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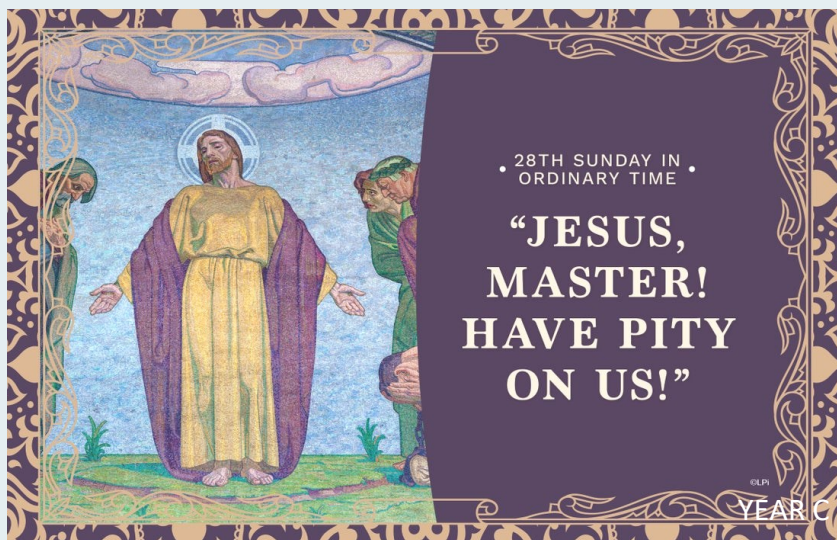
THE GOOD NEWS
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

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.



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: 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, October 14

5:00 pm ✝ Hilda & Bill Moore

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 am Nana Matt & Pearman Family

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am ✝ Mary Lou Hollowell by *Mary Ann Sullivan*

Friday, October 17

8:00 am ✝ Harold & Beth Roth by Anne Pool

Saturday, October 18

5:30 pm ✝ Tom Carroll

Sunday, October 19

7:00 am ✝ Tom Morrissey

8:30 am ✝ Colleen Thomson

10:15am Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes



October 18/19, 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: Lee Barrett

EM: Linda Hahn

SERVERS: Scott Neal/Rosemary Keys/Penelope Rhodes

GIFTS: the Keys Family

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

GREETER: Phyllis Stone

LECTOR: Martha Williams

SERVERS: Leah Wood/Millie Wilhoit

GIFTS: the Wilhoit Family

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

GREETER: Brad Cash/Judy Haymaker

LECTOR: Chris Wright

EM: Andy Goodwin, Brian Murphy & Terry Sullivan

SERVERS: Santi Rea/Jocelyn Tracy

GIFTS: the StaubFamily

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 14

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

5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

12:00pm Prayer Lunch at St. Mary

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, October 17

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, October 18

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

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, October 19

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary

Reminders

October 20: 5:00pm St. Aloysius Finance Mtg.

October 20: 6:00pm St. Aloysius Pastoral Mtg.

October 21: 5:30pm St. Mary's Pastoral Mtg.

November 4: 6:30pm St. Mary's Finance Mtg.

November 8 ~ 11: Parish Mission Retreat

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

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

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.*

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St. Mary Paris

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St. Michael Hume

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Catholic Q & A

Vicar General and Chancellor

Question:

I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

Answer:

A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

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Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

October 16

Nathan Barrett

October 17

Abner Wood

October 21

Paedyn Keys



October 16

Andrew & Kit Kirby

October 22

Dennis & Vickie Eugene

Capital Campaign

St. Aloysius Parish ~ Goal: **\$71,220.00**
Weekly received: **\$.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$25,450.00**
Fund needed: **\$45,770.00**

St. Michael's Parish ~ Goal: **\$90,130.00**
Weekly received: **\$.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$7,925.00**
Fund needed: **\$82,205.00**

St. Mary's Parish ~ Goal: **\$725,250.00**
Weekly received: **\$2,009.00**
Up-to-date total: **\$280,352.00**
Fund needed: **\$444,898.00**



Weekly Offertory October 4/5, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday \$1,060.00
Online Giving \$204.40
Gaza Collection \$20.00
Black and Indian Mission \$25.00
Total Collection: \$1,309.40

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday \$2,195.00
Online Giving \$410.00
Black and Indian Mission \$15.00
Total Collection: \$2,620.00

ST. MARY

Sunday \$5,927.00
Online Giving \$60.00
All Saints \$50.00
All Souls \$50.00
Gaza Collection \$250.00
Black and Indian Mission \$168.00
World Mission Sunday \$180.00
Total Collection: \$6,685.00

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

St. Aloysius Parish

August Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$454.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$914.00

St. Michael's Parish

August Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 486.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$1,049.00

St. Mary's Parish

August Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,406.00
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$4,481.00



Prayer Requests



For the Sick

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

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

For Our Military

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

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

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Briget Seifert

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.

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!



Right To Life of Edgar County

October is Respect Life Month with many opportunities to affirm life!

- We plan to travel to Danville to pray outside the facility that is providing abortions. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan for date and time.
- Sign up in the gathering space for a 30 minute time slot on Oct 21st for the Prayer Campaign for Life, to build a pro-life culture.

• Bring diapers and or wipes to benefit Choices Pregnancy and Health. If you named the baby that you adopted in prayer over the past 9 months, include that name on your gift.

• Commit to prayer and fasting to end abortion.

• Thank you to the women that baked cakes for our Dad Event! Truly appreciated by us and the men.

Thank you to those that volunteered at our Honey Bee booth.
Mary Ann Sullivan



ANKETED BY LOVE

The Compassionate Clothing Closet's annual blanket drive is set for October. Your generosity of a new or gently used blanket will serve to provide a means to offset winter's chill, while simultaneously offering a concrete reminder that someone cares. While any size blanket will be wonderful to receive, we find that twin or full sizes are in most need.

An Invitation to Participate

WHO: To all members of Edgar County & congregations of faith.

WHAT: Donations of gently used or new blankets.

WHERE: Donations can be made via participating churches or through a direct donation to CCC during weekly hours of operation (Mon: 10-1pm and/or Tues: 12-2pm).

WHEN: Blanket collection will occur during the month of October.

WHY: We are called to lovingly meet our neighbors' needs.



All Souls' Day Mass Remembrance

All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary on **Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 10:15am.** We will be honoring members of St. Aloysius and St. Mary along with loved ones that have passed since last All Souls' Day. Our loved ones to be remembered are:

<i>Christa Swingford</i>	<i>Gerri Miller</i>
<i>Beverly Hanner</i>	<i>Pat Roush</i>
<i>Frieda Sudduth</i>	<i>Joan Mattingly</i>
<i>Mary Sue Whitaker</i>	<i>Randy Creech</i>
<i>Beverly Carr</i>	<i>Tom Morrissey</i>
<i>Theresa Ndeanaefo</i>	<i>Mary Lou Hollowell</i>
<i>Joan McCulley</i>	<i>Brad Neal</i>
<i>Jim Hart</i>	<i>Sheila Brothers</i>
<i>Virginia Wright</i>	<i>Judy Zuber</i>
<i>Doyle Cingolani</i>	

Please inform the office if you notice a name needs to be added.

Thank you !

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion.
For assistance: call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Blessings of the Animals



October 15, 2025 Prayer Lunch

Everyone is invited to our monthly Prayer Lunch

held at St. Mary's meeting room.

Menu of the Month:

A Variety of Soups & Sandwiches.

See you then!



The 15 Promises of the Rosary

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Stewardship Corner

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

"Where does St. Thérèse tuck her roses at night?"



"Into a flower bed."



St. Thérèse loved flowers. She once stated that every person's mission is like a flower in God's garden, and that flowers both grand and humble were all beautiful to Him!

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October 12th

Word of Life

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Pastoral Reflections

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

Gratitude. At the request of his servants, Naaman sets pride aside and plunges into the river as Elisha told him to do. When he emerges, his flesh is restored and healthy “like the flesh of a little child.” This phrase reminds readers of the little girl whose faith in Elisha’s powers set this entire account in motion. Naaman returns to Elisha, full of gratitude. His words reveal that the healing has gone all the way down to his very core. Although he is a mighty general, he presents himself as a “servant” to Elisha. He wants to enrich the prophet with the treasures he brought with him, but Elisha refuses.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus continues his long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem which he began in Lk 9:51. This journey is the context for much of Jesus’ teaching about discipleship as well as events and encounters that are unique to Luke’s Gospel. The story of Jesus’ encounter with 10 lepers is one of those unique narratives.

Jesus encounters 10 lepers. Upon entering a village, Jesus encounters 10 lepers who plead for pity. What they are really asking for are alms. Excluded from ordinary social interaction, lepers depended on charity and alms from others for survival. Jesus gives them nothing. Instead, he tells them to show themselves to the priests. Only the priests could declare a leper cleansed and healed.

The lepers are healed. Without any verbal response, the lepers go on their way apparently to show themselves to the priests. While on their way, one of the lepers realizes that he has been healed. We are not told if the other nine at this time realized they, too, had been healed. In any case, only the one who was aware of his healing returned to Jesus. Notice what this healed leper does first. He glorifies God in a loud voice. Only after this does the healed leper fall at Jesus’ feet and thank him. This leper has realized that he has been healed by the power of God, mediated through Jesus.

He was a Samaritan. The shocking revelation comes when we are told in a brief sentence, “He was a Samaritan.” The animosity between Jews and Samaritans was well known. Luke highlights this in his parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus was getting close to the edge by encountering these lepers. He has gone over the edge by knowing that one was a leper. Jesus asks the cured Samaritan leper three probing questions: “Ten were cleansed, were they not?” “Where are the other nine?” “Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Jesus concludes by telling the cleansed leper to stand up and go. He declares, “Your faith has saved you.” Notice that all 10 lepers were healed, but only one is saved. It is important to realize that the one who is saved is a two-fold outsider. He was a Samaritan, and he was a leper. Ordinarily, that would have been a fatal position in which to be. For Luke, however, salvation is universal. It only requires faith.

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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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