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THE GOOD NEWS
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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.



**6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

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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 7

5:00 pm † Jim & Pat Davis

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 am † June Ann Curtis

Thursday, May 9

8:00 am L & D Bill & Kathy Zuber Family

Friday, May 10

8:00 am † Pauline Anderson

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm † Fr. Zimmerman

Sunday, May 12

7:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of our parishes

8:30 am † Kay Barrett

10:15am † Oland & Ann Hanne



May 11/12, 2024

St. Mary 5:30pm

GREETOR: Doug Happ

LECTOR: Anne Pool

EMS: Lugene Joines, Jim Moore & Volunteer

SERVERS: Doug Happ

GIFTS: Volunteer

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: Glenda Waller

LECTORS: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Leah Wood

GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

GREETOR: Brad Cash

LECTORS: Mary Liz Wright

EM: Brian Murphy, Kit Kirby & Scott Hall

SERVERS: Santi Rea

GIFTS: Volunteer

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 7

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

5:00 pm Mass - at St. Mary

6pm St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

7pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

12:00pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary

Thursday, May 9

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, May 10

8:00 am Mass & Adoration - St. Mary

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

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

Sunday, May 12

7:00 am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Reminders

May 13: 5pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

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

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

Bulletin Deadline

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

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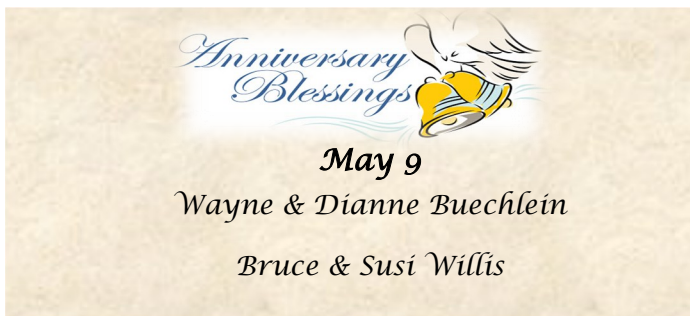
Pastoral Council

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Baby Bottle Blessings



Once again, beginning on Mother's Day through Father's Day, our churches will be collecting donations to benefit the Choices Pregnancy & Health Center of Paris. Baby bottles will be available for pick up Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for supporting our local families and honoring the sanctity of life!

Please make check to [Choices Pregnancy & Health.](#)

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.

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.

2023/2024 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

-February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$344.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$3,872.00

St. Michael's Parish

-February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$544.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,717.00

St. Mary's Parish

-February Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,420.00
 -Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$24,498.00



**Our Stewardship
 Weekly Offertory
 April 27/28**

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$628.00
 Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$100.00
 Weekly Goal: \$962.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$334.00**

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$955.00
 Online Giving \$125.00
 Maintenance \$320
 Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$215.00
 Weekly Goal: \$1,269.00
 Over/(Under) Goal **+\$131.00**

ST. MARY

Sunday \$3506.00
 Building Fund \$75.00
 Compassionate Clothing Closet \$190.00
 Food Pantry \$25.00
 Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$1,420.00
 Seminarian \$25.00
 Weekly Goal: \$7,365.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: **-\$3,759.00**

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!

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| Andrew Hostetler | Diana Haupt |
| Gerry St. Louis | Marie Hibner |
| Alice Kramer | Michael Ndeanaefo |
| Sharon Bailey | Theresa Ndeanaefo |
| Mary Stoneburner | Ross Lanter |
| Tabathia Bratcher | Bob Joines |
| Joan McCulley | Dan Bruner |
| Dalton Elsberry | Sheila Brothers |
| Rosemary Ogle | Maxi Fitzjarald |
| Tate Kest | Doris Bernard |
| Jody Crandell | Amber Hall |
| Priscilla Hutton | Mary Lou Hollowell |
| Leigh Ketner | Joseph Finch |
| Isaac Hayes | Mary Jo Thompson |
| Colette Bernard | Marc Wolf |
| Colette Kamalosky | |
| Rita Brink | |
| Donnie Farris | |
| Jean Kramer | |
| Garry Williamson | |

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

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| Raynelle Reynolds | Sara Harris |
| Brooke Carrington | Shelby Carrington |

For Our Military

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

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| 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:

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



Our Graduates:
 Ethan Curl
 Sami McClain
 Addison Phipps

High School Graduation

Mass & Brunch

on Sunday, May 26, 10:15 am

Congratulate our Graduates in the Gathering Space after Mass.
*A brunch reception following Mass in the Parish Meeting Room
 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!

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
 -Matthew 25: 40

The Compassionate Clothing Closet is indeed needs items such as underwear, socks, bras, belts, ties and purses along with shoes and coats/jackets. Please consider donating these goods from your spring cleaning your closets and drawers. Items may be dropped off at the facility located at 211 North Central in Paris (across the street from the county jail and a few doors south) on Mondays (except for holidays) from 10 am until 1 pm. Thank you for your generosity.

Saint of the Week – St. Pius V

Pope, St. Pious V was given the name Antonio Michael Ghislieri at birth. He joined the Dominicans at age 14 and was ordained ten years later. In 1556, he became bishop of Nepi and Butri and in 1557 was made Cardinal and Inquisitor General. When he was elected pope in 1566, he dedicated himself to spiritual renewal and reform, vigorously enforcing the decrees of the Council of Trent. He had the *Catechism of the Council of Trent* published, revised the Breviary and codified the Missal. He wrote hundreds of papal bulls, including *Quo Primum Tempore*,

St. Pius V

(1504—1572)



Feast Day

May 5 (Trad.)

which unified the Latin Rite of the Church in celebrating one liturgy (the “Tridentine” Mass). In 1570 Pius V excommunicated England’s Queen Elizabeth I, who was persecuting the Church. The following year, when, after a Rosary crusade, Christian armies were victorious against the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto, Pius V added the title of “Help of Christians” to the Litany of Loreto and also instituted the Feast of the Holy Rosary (October 7) in thanksgiving to Our Lady. Pius V punished lawlessness with severity. He also frequently visited the sick in hospitals and aided the poor.

Good News

Pushpay Online Giving Coming this Month

Thank you for your consistent giving to our parishes. We are grateful for your continued generosity. We will be launching our new online giving platform starting soon. Generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure enables our parishes to continue and grow in our mission to share our faith and form new disciples. We value our parish community and want to ensure everyone at our parishes is aware of our exciting new online giving platform, **Pushpay**, which allows for simple giving through a variety of ways, including mobile and online. **Pushpay** provides an integrated solution with our new **ParishStaq** system. This integration gives our parishioners a quick, easy, and secure way to donate. We strive to be good stewards of your donation and believe the lower processing fees offered through Pushpay, will allow your gift of treasure to go further in supporting the Church's mission. Online Giving Link coming next week!

Blessings to you all!

Word of Life

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

– John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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.*

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

ST. MARY CHURCH
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SIGN UP HERE!



Pastoral Reflections

6th Sunday of Easter

My dear parishioners,

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

Peter enters the house of a gentile. This is a watershed moment for the apostle. Without God taking the initiative, Peter would not have crossed the threshold of the house of someone “unclean.” But the apostle was granted a vision challenging him to move beyond the limited thinking of mortals. Peter's response to Cornelius' show of respect reveals the change that has taken place in his thinking. The apostle regards this gentile soldier as a man like himself. Peter now sees from God's impartial point of view; every man and woman is a child of God worthy to hear the Gospel.

The context for today's Gospel is Jesus' lengthy teaching about the intimate relationship between the vine grower, the vine, and the branches. This becomes a metaphor for the intimate relationship that exists between the Father, Jesus, and the disciples.

Keep my commandments. Jesus tells his disciples that he loves them in the very same way that the Father loves Jesus. The disciples are admonished that they should remain in Jesus' love for them. “Remain” means to continue to abide or dwell in the love Jesus has for them. The way this abiding or dwelling takes place is rooted in the way Jesus stays connected with the Father. He does this by keeping the Father's commandments. Therefore, the disciples are to keep Jesus' commandments which will serve to keep them intimately connected to Jesus and his love.

Love one another as I love you. Jesus continues on to explain in more detail what is involved in keeping his commandment. Jesus' key commandment is: “Love one another as I love you.” Notice, the commandment is not simply, love one another. There is more required. That more is that the disciples are to love one another just as Jesus has loved them. This, of course, raises a further question regarding how Jesus has loved the disciples. He loves them so much that he is willing to lay down his life for his disciples. This action is understood to be the pinnacle of love.

You are my friends. In the midst of this explanation Jesus makes an important point. Jesus now refers to his disciples as “friends.” They are not subservient slaves or servants. Through love, the disciples have attained a deeper relationship with Jesus that is captured by the word “friends.” This of course bespeaks intimacy. And this intimacy places Jesus and his disciples on a level playing field. So much so that Jesus has shared with his friends everything that he has heard from his father. This, of course, will prepare them to carry on his work after he leaves and returns to the Father. There is to be no mistake about how all this took place. Jesus chose these friends and appointed them to bear fruit that will remain.

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Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Aloysius



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A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

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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