTOR: Kit Kirby
EM: Andy Goodwin, Janet Tracy & Terry Sullivan
SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy
GIFTS: the Magers Family

Parish Council & Committee Chairs

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Birthdays / Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

May 29
Susi Arp
May 29
Hallie Rollings

May 31
Benjamin Jansen
Kami Kraemer
Libby Lawson
Philip Stolz

June 1
Theresa Smith
June 3
Yoly Henson



May 31
Thad & Amanda Martin
June 2
Jeff & Susi Arp
Dennis & Lugene Joines

A Pentecost Novena Prayer

Come, please come, O gracious Holy Spirit,
and shine forth upon me.
Your radiant mysterious heavenly Light!
Come, O father of the poor, the needy,
the wounded, the lonely!
Come, O Giver of gift!
Come, O Light enlightening hearts!
Come, O best of consolers,
gentle Guest of my soul,
kind Refreshment in my trials!
In my labors, You are rest.
In my trials, You are relief.
In my tears and grief,
You are my Divine Companion.
Oh, most Blessed Light Divine,
please fill the depths of the souls of all
of those who trust in You!
Even teach us to trust in You!

Catholic Charities DUCK RACE Fundraiser

June 12, 2026
6pm - 8pm

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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:	\$100.00
Up-to-date total:	\$24,180.00
Fund needed:	\$65,750.00
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St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$150.00
Up-to-date total:	\$388,568.00
Fund needed:	\$336,682.00



Weekly Offertory May 16/17, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$5,880.00
Online Giving	\$0
Ascension	\$45.00
Catholic Communication	\$40.00
Total Collection:	\$5,965.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$885.00
Online Giving	\$165.00
Catholic Communication	\$150.00
Total Collection:	\$1,200.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$3,255.00
Online Giving	\$901.94
Retired Priests	\$35.00
Catholic Communication	\$215.00
Total Collection:	\$4,406.94

Thank you for your support!

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

April Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$483.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,668.00

St. Michael's Parish

April Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$325.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$6,121.00

St. Mary's Parish

April Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,224.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$28,780.00

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

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

For Our Military

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

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

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Callie Keys Cannady

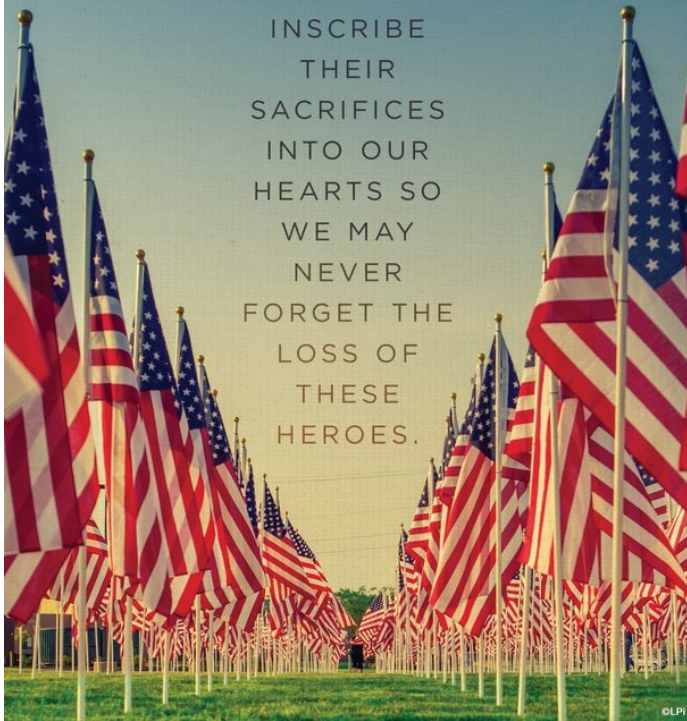
Let us pray for our PSR Confirmandi that God shower abundant graces upon them during this period of preparation to be true followers of Jesus Christ. They will be confirmed by Bishop Paprocki on June 6, 2026 at the Cathedral.

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>	

MEMORIAL DAY

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Honoree for 2026

Barbara Felgenhauer of St. Aloysius

Jo Derby of St. Michael

Lugene Joines of St. Mary

May 24th

Word of Life

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

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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

Pentecost

Question: Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

Answer: The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus’ ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or “Pentecost” in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multi-national crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God. ©LPi

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us, ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You. Amen. ©LPi

Stewardship Corner

Pentecost Sunday

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.



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Day of Prayer for Life in Mattoon Deanery

Please mark your calendars to come and pray for an end to our nation's tragic disrespect for human life at the **52nd** annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 17th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Our honored celebrant for the 7:30 PM closing Mass will be Father Seth Brown, pastor of Mother of Dolors Church, Vandalia. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00 AM, with a pause for 9:15 AM Mass, and will resume at 10:00 AM, with Benediction at 7:00 PM. A reception with refreshments in St Clare Hall adjoining the church will follow the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

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Pastoral Reflections

Pentecost Sunday

My dear parishioners,

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

This reading marks another peak moment in God's plan of salvation as the apostles are empowered to proclaim the Gospel to the nations of the world. They have already prepared themselves for this wonderful gift through prayer, and by restoring their number to 12 through the choice of Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot.

This passage from the Gospel of John is often referred to as the "Johannine Pentecost." It describes how Jesus, after his resurrection, appeared to the disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Fear transformed into rejoicing. Immediately after the Crucifixion, the disciples fled and barricaded themselves behind locked doors. Their fear was real. If Jesus had been killed, then his followers would probably be next. All of a sudden, Jesus appeared in their midst; the doors, apparently, still being locked. Jesus' very first gesture was to offer his disciples his peace, but they could not overcome their fear to realize what was happening. Only after he showed them his wounded hands and side did they realize who he really was and they rejoiced.

The divine commissioning. After showing his disciples his hands and his side, Jesus again offers them his peace, and this time they accept it with joy. Without any fanfare, Jesus moves from granting the disciples his peace to commissioning them for their future work. Jesus indicates that as the Father had sent him into the world, so he is sending them. The understanding is that the disciples are being commissioned to carry on the very same work that Jesus was doing while in the world. This work was revealing the presence of God in and through the works and words of Jesus.

Receive the Holy Spirit. The commissioning of the disciples is confirmed by Jesus breathing on them and imparting to them the Holy Spirit. This gesture is to recall how, at the beginning of creation, God breathed the breath of life into the first created person and that person became a living being. Likewise, the disciples have received the breath of life from Jesus himself. This Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to carry on the works of Jesus. Added to this gift of the Holy Spirit is a further commissioning to forgive or retain sins. Here one must remember that, in John's Gospel, sin is the word used for unbelief. Sinners are those who do not believe who Jesus is and thus reject his actions and his teaching. Throughout the Gospel of John, there are people who see what Jesus does and hear what he says, but they remain blind and deaf.

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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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