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THE GOOD NEWS

5th Sunday of Easter

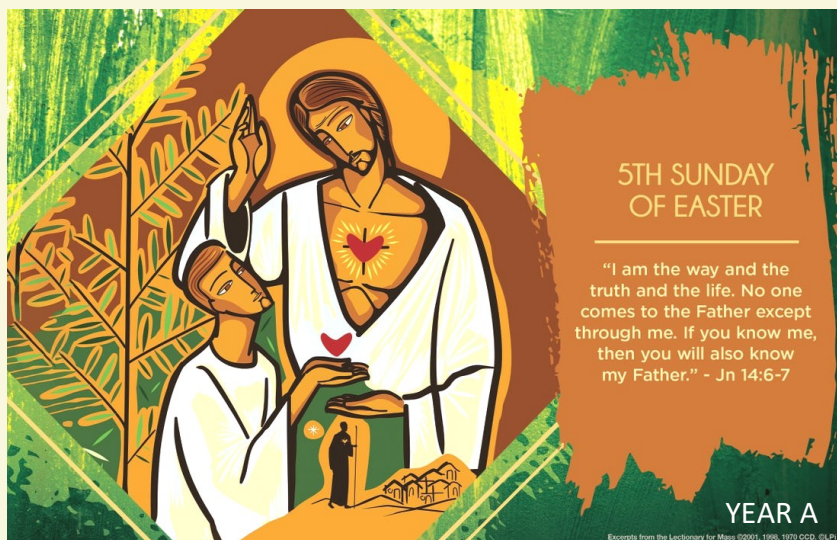
May 3, 2026

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 5

5:00 pm † Betty Mattingly

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am † Sheila Brothers

Friday, May 8

8:00 am † Fr. Daren Zehnle

Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm † Jim Englum

Sunday, May 10

7:00 am † Hayden Felgenhauer

8:30am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

10:15am † Marge Chapa & Marge Fullerton

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 5

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

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

7:00pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

5:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, May 6

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

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

Thursday, May 7

8:00am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 8

8:00am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

5:15—7:30pm Pray & Play at St. Mary

Saturday, May 9

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

4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 10

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection



May 9/10, 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: Justin Wood

LECTOR: Phyllis Stone/PSR

SERVERS: Leah Wood/ Millie Wilhoit

GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Mary Liz Wright/Bryce McGrath

EM: Andy Goodwin, Janet Tracy & Jeff Roush

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the Staub 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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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 8
Mary Frisz
Mary Jiron

May 8
Sandy Shanks
Anna Sullivan

Anniversary Blessings

May 9
Wayne & Dianne Buechlein
Bruce & Susi Willis



Our Graduates

Ava Barrett
Colton Cornwell
Gabriel Roush
Gabriel Williams
Logan Curl
Kennen 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!

St. Michael's 150 Year Anniversary

St. Michael's is celebrating 150 years on June 28th. Mass will be at 10 a.m. with Bishop Paprocki celebrating with us. A catered meal will follow in the Parish Hall.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 1st. Please text or call Lori at 630-531-2045

or email Phyllis at stone.phyllis5@gmail.com

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 by scanning 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



Prayer List

Our prayer List is getting longer and longer. Please let the office know if you are the one who asked to put the person on the list and know that:

- 1) the person whom you requested is healed or passed away
- 2) the Expectant Mother has given birth to her baby
- 3) members in our Military you added retired from serving

Thank you very much!

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:	\$71,220.00
Weekly received:	\$.00
Up-to-date total:	\$27,580.00
Fund needed:	\$43,640.00
St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	\$90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$500.00
Up-to-date total:	\$24,255.00
Fund needed:	\$65,875.00
St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$810.00
Up-to-date total:	\$383,921.00
Fund needed:	\$341,329.00



Weekly Offertory April 25/26, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$769.00
Online Giving	\$102.20
Catholic Home Mission	\$20.00
Holy Land	\$20.00
Seminarians	\$20.00
Total Collection:	\$931.20

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1,017.00
Online Giving	\$165.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$160.00
Total Collection:	\$1,442.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$3,148.00
Online Giving	\$75.00
Seminarians	\$100.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$329.00
Compassionate Clothing Closet	\$110.00
Total Collection:	\$3,762.00

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!

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

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.

Julie Magers Yawanis	Callie Keys Cannady
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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>	

*A Family of Faith Sunday NSR meeting was a great success!
Families presented skits of the stories in the Bible.*



The Birth of Jesus



David and Goliath



The Wedding at Cana



Jesus Walks on Water

**Powerful
Stories!**



The Good Samaritan



Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

May 10, 2026: St. Damien of Molokai

St. Damien of Molokai was a Belgian priest who was sent to Hawaii to serve in a leper colony. He chose to stay in the colony and minister to the people's physical and spiritual needs even after he contracted leprosy himself. He saw profound dignity in every human life, especially the sick and dying, and dedicated his life to serve them.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Award – Women of Distinction

SDCCW Announces their 15th Annual “Our Lady of Good Counsel Award “Women of Distinction”. This event honors one woman chosen from each parish in the Springfield Diocese who actively lives her Catholic faith by serving her parish and community. The honoree does not need to belong to any parish women's group. Honorees will be presented a certificate by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Mass for 2025 honorees, clergy, family, friends and parishioners will be celebrated Saturday, June 27th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. A luncheon will follow at the Crowne Plaza. **Criteria for selection** – A woman must actively live her Catholic faith, display her spirituality and share her time and talents with a cheerful attitude by doing acts of service and leadership toward her parish and community.

Our previous Women of Distinction Honorees have been:

St. Mary – Kaye Hayes, JoEllen Edmonds, Mary Ann Sullivan, Virginia Holley, Evelyn Ring, Mary Stoneburner, Rosemary Ogle, Becky Kraemer, Bonnie Stephens, Julie Gross, Debra Kirsch, Karen Todd, Anita Rhodes & Rosemarie Ketner.

If you would like to nominate a woman from St. Mary's who exemplifies these characteristics, fill out the slip of paper (provided) and drop it in the red hat in the Gathering Space. [St. Mary's voting will take place from May 9 to May 17, 2026.](#)

St. Aloysius – Lee Barrett, Linda Hahn, DeAnn Cash, Jerri Ricketts, Jeanette Waller, Mary Ann Morrissey, Rosemary Elsberry, Mary Frisz, Ann Robison, Nancy Hogan, Carole Halloran, Sheila Keys, Jody Crandell & Angie Barrett.

St. Michael – ... Ruth Anne Smith ... Helen Barrett & Martha Williams



Next weekend May 8 & 9, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This fund offers grants for communications projects that use media to spread the Gospel message and advance the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' general mission goals.

The CCC's funds are raised through a national diocesan collection taken up in most U.S. parishes in May. One-half of each diocese's CCC collection proceeds are retained by the diocese to support communications projects and goals of the *local* Church. The remaining half of each diocese's CCC collection supports domestic Catholic communications projects that are *national in scope*.

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”

Stewardship Corner

5th Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Pastoral Reflections

5th Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to grow in numbers. Luke spoke earlier of the remarkable generosity of the community of faith. They made their resources available for the less fortunate. Among these unfortunates were widows; they were especially vulnerable because they often had no other means of support.

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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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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