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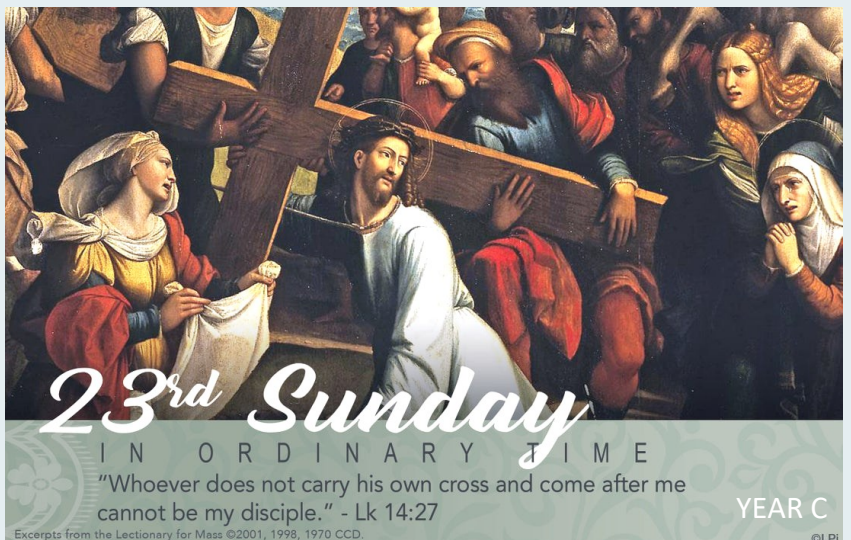
**THE GOOD NEWS**  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**September 7, 2025**

**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.*



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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, September 9

5:00 pm ☩ Don & Linda Clayton

### Wednesday, September 10

8:00 am ☩ Marge Ferguson

### Thursday, September 11

8:00 am L & D of Ed & Mary Jo Zuber Family

### Friday, September 12

8:00 am ☩ Charles & Veronica Englum

### Saturday, September 13

5:30 pm Living & Deceased parishioners of our parishes

### Sunday, September 14

7:00 am the Keys & Morrissey Family

8:30 am ☩ Kay Barrett

10:15am ☩ Jim & Evelyn Ring

## Happening This Week

### Tuesday, September 9

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

5:00 pm Mass - St. Mary

### Wednesday, September 10

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

### Thursday, September 11

8:00 am Mass - St. Mary

### Friday, September 12

8:00 am Mass & Adoration- St. Mary

### Saturday, September 13

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

5:30 pm Mass - St. Mary

### Sunday, September 14

7:00am Mass - St. Aloysius

8:30 am Mass - St. Michael

10:15 am Mass - St. Mary



**September 13/14, 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:** Angie Barrett

**EM:** Linda Hahn

**SERVERS:** Scott Neal/Rosemary Keys

**GIFTS:** the Keys Family

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

**GREETER:** David Smith

**LECTOR:** Brian Smith

**SERVERS:** Leah Wood/Landon Keske

**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/Jocelyn Tracy

**GIFTS:** the Tracy Family

## Reminders

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

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

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

November 8 ~ 11: Parish Mission Retreat

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.*

## Parish Council & Committee Chairs

### St. Aloysius

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



### St. Michael Hume

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



### LADIES, DO YOU NEED A DAY AWAY?



The Annual Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held **Wednesday, October 1**, at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Hall in Highland, IL. This year's theme is "Let Yourself be Loved" and will feature Claire Dwyer, speaker, retreat leader, and author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Main Celebrant. Registration forms are **due by September 14**, and are available at your church. Hosted by the Alton Deanery.

## EIU Newman Center Annual Gala



Are you an alumni, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Consider attending this year's **Newman Night Gala, October 25th**, as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future of our catholic student community and center here at EIU.

For more details call 217-348-0188, visit our website [eiunewman.org/newmannight](http://eiunewman.org/newmannight), or email John Johnson at [development@eiunewman.org](mailto:development@eiunewman.org).

### EIU Newman Center Annual Gala



## Birthdays/Anniversaries

# Happy Birthday!

**September 14**  
Gabriel Roush

**September 15**  
Miranda Hogan  
Maurice Waller

**September 16**  
Lindsay Longest

**September 17**  
Patricia Sullivan  
Landon Keske  
Caslon Smith



**September 12**  
John & Carole Halloran

**September 15**  
Luke & Kelsey Magers

**September 15**  
Matt & Lindsay Moreschi



## 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>\$25,450.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$45,770.00</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>\$780.00</b>
<b>Up-to-date total:</b>	<b>\$271,168.00</b>
<b>Fund needed:</b>	<b>\$454,082.00</b>



## Weekly Offertory August 30/31, 2025

### ST. ALOYSIUS

Sunday	\$987.00
Online Giving	\$102.20
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,089.20</b>

### ST. MICHAEL

Sunday	\$2,925.00
Online Giving	\$380.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,305.00</b>

### ST. MARY

Sunday	\$2,985.00
Online Giving	\$805.00
Assumption	\$100.00
Church in Africa	\$20.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,910.00</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

## 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Diocesan 10% Tithing

### St. Aloysius Parish

July Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$460.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$460.00

### St. Michael's Parish

July Diocesan Monthly Tithing: 563.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$563.00

### St. Mary's Parish

July Diocesan Monthly Tithing: \$2,075.00  
Total Fiscal Year Tithing to date: \$2,075.00

## Prayer Requests

### For the Sick

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

Katherine McClean	Sydney Shanks
Lahaunda Madrid	Peter David
Eleanor Macey	Adam Dennison
Vasya Hanson	Mary Stoneburner
Gerry St. Louis	Margaret Huckeby
Donna Keys	Melissa Cohn
Brian Mullenix	Kathryn Lentz
Linda McHenry	Kenneth Kocher
Richard Yates	Jeff Brinkley
Jana McIntosh	Andrew Hostetler
Tamera Brown Tadlock	Alice Kramer
Theresa Armstrong Coombs	Sharon Bailey
Larry Elsberry	Rosemary Ogle
Connie Hart	Jody Crandell
David Volk	Priscilla Hutton
Joanie Hutchcraft	Leigh Ketner
Steve Allen	Isaac Hayes
Ruby Kindred	Donnie Farris
Andrew Ferucci	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

### 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.*

## Prayer Lists

Please let the office know if you know that:

- 1) the person whom you requested is healed or passed
- 2) the Expectant Mother has given birth to her baby
- 3) members in our Military have retired from serving

**Thank you very much!**



## The month of September

is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, commemorating the Seven Sorrows of Mary, with a specific feast day on September 15. Key celebrations during the month include the [Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#) on September 14, a feast that honors the true cross of Christ, and the [Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) on September 8. The liturgical color for September, which falls during Ordinary Time, is green, symbolizing hope for the faithful's eternal harvest.

### Prayer to our Sorrowful Mother for a particular grace

O **mother** most holy and sorrowful, Queen of Martyrs, you who stood by your Son as He agonized on the cross. By the sufferings of your life, by that sword of pain that pierced your heart, by your perfect joy in heaven, look down on me kindly as I kneel before you, sympathizing with your sorrows and offering you my petition with childlike trust.

Dear Mother, because your Son refuses you nothing, ask of His Sacred Heart to mercifully hear my prayer and to grant this prayer in accord with His most perfect will. Therefore, through the merits of His Sacred Passion, along with those of your sufferings at the foot of the cross,

I pray...*your intention* ...

Mother most merciful, to whom shall I go in my misery if not to you who pities us poor sinful exiles in this valley of tears? I beseech you to offer Jesus but one drop of His most Precious Blood and but one pang of His Loving Heart. Remind Him that you are our sweetness, our life and our hope, and your prayer will be heard. Amen

## Right to Life of Edgar County

We are sponsoring several events in the next few weeks.

- The Dad Event: Thank you to St. Mary's ladies who have volunteered to provide dessert for Tuesday Sept 9th The Dad Event to be held at the Baptist church. All men, young and old, are welcome to attend this free dinner and movie evening to foster dignity to fatherhood. Cakes can be dropped off at St. Mary's, Tuesday before 2 pm or at Baptist church between 4 and 4:30.
- Honey Bee Festival Booth: Consider volunteering for an hour or two at our booth on the downtown square, Sept 26th and 27th to help distribute information and be a pro-life witness to our community.
- Diaper Shower: In January we were asked to prayerfully adopt a baby in danger of abortion. During the month of October, nine months have come and those saved babies are now in need of diapers. If you named your adopted baby, feel free to place a gift tag with his or her name on a box of diapers and all will be donated to Choices Pregnancy. Donation box will be in the gathering space.

RTLEC Board: We look forward to any of you coming forward to assisting our RTLEC board with upcoming activities and events.

Please feel free to contact me for more details.

Mary Ann Sullivan

## Our Dearly Departed

**Doyle Jason Cingolani**—Brother to Anita Rhodes

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!  
May he rest in peace!**





# Brothers, please say YES to these calls!

## Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat, September 27-28, Villa Maria Retreat Center

Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Pream, presents the upcoming overnight retreat, "Sons of the Father, Men in Christ." The retreat begins at noon on Saturday, September 27 and concludes after lunch on Sunday, September 28. Visit [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) for a more detailed schedule and to register. The cost is \$150 and includes overnight accommodations (single occupancy), meals, and retreat materials. Deadline to register is September 22. Contact [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org) with questions.

## Men's Leadership Summit taking place in Edwardsville Oct. 18

Do you feel like just another guy in a pew? You're not alone. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has invited John Edwards from [Just a Guy in the Pew](http://Just a Guy in the Pew) to host a Men's Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St.) to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain and enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices for men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational spiritual leader who has a powerful witness story of hard drug use to finding Christ in a radical way.

Register at [dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit](http://dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit). Cost: \$30. Includes materials/food and drink. Deadline to register is Oct. 1. Contact: Gracie Ortiz, Director of Marriage and Family Life at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217-321-1124 for questions.

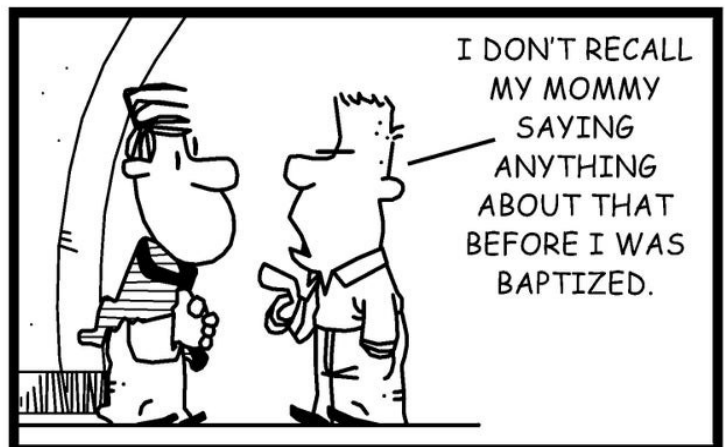
## Stewardship Corner

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### September 7th

## Word of Life

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

[usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic](http://usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic)

# *Pastoral Reflections*

## **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My dear parishioners,

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

Our first reading from the book of Wisdom comes from the central chapters of the book in which the author describes his experiences in the pursuit of wisdom. Surrounding this center are chapters exhibiting all the advantages enjoyed by those who are wise about the things of heaven. This reading may reflect the dream recorded in 1 Kgs 3:5–14 in which a young Solomon seeks a wisdom God alone can give.

The context for today's Gospel is Jesus' long journey (Lk 9:51—19:27) that will take him and his disciples to Jerusalem where ultimately he will be killed. Lk uses this journey as an opportunity for Jesus to teach his followers about the demands of being a disciple.

**Discipleship demands single-minded loyalty.** The Greek word translated as “hate” (*misei*) did not carry the same negative psychological implications for Jesus that it does for our contemporary culture. To hate someone infers intense feelings of aversion, loathing, detestation, and abhorrence. In Jesus' culture of honor and shame, to hate someone meant to regard them with less esteem, to prefer them less than someone else. This is the way Jesus chooses to express the demands of discipleship. It demands total and complete focus on the kingdom of God. Absolute loyalty to Jesus and his mission is required of every disciple. It even surpasses the loyalty demanded by one's family.

**Every disciple of Jesus must be prepared to endure suffering.** The image Jesus uses is that of carrying one's cross. The practice of crucifixion can be traced back to Persia at least 300 years before the time of Jesus. Because of its brutality, the “cross” became a metaphor for painful suffering of all kinds. For Jesus, however, the cross is not a metaphor; it is a concrete reality at the end of this lengthy journey to Jerusalem. As the Master goes, so goes the disciple. Being a follower of Jesus requires the willingness to suffer what he suffered.

**Be prepared.** The passage closes with two examples of the necessity of being ready for a challenging task. One example has to do with constructing a tower and the other focuses on going into battle. The point is the same in both cases. One should not undertake a difficult challenge without being carefully prepared for all the demands that will be required for success. Lack of preparedness results in failure and humiliation. What Jesus is talking about is the need to consider carefully the demands of being one of his disciples. Do not approach discipleship superficially. Everything—including possessions—must take second place to the kingdom of God.

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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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