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THE GOOD NEWS
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

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.



**3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Jesus came over and
took the bread and gave
it to them, and in like
manner the fish.
- Jn 21:13

YEAR C
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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: 5:30 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: 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 6
 5:00 pm ✝ Patsey Jared

Wednesday, May 7
 8:00 am ✝ Joan Mattingly *by Martha Williams*

Thursday, May 8
 8:00 am ✝ the Keys & Morrissey family *by Matt Pearman*

Friday, May 9
 8:00 am L & D of Bill & Kathy Zuber Family

Saturday, May 10
 5:30 pm ✝ Oland & Ann Hanner

Sunday, May 11
 7:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes
 8:30 am ✝ Joe & Jane Smith
 10:15am ✝ Rita Brink

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 6
Adoration 5:00am—5:00pm at St. Mary
 5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary
 7:00pm St. Mary's Finance Council Mtg.

Wednesday, May 7
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, May 8
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary with

Friday, May 9
 8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, May 10
4:00 ~ 4:45pm Confession at St. Mary
 5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, May 11
 7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius
 8:30 am Mass - St. Michael
 10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



May 10/11, 2025

St. Mary 8:00pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Doug Happ
LECTOR: Jim Moore
EM: Eugene Joines & Volunteer
SERVERS: Volunteer
GIFTS: Volunteer

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

GREETER: Joe Keys
LECTORS: Tom Morrissey
EM: Linda Hahn
SERVERS: Scott Neal/Kallen Keys
GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Justin Wood
LECTORS: Matha Williams
SERVERS: Lily Brown/Solomon Jansen
GIFTS: the Wood Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker
LECTORS: Mary Liz Wright/Bryce McGrath
EM: Andy Goodwin, Brian Murphy & Janet Tracy
SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy
GIFTS: the Tracy Family

Reminders

May 12: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Finance Council Mtg.
 May 12: 6:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral Council Mtg.
 May 27: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Council Mtg.

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025
 We encourage everyone
 to wear **RED** to church!

June 12: 6:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Council Mtg.

July 6-11: Totus Tuus Week

July 22: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Mtg.

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

Prayer Lists
 Please let the office know if you know that:

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

Thank you very much!

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



St. Michael Hume

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



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

May 8

Mary Frisz

Mary Jiron

Sandy Shanks

Anna Sullivan



May 9

Wayne & Dianne

Buechlein

Bruce & Susi Willis

Cookies Needed

for
Faith In Action Pulled Pork Lunch

St. Mary's parish is asked to provide 10 dozens of cookies for the Pulled Pork Lunch hosted by Faith In Action at the 1st Christian Church on Friday

May 16, 2025. Please contact the office (217-466-3355) if you can make some cookies.

Cookies needs to be dropped at the church Thursday afternoon.

Thank you!

Totus Tuus

July 6– 11,

Summer Camp
for all children Grades 1–12
Registration is open now!

Just Scan Here ➡



1st - 6th Grade Program

9:00am - 2:30pm

Middle & High School Program

6:30pm - 8:45pm

Totus Tuus is open for every child
free of charge.

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!

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal: **\$71,220.00**
Weekly received: **\$**
Up-to-date total: **\$25,390.00**
Fund needed: **\$45,830.00**

St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal: **\$90,130.00**
Weekly received: **\$**
Up-to-date total: **\$3,200.00**
Fund needed: **\$86,930.00**

St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal: **\$725,250.00**
Weekly received: **\$599.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$194,492.00**
Fund needed: **\$530,758.00**



Weekly Offertory April 26/27, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$728.00
Online Giving \$102.20
Compassionate Clothing Closet \$15.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$100.00
Total Collection: \$945.20

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$1,090.00
Online Giving \$50.00
Maintenance \$200.00
Seminarians \$250.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$95.00
Total Collection: \$1,785.00

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3,606.36
Online Giving \$50.00
Holy Land \$50.00
Catholic Home Mission \$633.00
Seminarians \$45.00
Total Collection: \$4,384.36

Thank you for your support!

2024/2025 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$633.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,357.00

St. Michael's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 698.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,178.00

St. Mary's Parish

March Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,796.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$27,757.00

Prayer Requests

For the Sick

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

Maggie Scott	Adam Dennison
Brian Mullenix	Mary Stoneburner
Linda McHenry	Margaret Huckeby
Randy Turner	Melissa Cohn
Richard Yates	Kathryn Lentz
Jana McIntosh	Kenneth Kocher
Chris Morris	Jeff Brinkley
Tamera Brown Tadlock	Andrew Hostetler
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	Alice Kramer
Larry Elsberry	Sharon Bailey
Kami Kraemer	Rosemary Ogle
Connie Hart	Jody Crandell
David Volk	Priscilla Hutton
Joanie Hutchcraft	Leigh Ketner
Steve Allen	Isaac Hayes
Ruby Kindred	Donnie Farris
Andrew Ferucci	Jean Kramer
John Yuza	Marie Hibner
Patricia Sullivan	Ross Lanter
Mary Jiron	Dan Bruner
Kent Laughlin	Sheila Brothers
Phil Ludington	Doris Bernard
Beverly Haase	Joseph Finch
Sydney Shanks	Marc Wolf
Peter David	

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Callie Keys Cannady	Jill Cucinella
Bryanna Garver	

For Our Military

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

Jeff Walsh	Justin Vice
Nathan Gatlin	Joe Kachmar
Caleb Machuca	Joseph Livesay
Simon Holzer	Raynell Kahala
Joe Jenness	Paul Devore
Richard Scott	Michael Whitacre

For Our PSR Families

We pray that God grant abundant grace upon all of our parents and children so that our Christian identity becomes rooted in the lives of our children through day-to-day religious practices.

For Our Confirmandi & Catechumen

Catelynn Cornwell	Marlyn Grider	Solomon Jansen
Landon Keske	Rosemary Keys	Millicent Wilhoit



High School Graduation Mass & Brunch Sunday, May 25, 2025

Our Graduates

Bryce McGrath Carlee Longest
Claire Kirby Cooper Keys
Emerson Barrett Natalie Burger

Congratulate our Graduates in the Gathering Space after Mass.

*A brunch reception following Mass in the Parish Hall
for the graduates and their families.*

Lily Brown (Graduation Mass at St.
Michael on May 18, 2025)

If you have a graduating senior and we missed him/her, please let the
office know, so we don't miss anyone. Thank you!



Congratulations to

St. Aloysius' New Servers

Rosemary Key

Kallen Keys

Penelope Rhoads



Let us shout a loud

Thank You!

to those who helped to decorate
our churches for Easter, especially,

Anita Rhodes - St. Mary's

Beth Harbaugh - St. Michael's

Mary Frisz & Sheila Keys - St. Aloysius



Baby Bottle Blessings

Once again, beginning on Mother's Day through
Father's Day, our churches will be collecting do-
nations to benefit the Choices Pregnancy &
Health Center of Paris. Baby bottles will be avail-
able for pick up on Mother's Day weekend. Thank
you for supporting our local families and honoring the sanctity of
life! Please make check to [Choices Pregnancy & Health](#).



Stories are powerful, especially, the Story of our Salvation History!

Takeaways from the Woman at the Well- **With God, the Impossible Is Possible.**

Jesus, the Well of Mercy, loves every one of us!

Yet, salvation comes only when we behold Him as our Savior, when we recognize our brokenness, when
we confess our sins and repent, and when we follow Him, His Way!





QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,

V. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

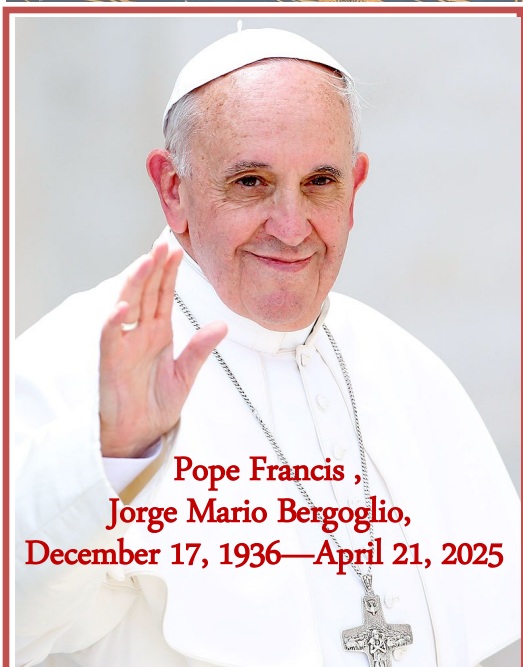
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia,

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Pope Francis ,
Jorge Mario Bergoglio,
December 17, 1936—April 21, 2025**

**Please keep praying
for the repose of the soul
of Pope Francis!**

Will and Estate Planning

Have you remembered St. Mary's Church in your Will and Estate planning? We have been privileged to receive many Estates/Wills over the years from devoted parishioners and supporters of St. Mary's Church. Some are large and others are small but all helps to keep the legacy of our parish. *Let us remember to pray for all of our benefactors living and deceased.*



Easter pictures from St. Michael.

Word of Life

May 4, 2025

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"
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A gentle reminder!

All are encouraged to dress appropriately at holy Mass, especially, Liturgical ministers! Please consider either "business casual" or "formal business attire."

Items that should never be worn: shorts, jeans, sneakers, flip flops, low-cut blouses or tank tops, miniskirts, dresses that are inappropriately revealing, athletic or velour sweat suits.

Thank you!

Pastoral Reflections

3rd Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

This reading is part of yet another dramatic episode from Acts, exhibiting the failure of earthly efforts to curtail the power of the gospel. The high council had the apostles arrested for refusing to abide by its decisions (Acts 5:17–18). But, as Peter told the council earlier, the apostles had to listen to God (Acts 4:19–20). Even prison could not contain the apostles. A messenger of God freed them and directed them to continue preaching in the temple area (Acts 5:19–26). As this reading begins, the high council has taken the apostles into custody once again.

The apostles stand before the high priest as did the Lord after his arrest. The high priest charges them with ignoring a direct command from the council not to teach in the name of “that man.” Instead, they have filled the city with their teaching. In the opinion of the high priest, the apostles want to bring “this man’s” blood upon them. Peter reminds them they must obey God. Then he corrects the high priest’s thinking about their motive. The God of their fathers raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him as leader and savior “to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.” Peter concludes as he began, on the theme of obedience. God has granted them as faithful witnesses the gift of the Holy Spirit to speak as they do.

The high council cannot intimidate the apostles. In fact, one of their own counseled them to let the apostles alone, warning that otherwise they may end up opposing God (Acts 5:33–39). The apostles are dismissed; they rejoice at being found worthy to endure dishonor “for the sake of the name.”

Today’s Gospel combines a story about a miraculous catch of fish with a recognition story. The disciples have apparently returned to their home territory of Galilee and resumed their former occupation as fishermen. With the death of Jesus, it was back to business as usual. The trouble is, however, that it is not business as usual because they cannot catch any fish.

But, after the catching of the fish, when they all get to shore, they find Jesus preparing a meal of fish and bread. He invites them to contribute some of the fish they have just caught and calls them to have breakfast. There is nothing normal about any of this. The huge catch of fish is strange. The net could hardly hold all the fish, yet it is not torn. It is Jesus himself who gives the bread and fish to the disciples to eat. No one asks any questions, but now everyone knows who this Jesus really is. The passage ends with the rehabilitation of Peter. He is asked three times if he loves Jesus, and each time he responds yes. This is to counter his three denials of Jesus. He is then invited once again to follow Jesus and feed his sheep. This time he will be successful because now he has experienced the risen Lord and been fed by him.

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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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