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**THE GOOD NEWS**  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 16, 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.*



**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

**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, November 18

5:00 pm Joseph & Margarat Ochs by Anne Pool

### Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am Mathew & Margarat Merkel

### Thursday, November 20

8:00 am ☩ Ralph Pearman

### Friday, November 21

8:00 am ☩ L & D of Raymond & Alberta Zuber Family

### Saturday, November 22

5:30 pm ☩ Bernard & Grace Sullivan

### Sunday, November 23

7:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

8:30 am ☩ Charles & Clella Barrett

10:15 am ☩ Theresa Ndeanaefo

## Happening This Week

### Tuesday, November 18

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

5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

### Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

**12:00pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary**

**6:30pm ~ 8:30pm—OCIA Class at St. Mary**

### Thursday, November 20

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

### Friday, November 21

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

### Saturday, November 22

**4:00 ~ 4:45pm Confession at St. Mary**

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

### Sunday, November 23

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



**November 22/23, 2025**

### St. Mary 5:30pm (Sat.)

**GREETER:** Doug Happ

**LECTOR:** Jim Moore

**EM:** Lugene Joines & Volunteer

**SERVERS:** Volunteer

**GIFTS:** Volunteer

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

**GREETER:** Joe Keys

**LECTOR:** Jim Frisz

**EM:** Linda Hahn

**SERVERS:** Scott Neal

**GIFTS:** the Keys Family

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

**GREETER:** Justin Wood

**LECTOR:** Phyllis Stone/PSR

**SERVERS:** Leah Wood/Millie Wilhoit

**GIFTS:** the Wood Family

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

**GREETER:** Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

**LECTOR:** Jim Aydt

**EM:** Christi McClain, Janet Tracy & Mary Liz Wright

**SERVERS:** Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

**GIFTS:** the Rollings Family

## Reminders

December 4: 6:00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Mtg.

December 4: 6:30pm St. Michael's Finance Mtg.

February 3: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Mtg.

February 3: 6:30pm St. Mary's Finance Mtg.

## Saturday New Mass Time

**4:00pm**

A new Mass Time on Saturday: **4:00pm**, is going to be implemented at St. Mary's church **starting on November 29, 2025**, the New Year's Day of the Church.

Confession on Saturday

**3:15—3:45pm.**

**May God's Peace and Grace Be with You All!**

## Parish Council & Committee Chairs

### St. Aloysius

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## Collection Online Giving Links & QR Codes

### St. Aloysius North Arm

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### St. Mary Paris

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### St. Michael Hume

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



## November 19 Prayer Lunch

Everyone is invited to our monthly Prayer Lunch  
held at St. Mary's meeting room.

Menu of the Month:

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed  
Potatoes & Green Bean Casserole.

See you then!

## 2026 Calendars

Let us shout a huge *Thank You!*

to **Stewart & Carroll Funeral Home**  
for their generosity to provide calendars  
for our parishes.

Calendars are placed  
at all parishes whether in Gathering Space or  
at the back of your church.

**Please help yourself!**

May God Bless Stewart – Carroll abundantly not only  
in the New Year but also in the years to come!

## Birthdays/Anniversaries



## *Happy Birthday!*

**November 22**  
Becky Kraemer

**November 24**  
Jennifer Henson  
Matt McClain

**November 25**  
Samantha McClain

Connie McNary  
Ann Robison  
**November 26**  
Cole McClain



**November 24**  
Chad & Leighsa Cornwell



## Capital Campaign

<b>St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$71,220.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$25,950.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$45,270.00</b>
<b>St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$90,130.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$7,925.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$82,205.00</b>
<b>St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:</b>	<b>\$725,250.00</b>
<b>Weekly received:</b>	<b>\$730.00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$286,501.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$438,749.00</b>



## Weekly Offertory November 8/9, 2025

### ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$1,458.00
Military	\$30.00
PMF	\$25.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,513.00</b>

### ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$1,185.00
Online Giving	\$120.00
All Souls	\$20.00
Military	\$10.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,335.00</b>

### ST. MARY

Sunday	\$6,483.71
Online Giving	\$45.00
All Saints & Souls	\$180.00
Military	\$286.00
Food Pantry	\$500.00
PMF	\$524.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,018.71</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

## 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

### St. Aloysius Parish

September Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$491.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$1,405.00

### St. Michael's Parish

September Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 945.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$1,994.00

### St. Mary's Parish

September Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,802.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$7,283.00



## Prayer Requests



### For the Sick

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

Fr. Joe Ring	Beverly Haase
Debbra Finney	Peter David
John Halloran	Mary Stoneburner
Scott Tracy	Margaret Huckeby
Mom Van	Melissa Cohn
Barry Twigg	Kathryn Lentz
Jordan Peterson	Kenneth Kocher
Lahaunda Madrid	Jeff Brinkley
Eleanor Macey	Andrew Hostetler
Vasya Hanson	Alice Kramer
Gerry St. Louis	Sharon Bailey
Donna Keys	Rosemary Ogle
Brian Mullenix	Jody Crandell
Linda McHenry	Leigh Ketner
Richard Yates	Isaac Hayes
Jana McIntosh	Donnie Farris
Tamera Brown Tadlock	Jean Kramer
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	Marie Hibner
Larry Elsberry	Ross Lanter
Connie Hart	Dan Bruner
David Volk	Doris Bernard
Joanie Hutchcraft	Joseph Finch
Steve Allen	Marc Wolf
Ruby Kindred	
John Yuza	
Patricia Sullivan	
Mary Jiron	
Kent Laughlin	

### 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 Jenness	Raynell Kahala
Joe Kachmar	Richard Scott
Joseph Livesay	Simon Holzer
Justin Vice	

### For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Bridget Seifert	Julie Magers Yawanis
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### For Our Faith Formation

Please pray for all our families, especially those who have child/children at home, that God, the Almighty Creator, will lavish abundant grace upon them so that they may, in the midst of the busyness of their daily life, find time to study the Holy Scripture, to pray together with their child/children, and to keep holy on the Lord's Day!



All ladies are invited to the Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Forty Martyrs Church Hall, 111 E. Van Allen Street, Tuscola, IL 61953. Registration at 8:30 am. The Dean of our Deanery, Fr. John Titus will preside over the installation of new officers. Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by Fr. Michael Trummer talk on "2025 Jubilee Year of Hope". Lunch and silent auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund (check or cash accepted). Contact: MDCCW President: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or [drmalthompson76@gmail.com](mailto:drmalthompson76@gmail.com)

## OCIA Open to Entire Parish

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes will be held every Wednesday evening from **6:30 ~ 8:30pm** until Holy Week in the parish meeting room at St. Mary's.

All those interested in joining the Catholic Church and anyone interested in learning more about our Faith are welcome. Current parishioners are encouraged to join us! Please invite anyone!

You are never too old or too young to learn something new and it is never too late to start!

### Count your blessings!

#### Let us fill this Cross with notes of Thanksgiving!

You are invited to write a note of thanksgiving on a leaf and place it on the cross at St. Mary's church.

The **Necrology Book** is in the back of church. This is a list of those who have been buried from St. Mary's & St. Aloysius' churches from the time we have had records. Please inform the office should you find a mistake and we will see that it is corrected.

**During the month of November we encourage you to pray for our deceased members and visit the cemetery.**

#### Prayer for the Holy Souls

Eternal Father, I offer thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. *Amen*



### Our Dearly Departed

**David Boland**—Father to Matthew Boland

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!**

**May he rest in peace!**



Fr. Aloysius, Juliana & the loving folks of St. Mary's,

*Thank You!*

Thank you very much for welcoming me into your space and conversation during my little walking pilgrimage. It was the perfect midpoint to laugh, share with you, and get to pray in the beautiful Sanctuary. Thanks also to the custodian who told me her name quickly and surprised me with a sandwich! That and the Chinese dumplings put me in such a good mood. I prayed for your parish at Mother Theodore's shrine, and continue to do so.

Thank you for showing me Christ's love.

Pilgrims in hope,

Brad Modlin

[brad.modlin@outlook.com](mailto:brad.modlin@outlook.com)

### Stewardship Corner

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

#### Prayer Lists

Please let the office know if you 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!

## DIY Advent Kits!

Let St. Mary's help you keep Christ in this chaotic time of year. Advent is a beautiful season – don't miss it in the hustle & bustle of commercial Christmas. Pick up an Advent kit after Mass November 16, 23, or 30<sup>th</sup> and choose small steps to help you get ready for Jesus, Our Savior to come into our hearts this Christmas.

## Advent Class

There will be a gathering to pause and ponder Advent. The class will meet in the meeting room, at 10:00 AM on Saturdays. The first class will be before Advent on November 22. The book is Sacred Space by the Irish Jesuits. Ten copies will be provided, but if you wish, you can purchase one from Amazon. Mark your calendar and come join us. Everyone is welcome.

Priscilla

## Congratulations to the children in our Faith Community on making it to the honor roll (the Quarter)

Easton Pinnell

Remmi Rea

Jackson Tarr

Jocelyn Tracy

Emaline Tarr

Millicent Wilhoit

Claire Cornwell

Harper Pinnell

Mateya Moreschi

Tess Barrett

Helen Barrett

Hunter Rollings

Jacob Roush

Leo Smith

Santi Rea

Tenley Pinnell

Ava Barrett

Ava Tarr

Daniel Lopez

Gabriel Roush

Logan Curl

Paedyn Keys

Drew Kirby

Miranda Hogan

Penelope Rhoads

Emmitt Keys

Rosemary Keys

Catelynn Cornwell

Ben Schopmeyer

Leah Wood

Landon Keske

Solomon Jansen

Abner Wood

\*\*\* Please let the office know  
if we missed any names from  
the honor roll.  
Thank you!

## St. Mary's Capital Campaign Projects Update

Thank you all for your generous donations toward St. Mary's Capital Campaign Projects. We are pleased to announce that 3 units of HVAC on Gathering Space, office & meeting room have been installed along with the Rubber Roof and 7 Skylights over Gathering Space have been in place, see pictures below.





# *Pastoral Reflections*

## **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My dear parishioners,

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

It is difficult to assign a precise time for Malachi. Traditionally, he is thought to have served God some 500 years before the birth of Jesus. His name means “my messenger” and seems inspired by a later oracle about the coming of a messenger to prepare the way before God (Mal 3:1). This prophet’s oracles address a people who seem to have lost interest in serving God. All through the book they are indifferent to religion. Just before this reading, for example, they wonder if there is any advantage at all in keeping the commandments. The wicked, they argue, do not keep the commandments, and yet live prosperous lives. The people, therefore, imagine that God makes no distinction between God’s loyal servants and the unfaithful. God corrects their thinking. The day will come when it will be perfectly obvious there is indeed a distinction between the righteous and the wicked. At the time of Jesus, the Jerusalem Temple was an architectural masterpiece admired by Jews and Gentiles alike. Imagine the shock effect of hearing Jesus declare that this grand building is headed for total destruction. It will end up as nothing more than rubble.

**Questions of when and how.** Those who heard Jesus make such a startling statement immediately probed him with questions of when this will happen, and what signs will serve as a warning? Luke’s community knows that the Jerusalem Temple was factually destroyed in 70 CE. So there is a deep sensitivity to any talk related to the end-time and to the events associated with it. Luke portrays Jesus as stressing a sense of urgency connected with moderation.

**Do not be deceived.** Jesus shows no interest at all in providing a schedule or a timeline for when the final age will arrive. He warns, however, that there will be people claiming to know the day and the hour as well as the event that will bring the final end to a climax. Jesus firmly teaches that no matter what such people predict, or how they interpret trials and tribulations, they have no factual knowledge. This is not to deny that serious conflicts and natural disasters will in fact happen. No matter what they are, they are not pointing to the advent of the end-time.

**Be confident and faithful.** Luke realizes that followers of Jesus have been, and will continue to be, the objects of persecution by their enemies. These events will require confident strength and faithful obedience. Luke understands all this as the opportunity for Christians to bear witness to their faith in Jesus. He encourages them not to worry about being prepared for such trials. Jesus himself will provide the wisdom and strength necessary to persevere in such circumstances. No one knows how long such sufferings and ordeals will last. While there is no doubt that these experiences are real, there is still no clear indication that they signal the immediate coming of the final age. All of these things are to be understood as preliminary to the advent of the final time. For now, the plan is one day at a time.

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*Sincerely in Christ,*

*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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