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THE GOOD NEWS
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 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.



**27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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, October 7
 5:00 pm ✝ Glen Keen

Wednesday, October 8
 8:00 am ✝ Virginia Holley by Mary Ann Sullivan

Thursday, October 9
 8:00 am ✝ Harold, Dolores & Frank Waller

Friday, October 10
 8:00 am ✝ Judy St. Louis by Lugene Joines

Saturday, October 11
 5:30 pm Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

Sunday, October 12
 7:00 am ✝ Nancy Young
 8:30 am ✝ Theresa Ndeanaefo
 10:15am ✝ Marge Chapa & Marge Fullerton

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 7
5:00 am ~ 5:00 pm Adoration - St. Mary
 5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary


Wednesday, October 8
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Thursday, October 9
 8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

Friday, October 10
 8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

Saturday, October 11
4:00 ~ 4:45pm Confession at St. Mary
 5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

Sunday, October 12
 7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius
 8:30 am Mass - St. Michael
 10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



October 11/12, 2025

St. Mary 5:30pm (Sat.)

GREETER: Doug Happ
LECTOR: Jim Moore
EM: Lugene Joines & Volunteer
SERVERS: Jocelyn Tracy
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: Neal Wood
LECTOR: Brian Smith
SERVERS: Abner Wood/Solomon Jansen
GIFTS: the Keske Family

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

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

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. Michael Hume

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Bequests:

Have you documented your final wishes? Creating your estate plan is an act of care that can help you protect your loved ones, communicate healthcare and financial decisions about the future, and establish a legacy that honors your Catholic faith. Our new estate planning tool at www.freewill.com/diocesefspringfield can help you write your legal will for free and makes it easy to make a sustaining gift to your parish home, ensuring the ministry of **St. Mary, St. Aloysius and St. Michael** continues for generations to come. For specific questions about how estate planning may impact your personal situation, consult a tax advisor or lawyer.

Stocks:

Consider donating stock as a way to continue supporting **St. Mary, St. Aloysius and St. Michael**. Stock giving allows you to save your cash, avoid capital gains, and maximize your impact. You may also receive a tax deduction for the full value of the gift. Visit our secure stock giving site at bit.ly/ParishStock which makes stock giving easy and secure by providing the correct transfer form, helping you fill out the necessary fields, and providing clear instructions for submitting the form to your brokerage. For specific questions about how stock giving may impact on your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

QCDs:

Give to **St. Mary, St. Aloysius and St. Michael** from your IRA- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for those age 70½ or older to use their IRAs to maximize their charitable impact. And, if you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), an IRA gift can help you meet your RMD without increasing your taxable income. Visit bit.ly/ParishQCD to learn more about this giving option and to initiate a **QCD** gift to your church. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

October 9
Marshall Wilhoit
October 10
Sandy Marrs
Brian Murphy
Dave Smith

October 13
Cate Kirby
Marian Mattingly
October 14
Carol Bruner

October 14
Jacob Roush
October 15
Rosemary Keys
Joey Keske

October 11
Scott & Janet Tracy
October 14
Brian & Cherise Murphy
October 15
Dillon & Bryanne Garver



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:	\$1,770.00
Up-to-date total:	\$280,113.00
Fund needed:	\$445,137.00



Weekly Offertory September 27/28 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$665.00
Online Giving	\$0
Gaza Collection	\$25.00
Total Collection:	\$690.00

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$920.00
Online Giving	\$155.00
Gaza Collection	\$590.00
Total Collection:	\$1,665.00

ST. MARY

Sunday	\$4,180.00
Online Giving	\$40.00
Church in Africa	\$60.00
Gaza Collection	\$576.00
Total Collection:	\$4,856.00

Thank you for your support!

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!

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

For Our Expectant Mothers

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

Briget Seifert

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 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.

Donations of baked cookies/brownies are needed Thursday October 9 to support Faith in Action's Spaghetti Dinner, October 10, 2025. Please call the office or sign up at St. Mary's Gathering Space if you could make some cookies/brownies (individual packed) Thank you!



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.



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>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 !



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.

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.

Mary Ann Sullivan

Word of Life

October 5th

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

Stewardship Corner

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything – all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion.

For assistance: call 1-877-RACHEL-5.



2025 Respect Life Mass
Rosary Walk and Luncheon
Saturday, October 11 | 9 a.m.
Holy Family Catholic Church,
Granite City

Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Springfield as we celebrate Respect Life Month with a morning of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration. The day will begin with the **Respect Life Mass at 9**

a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (2606 Washington Ave, Granite City). Following Mass, participants will take part in a Rosary Walk through the community, giving witness to the dignity of every human life. A complimentary luncheon will follow, featuring guest speaker Kristi Hofferber, Executive Director of A Beacon of Light. Kristi will share her powerful testimony and her work in helping women and families choose life, offering hope and support at every stage. This event is a beautiful opportunity to unite in prayer for an end to abortion and for a culture that embraces life from conception to natural death. All are welcome—families, youth, clergy, parish staff, and members of the community. No registration or fees are required.

Anyone who is interested participate, please be at St. Mary's parking lot before/at 6:00am on October 11th.

Adoration

We are all called to spend our God-given time with this Living God who made us in His image. All of us are challenged to prayerfully consider to fill the Time Slots, (2 persons for each hour) on Tuesday to adore our Creator, God and Savior. This sign up sheet is at St. Mary's.

Time	Name	Name	Substitute
5—6 am	Brian Murphy		
6—7 am	Cara Hall	Lugene Joines	Mary Liz Wright
7—8 am	Wayne Buechlein	Dianne Buechlein	Mary Liz Wright
8—9 am	Juliana Koutsoumpas		
9—10 am	Karen Todd	Deb Kirsch	
10—11 am	Jim Aydt	Joy Stewart	
11am - 12 pm	Scott Neal		
12—1 pm	Julie Gross		
1—2 pm	Mary Ann Sullivan		
2—3 pm	Bonnie Stephens	Stephen Heynen	
3—4 pm	Frank Chapa	Margaret Wilson	
4—5 pm	Jim Moore	Lois Moore	

Pastoral Reflections

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear parishioners,

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

This prophet's oracles progress from distress to confidence. Habakkuk wonders if God has not forgotten the people altogether. In his final oracle, however, the prophet boldly declares that in spite of all evidence to the contrary, he will rejoice in God's saving power.

The context in today's Gospel is Jesus teaching his disciples about faithfulness, forgiveness, and humility. The standard Jesus sets is very high and he shows no sign of compromise.

Increase our faith. The response of Jesus' disciples to the high standards he sets for discipleship is a deep sense of inadequacy. They seem to feel that they are people of faith, but they will need more to fulfill Jesus' standards. Their request that Jesus increase their faith shows how little they really understand the dynamics of faith. They understand faith as something that can be quantitatively regulated by simply adding or subtracting. They miss the connection between faith and grace.

Faith the size of a mustard seed. The response Jesus gives his disciples probably shocked them. More than likely, they were expecting Jesus to be pleased by this request—indeed more than willing to grant it. Instead, Jesus makes a strong response indicating just how little is the faith of his disciples. He compares their faith to the size of a mustard seed. Tiny as it might be, it is still powerful. It can uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. The faith of the disciples is even smaller than the size of a mustard seed. But here is Jesus' point. The tiny amount of faith that the disciples have is still enough to meet the demands of discipleship. The real issue is not that the disciples need more faith. They need to exercise the faith they have, recognizing that it is a gift from God. God's grace will provide where human effort is inadequate.

Disciples are servants. Jesus tells a parabolic story about the relationship of a servant to his master. The servant is not praised for doing what was expected of him. While he did indeed do a lot, a lot was expected from him. Like the servant, a disciple can do what is expected of him or her, due to God's grace. However, a disciple can never do more than is expected. A disciple's own goodness and strength will never be enough to meet the standards Jesus has set. That challenge can be possible only through grace, which comes from faith. Discipleship is not about achieving honor, glory, and prestige. Discipleship is about serving. The ideal model for discipleship is none other than Jesus himself.

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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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