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THE GOOD NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

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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, November 25

5:00 pm Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am ☩ Marjorie Grinstead by Lugene Joines

Thursday, November 27

8:00 am ☩ Fr. Donald Meehling

Friday, November 28

8:00 am ☩ Fr. David Zimmerman

Saturday, November 29

4:00 pm ☩ Tom Carroll

Sunday, November 30

7:00 am ☩ Sheila Brothers by Anne Pool

8:30 am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

10:15 am ☩ Marge Chapa & Marge Fullerton

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 25

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

5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

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

Thursday, November 27

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, November 28

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, November 29

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

4:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, November 30

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Campaign for Justice & Hope Collection

Reminders

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

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

December 27: Christmas Party after 4:00pm Mass

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

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



November 29/30, 2025

St. Mary 4:00pm (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: Neal Wood

LECTOR: Kevin Smith

SERVERS: Abner Wood/Solomon Jansen

GIFTS: the Jansen Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Kit Kirby

EM: Andy Goodwin, Janet Tracy & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the Staub Family

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

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Collection Online Giving Links & QR Codes

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St. Mary Paris

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St. Michael Hume

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



The Angel Tree is in the gathering space; more angels will be added after Thanksgiving. There are sign-up pads on the table. Please sign your name beside the number that is on the Angel you select from the tree. Take one bag by the tree and return the bag filled with the gifts with the Angel attached to it by Sun., Dec. 7th.

Thank you for your generosity!!

We would like to express our gratitude to Rosemarie Ketner for her service to our church and our community. Rosemarie has been taking care of our church linens for decades; and she also has been the ambassador to Choices Pregnancy & Health Center for many years. Truly, she is a blessing to our church and community.

May God multiply His blessings to her and her family!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

November 27

Rosemary Higgins

November 29

Bruce Barrett

Lisa Barrett

November 29

Donica Thomason

Janet Tracy

December 1

Kelli Keys

Anniversary Blessings

November 26

James & Lori Rhodes

November 27

Richard & Dianne Yates

November 30

Phil & Mary Liz Wright

December 3

Rusty & Kim Keske

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal:	\$71,220.00
Weekly received:	\$.00
Up-to-date total:	\$25,950.00
Fund needed:	\$45,270.00
St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal:	\$90,130.00
Weekly received:	\$100.00
Up-to-date total:	\$8,025.00
Fund needed:	\$82,105.00
St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal:	\$725,250.00
Weekly received:	\$255.00
Up-to-date total:	\$286,756.00
Fund needed:	\$438,494.00



Weekly Offertory November 15/16, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$944.00
Online Giving	\$.00
Collection:	\$944.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$695.00
Online Giving	\$281.10
Total Collection:	\$976.10

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$3,346.25
Online Giving	\$75.00
Military	\$50.00
PMF	\$259.00
Total Collection:	\$3,730.25

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	Justin Vice
Jeff Walsh	Michael Whitacre
Joe Kachmar	Nathan Gatlin

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!



Diocesan Collection on November 28 & 29

Next weekend's second collection is for the **Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope**. Every dollar you give stays within our diocese to support local ministries that uphold Catholic teaching and bring practical help to those in need. Your generosity helps families find food, housing, education, and renewed dignity. Thank you for sharing hope through this diocesan campaign.

Stewardship Corner

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."

Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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.

St. Mary's Capital Campaign Projects Update

Praise the Lord! This project is complete!



CHRIST THE KING



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 30th 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

*Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20: 35*



Pastoral Reflections

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

My dear parishioners,

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

When Samuel was sent to anoint David as king so many years earlier, David was shepherding his father's flocks (1 Sm 16). Now he is invited to shepherd the people. The tribes of the south in Judah already accepted David as king. Now the northern tribes of Israel, once loyal to King Saul, come to accept David as king. They admit that even when Saul ruled over them, it was really David who led them out for battle and brought them back again. It was Saul's jealousy over David's skills as a leader that delayed things. Of course, David's success was due to his close relationship with God. This was something Saul would never learn to appreciate or accept. The designation of Jesus in the Gospel reading as "king of the Jews" is more than a little ironic. In his own lifetime, one cannot imagine Jesus referring to himself as a king. He did not live in the midst of royalty. He had no armies and did not rule with great power. Instead, he was crucified by the Roman establishment, accused of being a political insurrectionist. But looked at through the eyes of faith, Jesus was indeed the king of the Jews.

If you are king of the Jews. Today's Gospel begins with Jesus hanging on the cross receiving ridicule and abuse from rulers and soldiers mocking the idea that he could be the king of the Jews. The text is constructed around two "if" clauses contrary to fact. "If he is the chosen one, the Christ of God," and "If you are king of the Jews" The conviction is that Jesus definitely is not the chosen one and most definitely not the king of the Jews. Ironically, however, the inscription above Jesus' head has it right: "This is the King of the Jews."

Two criminals. The first criminal joins with those ridiculing and abusing Jesus. He has no faith in Jesus and his biggest disappointment is that Jesus will not somehow magically save everyone, especially the criminal himself. The second criminal is the antithesis of the first. He reprimands the mockery of the first criminal and then expresses his conviction that Jesus is innocent of the charges against him. Then the second criminal moves his conviction about Jesus' innocence into the realm of faith when he asks to be remembered when Jesus enters his kingdom. He sees through the eyes of faith that Jesus is indeed a king, and his request is granted.

What kind of king is Jesus? The Gospel makes it clear that Jesus is not a king as the secular world would understand that designation. Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, but where Jesus reigns as king. He exercises his kingship not by ruling over people, amassing great power, and conquering many lands. His kingship is all about serving. He serves by giving his life away. By giving away his life, he offers salvation to all who can believe in him. His royal throne is a cross and his crown is made of thorns. But unlike any secular king, Christ the king will reign forever.

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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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