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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays & Saturdays:

6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturdays: 5:15 pm
(for Sunday Obligation)

Sundays: 6:30 am, 8:00 am*, 9:30 am,
11:00 am & 5:15 pm

*8:00 am on Facebook Live Daily

Rosary: 7:30 am daily in the Church

Day before Holy Day: 5:15 pm

Holy Days: 6:30 am, 8:00 am
12:00 noon and 5:15 pm
(if announced)

First Friday of the Month: 5:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

First Friday Of The Month: 4:00-5:00pm

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Sunday: 4:45-5:15pm

AND BY APPOINTMENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office if you or
a loved one needs to be anointed.
618-465-4284, and press 1

BAPTISMS

On Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Please contact the Parish Office to
make an appointment.

MARRIAGES

To be arranged at least six months
before marriage. Call the Parish Office.

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 10

6:30 am Int of John & Liz
O'Shaughnessy

8:00 am Kitty Holt†

Tuesday, October 11

6:30 am Janet Carrow†

8:00 am Sally & Harold Hoefert†

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 am Bill Haine†

8:00 am Dr. Jim Brown†

**Father Chris – The People of
St. Mary's Parish**

Thursday, October 13

6:30 am Marilyn Halliday†

8:00 am Christopher Cleary†

Friday, October 14

6:30 am Stella Lyons†

8:00 am Joseph Witchert

Saturday, October 15

6:30 am Christine Milburn†

8:00 am Steve Halliday†

5:15 pm John & Josephine
Stickling†

Sunday, October 16

6:30 am Florence Loy†

8:00 am Kathy Kinsella Hinrich†

9:30 am Darlene Bohannon†

11:00 am Genarose Gearing†

5:15 pm Int of Josepha Stillwell
Family

Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith

One of the beautiful aspects of St. Mary's is its long history. The church we pray in each Sunday is over 125 years old...the parish itself, of course, is older. That speaks of a people dedicated to Christ and to the Faith. That should be celebrated in a world where the transitory thrill or diversion is emphasized, while truth and goodness and purity are discounted or even attacked.

This weekend celebrates our parish, our history, and the Faith...and how we become part of that history...

Oktoberfest is here!

Möge der allmächtige Gott uns segnen (*May Almighty God bless us*)

In Christ,
Fr. Chris

*** Some have wondered how our religious priests and ministries in Florida have fared through Hurricane Ian. Many of our priests have had to relocate because of damage, but all are safe. Our newly staffed parish, San Pedro, in the Diocese of Venice, withstood the hurricane rather well and serves as a relief center for many in need. The Retreat House in the diocese, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, did not fare as well. There is extensive damage and flooding to the entire complex and even the damage itself has not fully been measured. Please keep our Florida Oblates in your prayers.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, Florida



**A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (OCTOBER 15, 16)
WILL BE COLLECTED AND SENT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN
THE DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA FOR HURRICANE RELIEF.**

If you have submitted a name for prayers in the bulletin they will remain for one month. If you would like to ask the parish to continue praying, please let the parish office know by calling (618) 465-4284. Thank you for your prayers!

Requests for Prayers

Please remember our brothers and sisters, who are in need of prayer.

The Ringering Family, The Grossheim Family, Mark Crammond & Family, Lucy Rose Lucas, Naomi Fader, Barb Cronn, Everett O'Connor, Jack Droste, Matthew Paulda, Mistina Holt, Mary Jenniches, Sean Michael Donahue, Veronica Murray, Keith Houghton, Debra Houghton, Phyllis Milford-Rill, Larry Greenwell, Emilee Tate, Pat Gorman, Liam Maher, G. Terry Westfall, Ellen Saville, Margarita Pulido, Bob Rill, Chris Henkhaus, Mike Mihalich, Martha Kraehmer, Michael Jennings, Jr., Francis Gonzales, Henry Leady, Stephen Turvey, Rollan "Jerry" Jouett, Samuel Madrey, Mary Ann Raymond, Denny Meehan, Sarah Huber, Joan Cox, Florence Sabaj, Bonnie Haegele, Carolyn Holt, Eric Holt, Jenny Breden, Barbara Hill, Jim Budde, Ron Eaton, Cindy Klunk, Catharine Williams, Jerome Carrigan, Donna Lavite, Toni Eichorn, Louis Ferraro, Nathan Robbins, Nicole Purcell, Jack Hartmann, Jerome Baumann, Mary Gillett, Douglas Richardson, Lexie Smith, Baby Kendall Madrey, Rhonda Clark, Richard Davis, Gerald Yungling, Jan Nolan, Jessica Boyd, Sara Ursprung, Mandy Buck O'Connor, Joe Mercurio, Steven G., Gary Harder, Angie Wiegand, Mark Riley, DeAnna Gleason, Mary Featherstone, Kelsey Thaxton, Stephen Adams, Kimmie Poisson, Anna Hartmann, Charlene Carpenter, Jeremy Madison, Michael McNamee, Sr., Bill Greenwell, Beckett Krieg, Tyler Hamby, Mary Buckley, Julie Henkhaus, Thelma Kochan, Mike Oldershaw, Bryce C., Bill Fitzgerald, Tom Barrett, Emert Wyss, Mary Wicklund, Gerald Wilson, Pamela Kaizer, Constance Schulz, Darrell Griggs, Baby Charlotte Wenshinsky, Mike Hanahan, Lisa Scheldt, Roy Kubicek, Sherry Rexford, Ron Ridder, Marge Ridder, Victor E., Barbara Hayes, Angel Brenner, Laura Harman, Sharon Bosoluke, Our Friend Mary, Kathleen Buckley, Steve Miller, Scott Manns, Joe Hansen, Brenda Vernatti, Nancy Malone, Megan Paulda, Donna Schrage, Bob Wilcox, Stephen Jouett, John & Kate Andre, Russell Fleming, Michael David Cope, Sharleen Bell, Tanner Akers, Amy Terhaar, Kathy McGuire, Patricia Saale, Baby Leo, Pam Bauer, Dolores Hill, Anthony Loscalzo, Steve Saale, Zach Teipe and Family, Tad Holt, Max Ehrat, Joseph Hansen Jr., Mary Beckmann, Elaine McRae, Nancy Erikson, Kathleen Anderson, Dan Hurley, Helen Beirmann, Mary Jo Buesteton, Debbie Jones, Bob Dixon, Kathy Budde, Mark Dehner, Sweet Lainey and her family, Taylor W., Joe Bayer, Sally Fosdick, Kenny Altenberger, Mary Wuellner, Christy Flanagan, Neal Manns, Bonnie Cleary, Erlene Leady, Meredith Ragsdale, Maribeth Leigh, Donna Kahr, Sharon, Ava Crites, Fran Chappell, Nina Greenwell

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, and intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Focus: The Lord has done great things for us.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our gratitude for what God has done for us, particularly through Christ. It begins with acknowledging that it is the Lord who has acted on our behalf. Such recognition can in turn lead us to a greater appreciation for God's greatness, to a deeper faith, and to true worship.

In the first reading, Naaman is healed after following Elisha's instructions to plunge himself into the Jordan seven times. Afterward, he pledges to offer sacrifices only to the Lord. Paul writes to Timothy that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ for which he is suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. In the Gospel, Jesus is traveling throughout Samaria and Galilee when ten lepers call to him, *Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!* Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests and the lepers are healed while on their way. Only one leper, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to Jesus.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO - THE CREEDS

THE WORLD WAS CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

THE HOLY TRINITY IN THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH THE DIVINE WORKS AND THE TRINITARIAN MISSIONS

297. Scripture bears witness to faith in creation "out of nothing" as a truth full of promise and hope. Thus the mother of seven sons encourages them for martyrdom:

I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws. . . Look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being.¹⁴⁷



Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the soul of

**Mary Lou Meyer
And
Russell Fleming**

"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Jordan Cook, Kris Drake, Kyle Gray, Brian Gehm, Alaina Gehm, Johnny Braun, Grant Wanamaker, Trenton Brown, Michael Lucas, Drew Hargus, Steven Layne Blair, Jr., Joseph Brakeville, Keith Johnson, Joseph Buehlman, Teresa Buehlman, Austin Knebel, Megan Schuette, Daniel Chartrand, Morgun Yogore, William Kerr, Alex Geisen, Matthew Gonzales, Jacob Allen, Matt Jouett, Tamara Cardenas, Emily Keith, Lisa Haegele, Kyle Ontis, Kaleb Denney, Caleb Rench, Danny Geringer, Zach Meyer, Samantha Gorman, Lane Oliver, Alexander Jaworski, Lance Perkey, Jonathan McCullough, Samantha Hoehn, Grace Gerhart, Trent Ward, Michael Cooke, Ed Maag, Luke Plunkett, Abby Linscott, Eddie Frieling, Avery Geisen, Ellanour Brass, Austen Goheen, Matthew Bazzell, J.C. Wuellner

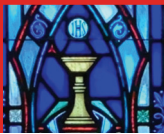


BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Olivia Farmer & Zach Edwards
Brittney McHenry & Aaron Geisen
Caroline Hoefert & Austin Siener

Who will be married during the month of October.
We offer our best wishes and prayers that the peace of Christ may live always in their hearts and in their home!

ST. MARY'S Adoration Chapel



<http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton>

Adorers Needed:

Saturdays: 6:00pm

Additional Adorers Needed:

Tuesdays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm,
7:00pm, 9:00pm

Wednesdays: 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Saturdays: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm,
8:00pm, 9:00pm

MASS TIMES UPDATE

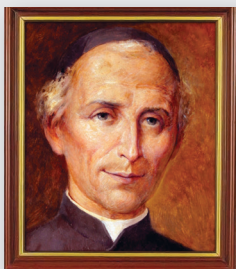
Please note that our Mass times will be different THIS Sunday, October 9th due to the Oktoberfest celebration. We will not have a 9:30am or a 5:15pm Mass. The 11:00am Mass will be our annual "Mass In The Grass" at Garfield Park. Don't forget your lawn chairs!!

**If inclement weather, the 11:00am Mass will be moved to the Church*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 11th at 8:00am.

Venerable Bruno Lanteri



*"Always carry
a rosary, recite
nine Hail Marys,
have a picture of
Mary, speak to
her, greet her often."*

- Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri, OMV

Learn more and request prayers online:
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Change in date!

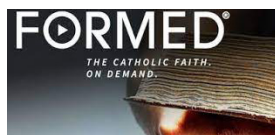
Due to the Oktoberfest celebration, the next Baptismal preparation class will be held **Sunday, October 16th**. This class meets immediately following the 11:00 am Mass in the MaryAnn Room (in the basement of the Church). Please call the Parish Office at (618) 465-4284 to register for this class.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. On this day, we remember in the sacrifice of the Mass our family, friends, and loved ones who have died, especially those who have died within the past year. Please join us on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm for this special Mass (FB Livestream will be available). If you would like your loved one to be remembered during this Mass, please let the Parish Office know by Wednesday, October 26th or by dropping your All Souls' Day Mass offering envelope (**skip ahead in your envelope box**) into the collection basket.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FORMED NEWS!



Know your Faith better!! FORMED is offering many courses to better your mental health, enhance your Catholic faith with study guides & video courses, and introduce/expand your knowledge of the Saints. To learn more, visit our FORMED page at www.stmarysalton.com/formed. If you don't have a FORMED account, you can create one through the FORMED link.

ROSARY IN THE GROTTTO

Saturdays of October

Please join us each Saturday during the month of October in asking Mary's blessings upon our families, Parish and community! Our October outdoor rosary will be held in the grotto following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

**** Please note: we will not have our Rosary in the Grotto on Saturday, October 8th due to Oktoberfest**

SET ASIDE SOME TIME!

You are welcome to come to "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit" Prayer Group held Monday evenings in the MaryAnn Room from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (**not holy days or holidays**). Please bring your Bible! For more information, please contact: Sr. Sharon Nolte, cdp at shar191@juno.com

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours are

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

The office is open! We are able to conduct most business over the phone or via e-mail. Our after-hours drop box is also available if you wish to drop off something for the Parish Office or the school.

We are ready to serve you!

Parish Office: (618) 465-4284

Laurie Horn ~ Laurie@stmarysalton.com

Tricia Conrad ~ Trish@stmarysalton.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

MILITARY MASS

The October Military Mass will be Thursday, Oct.13th at 6:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Join us to pray for our active Military, Veterans, living and deceased, and their families and our Nation.

ROSARY CRUSADE

The 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held on Saturday, October 15th at Noon at the Lincoln-Douglas Square on Broadway in Alton. If rain, the rosary crusade will be moved to Alton Square Mall. For more information, please contact Josepha (Jodi) Stillwell (618)328-8611.

LAOH GLO BINGO

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) will hold a Glo Bingo event at the Godfrey Sportsman's Club on **Friday, October 21st**. Tickets: \$25 / Pay out: \$100 per card. Doors open at 6:00pm / Bingo begins at 7:00pm. Cash bar will be available – bring your own snacks! For more information, please contact: Martha Lewis (618)402-0194 or Mary Ann Wojtkowski (314)650-2161.

ALTON DEANERY GATHERING

All ladies in the Alton Deanery are invited to attend a "gathering" at St. Jerome Parish in Troy, IL on Wednesday, October 19th. Come and share projects, upcoming plans, events and service projects from your Parish. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:00am, followed by light refreshments, fellowship and discussion. For more information, please contact Sue Schwegel (618)466-4208.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
www.40daysgc.com

Help pray and fast for an end to abortion! This year's 40 Days for Life will be held from September 28th – November 6th at the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, IL. You can help by "adopting" an hour on the St. Mary's designated day of **Friday, October 21st** to peacefully pray at the abortion clinic. Please contact Don Ehrman with questions or to volunteer (618)616-0061 or select a time from the sign-up link: <https://tiny.cc/x0ezuz>

Please join us ~~ There will be a 40 Days for Life Mid-Point Rally on Sunday, October 16th from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jess Biermann, Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Edwardsville.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to St. Mary's for your participation in ThriVe's 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign. With your help, St. Mary's raised \$4,134.57!! The 2022 campaign raised \$53,000.00 in total! We thank God for your generosity and obedience to God's call. Your gifts have gone directly to rescue children from abortion. Every \$1,200.00 saves another life!

~ Cara Paschal, ThriVe Executive Director

KNIGHTS NEWS

PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

The Alton Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a priest appreciation dinner on Saturday, October 22nd. Priests and Deacons from both St. Mary's and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes will be honored with a dinner to be held at St Mary's Suddes Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a catered meal from Santino's Restaurant will be served. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Parish Office (618)465-4284. The cost is \$20 per person and payable when checking in at the door. Reservations should be made prior to **Saturday, October 15th**. If paying by check, please make them payable to Alton Knights of Columbus.

Our priests serve their parishes every day of the year. This is our chance to show them how much they are appreciated. Please join us in celebrating their selfless service to our parishes.



'Walking With a Purpose' is a Catholic Women's Bible Study group that brings women together as they embark on a journey closer to the heart of God. This Fall, we will be reading through Living In The Father's Love – a six-lesson study of God the Father that reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. Sessions will be held from 10:00am-11:30am in the St. Patrick's Room. Study group dates: October 13, October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, November 17. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Byanka Haine: byankamg@gmail.com

FALL BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church & School (located at 2300 Pontoon Rd in Granite City) will hold their annual Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner on Sunday, October 23rd from 11:00am-5:00pm. Come and enjoy turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, various casseroles, delish desserts and more! Cost: \$13 Adults/\$7 Children 4-10/free for children 3 & under. They will also have a quilt raffle, basket booth, pumpkin decorating & more. For more information: www.stelizabethgc.org

Congratulations!

Congratulations to St. Mary's Parishioner, Dick Alford on winning the 2022 Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club "Service Above Self" award! The award will be presented at a dinner on October 20th at the Best Western Premier Hotel in Alton. The dinner is open to all! Tickets are \$50 each or \$400 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets, please stop by Carrolton Bank, buy online at altongodfreyrotary.org or by calling John Rain (618)462-4455 / Steve Tassinari (618)466-5474. To be a sponsor, call John Hopkins (618)616-7969.



**** The "Service Above Self" award is presented to a community member that exemplifies the spirit of placing service to others above personal gain. Thank you for all that you do for our community, Dick!**

OKTOBERFEST 2022 - October 7, 8 & 9

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Our 15th annual Oktoberfest kicks off
THIS weekend!! Thank you to everyone who has made
this one of our most successful fundraisers for our
Parish! Let's make this our biggest Oktoberfest yet!

SWEEPSTAKES

<http://stmaryoktoberfest.givesmart.com>

There's still time to get your sweepstakes tickets! You can purchase your tickets at the Oktoberfest celebration ~ Tickets are \$25 each or buy 4, get the 5th ticket free!

AUCTION & BASKET RAFFLE

<http://stmaryoktest.givesmart.com>

The Sunday evening Live Auction is back!!

All items can be viewed in Suddes Hall - To place your bids, please visit the GiveSmart page.

For questions, please contact:

Auction - Lauren Scyoc: auction@stmarysoktoberfest.com

Basket Raffle - Jenn Von Sothen: jenn.vonsothen@gadellnet.com

Basket Raffle - Sarah Hosford: sarahhoss123@icloud.com

GET YOUR GEAR!

If you purchased Oktoberfest apparel through the online store, you will be able to pick up your pre-paid orders at the Merchandise table. If you missed the online store ordering option, don't worry! We will also have merchandise available at the Oktoberfest celebration. Any questions, please contact Jen Cowan (618)698-1626 or jcowan2005@gmail.com

LIVE BAND STAGE SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ~ Lady Luck (7-11pm Main)

Sunday ~ Big Shake Daddies (12:30-4pm Festival),
St. Louis Czech Express (12:30-4pm Main),
Back in the Saddle (5:30-9pm Main)



PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity,
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward,
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

LITURGICAL ROLES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

New schedules have gone out by email and through MSP.

If you are offline and need your schedule, contact the parish office. If you would like to discontinue or change ministries, also contact us and we will get you set up.

If you have lost access to your account, contact msp@stmarysalton.com for assistance.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Servers and Lectors are welcome to resume all roles.

LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysalton>

No account or login is required to watch

Mass at 8:00 am Daily

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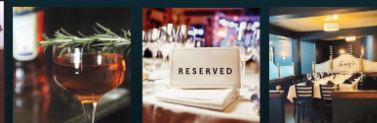
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