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THE GOOD NEWS

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 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

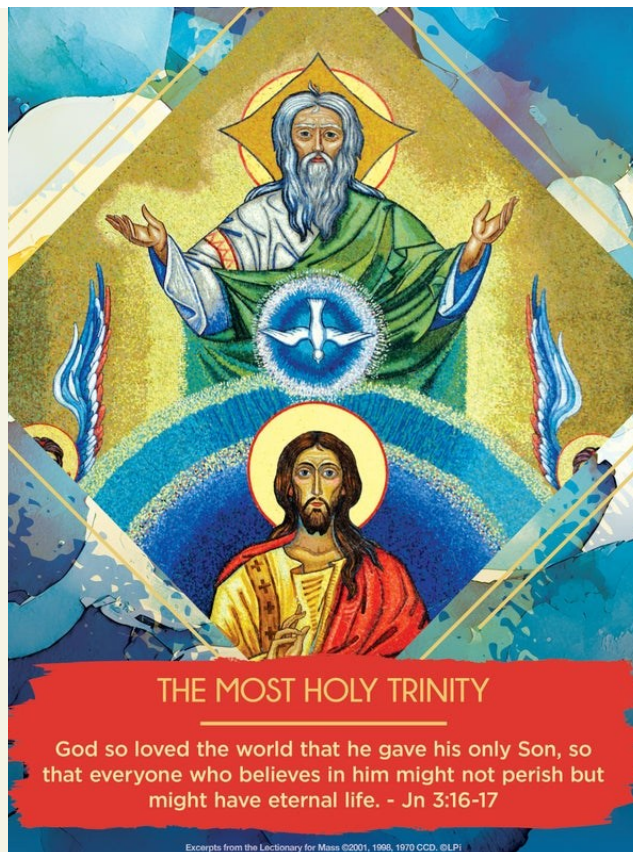
St. Mary's: Saturdays: 3:15—3:45pm or by appointment

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.



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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

Saturday, June 6
 4:00 pm † Ed Pool by Janet & James Clark

Sunday, June 7
 7:00 am † Nancy Grisham
 8:30am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes
 10:15am † Teresa Esposito

Mass Intention Requests
 Submit requests to the Parish Office:
jkoutsoumpas@stmaryschurchparis.org
Mass stipend is \$10 /Mass.
Please make checks payable to St. Mary.

Let us pray to God that Fr. Aloysius will have a sound, safe and fruitful retreat this coming week!



June 6/7, 2026

St. Mary 4:00pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Volunteer
LECTOR: Jim Moore
EM: Lugene Joines & Volunteer
SERVER: Doug Happ/Ryan Sullivan
GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETER: Joe Keys
LECTOR: Angie Barrett
EM: Linda Hahn
SERVERS: Volunteer
GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: David Smith
LECTOR: Phyllis Stone/PSR
SERVERS: Landon Keske/Millie Wilhoit
GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker
LECTOR: Brian Murphy
EM: Christi McClain, Chris Wright & Terry Sullivan
SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy
GIFTS: the Rea Family

Happening This Week

Tuesday, June 2
5:00 am ~ 5:00 pm Adoration - St. Mary
11:00 am Hobby & Craft Circle at St. Mary
No Mass

Wednesday, June 3
No Mass

Thursday, June 4
No Mass

Friday, June 5
No Mass

Saturday, June 6
3:15 ~ 3:45pm Confession at St. Mary
 4:00pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Eucharistic Procession following 10:15am Mass at St. Mary's and Parish Potluck after the Procession in the Parish Hall.

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

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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St. Michael Hume

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Birthdays / Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

June 5

Rita Hutchings
Betty McCosky

June 6

Sharon Bailey
Judy Carroll
Claire Kirby

June 7

Andrew Kirby

June 8

Lisa Ellis

June 9

Robert Stolz

June 10

Bob Bailey
John Williams

Anniversary Blessings

June 4

Dave & Debra Kirsch

Joyfully!
We welcome
our newly Baptized
Vivian Agnes Baptista



**Join us at Eucharistic Procession
as we celebrate Corpus Christi
on June 7 after 10:15 Mass**

What is Corpus Christi?

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Catholic celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—and thus a sacred reminder that, in every Mass, Jesus' *one* sacrifice of Calvary is sacramentally made present and offered anew for "the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit" (CCC 1366).

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:	\$24,180.00
Fund needed:	\$65,750.00
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St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$700.00
Up-to-date total:	\$389,368.00
Fund needed:	\$335,882.00



Weekly Offertory May 23/24, 2026

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,060.00
Online Giving	\$0
Retired Priests	\$315.00
Total Collection:	\$1,375.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$805.00
Online Giving	\$50.00
Retired Priest	\$285.00
Total Collection:	\$1,140.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$4,0077.00
Online Giving	\$95.44
Retired Priests	\$1,217.00
Total Collection:	\$5,319.44

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

Carter Staub	Easton Pinnel	Emitt Keys
Hallie Rollings	Hunter Rollings	Jackson Tarr
Nora Keske	Romi Rea	

Summer is for Celebrations!

Congratulate our children on their First Holy Communion & Confirmation

June 7 after 10:15 Mass
Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

The parish will provide meat, drinks, dessert & service



Stewardship Corner

The Most Holy Trinity

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

May 31st

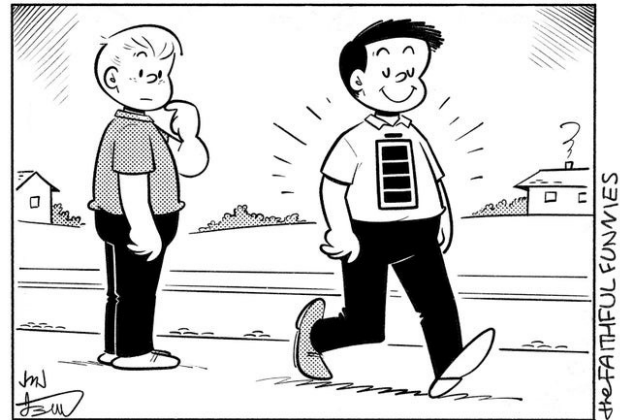
Word of Life

"Dignity is a gift from God, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us."

Pope Leo XIV, *Message to Participants in "Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity"*
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Congratulations!
Our "Women of Distinction"
Honoree for 2026
Barbara Felgenhauer of St. Aloysius
Jo Derby of St. Michael
Lugene Joines of St. Mary

"What do you call someone who has just been confirmed?"



"Fully charged."



When the members of our parish get confirmed, they are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Let's keep them in our prayers!

Catholic Charities
DUCK RACE
Fundraiser

📅 June 12, 2026
6pm - 8pm

Lytle Pool
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Mattoon, IL 61938

\$5 per duck
or
\$20 for 5 ducks

First Place - \$250
Second Place - \$100
Third Place - CC Gift Card

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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

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



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 Dolours 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.

Virtues, Explained! ~ Piety

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety...therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (*Sum.*, II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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St. Norbert | June 6

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134), was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany. However, at court, it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God, while traveling in a storm, he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert, and he became penitent, left his court post, and, after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes, but at the Pope's request, finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine Order, established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany, where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament; this earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament." He and those of his orders had a great love of and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, with a devout faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Eventually, he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II against the antipope. Afterward, he returned to Germany to the court of Emperor Lothar as an advisor. At end of his life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg, where he died.

St. Norbert of Xanten, pray for us!

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Pastoral Reflections

The Most Holy Trinity

My dear parishioners,

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

With the golden calf incident settled, Moses returns, at God's invitation, to Mount Sinai. He brings with him a second set of stone tablets. The first were made by God; this set was made by Moses. God ordered him to make them because Moses had shattered the first set in anger. While fashioning them, Moses would have had time to reflect on what he had done.

The Trinity is not a thing. It is a divine relationship. While the Trinity is not doctrinally fully developed in the New Testament, all the ingredients that will be necessary for that development are present, especially in the Gospel of John and the letters of Paul. Today's Gospel clearly points in that direction.

God gave Jesus to the world. Ordinarily, we hear that God sent Jesus into the world, but here the word *gave* is used. This emphasizes the nature of the gesture as a gift. It is a gift that stems from how much God loves the world. Already we are dealing with relationship: God's relationship with Jesus, and Jesus' relationship with the world. Later in this Gospel of John, Jesus will promise his disciples the gift of the Spirit/Paraclete which will complete the relational aspects of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Spirit (Jn 14:16; 15:26; 16:8; 20:19-21).

Belief leads to eternal life. The gift of the Son to the world is motivated by God's great love for the world. For the Gospel of John, the world designates those people who oppose Jesus and do not believe who he is or what he has come to do. However, those who do believe in him will be granted eternal life. Those who continue in their disbelief will perish. There is a strong emphasis here that God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world. The purpose was to save the world. However, the mere presence of Jesus in the world, and the response given him by those in the world, brings about eternal life or condemnation. The people are responsible for their choices.

That the world might be saved. Saving the world is God's desire and to do that through the Incarnation is the divine plan. The relationship described here between God, Jesus, and the world has the potential for eternal life. Those people who reject this relationship are condemned by their very rejection. Those who accept this relationship through belief will enter into a new life. This is referred to earlier in the Gospel as being "born again." Nothing in this entire Gospel passage is described as static or abstract. Everything is relational and dynamic. Everything is rooted in God's love for the world.

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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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