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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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 29

6:30 am Patricia & Robert Connort†

9:00 am Bill Steinert†
(at St. Joseph Cemetery)

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 am Edythe & Joseph Kluet†

8:00 am Donald "Wayne" Wagnont†

Wednesday, May 31

6:30 am Thomas & Birdie Burke†

8:00 am Msgr. John Brunet†

Father Chris – The People of
St. Mary's

Thursday, June 1

6:30 am Barbara Hayest†

8:00 am Tim Molloy, Sr.†

Friday, June 2

6:30 am Evelyn Nolt†

8:00 am Int of Michael Stirton

5:15 pm OMV Vocations

Saturday, June 3

6:30 am Michelle Molloy†

8:00 am Rosie Baalman†

5:15 pm Int of Jeff & Tricia Conrad

Sunday, June 4

6:30 am Int of Larry & Mary
Roderfeld Family

8:00 am Albert & Marjorie Waltert†

9:30 am Joe & Judy Burnst†

11:00 am David Zorget†

5:15 pm Ranger Buchanan†

Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith

Please read the following summaries provided by our bishop of two different important documents from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine approved for publication by the USCCB Administrative Committee on March 20, 2023:

1. **Doctrinal Note on the Moral Limits to Technological Manipulation of the Human Body**

In this statement, the Committee affirms that there is a God-given order in creation, an order that we must respect if we are to find "fulfilment as human persons, to find true happiness." Respect for that order entails limits on how the human body may morally be manipulated by means of technology. "Genuine respect for human dignity requires that decisions about the use of technology be guided by genuine respect for this created order."

A crucial aspect of that order is the body-soul unity of every human person. "Throughout her history, the Church has opposed dualistic conceptions of the human person that do not regard the body as an intrinsic part of the human person, as if the soul were essentially complete in itself and the body were merely an instrument used by the soul." Furthermore, respect for human bodiliness requires respect for the fact the human body is sexually differentiated as male or female.

The Church's moral tradition recognizes two scenarios in which technological interventions on the human body may be morally justified: 1) "when such interventions aim to repair a defect in the body"; 2) "when the sacrifice of a part of the body is necessary for the welfare of the whole body." While these "two types of technological interventions take the basic order of the human person as a given and do not intend to alter it, there is another type of intervention that regards this order as unsatisfactory in some way and proposes a more desirable order, a redesigned order."

Certain theoretical proposals for genetic engineering or "cybernetic enhancement" would fit into this category, but the bishops' immediate

concern is "the range of technological interventions advocated by many in our society as treatments for what is termed 'gender dysphoria' or 'gender incongruence.' These interventions involve the use of surgical or chemical techniques that aim to exchange the sex characteristics of a patient's body for those of the opposite sex or for simulations thereof."

The Committee concludes that such interventions "do not respect the fundamental order of the human person as an intrinsic unity of body and soul, with a body that is sexually differentiated." Consequently, Catholic health care services must not perform such interventions.

The Committee goes on to affirm that Catholic health care services "must employ all appropriate resources to mitigate the suffering of those who struggle with gender incongruence," but also insists that "the means used must respect the fundamental order of the human body."

The Committee explains: "Any technological intervention that does not accord with the fundamental order of the human person as a unity of body and soul, including the sexual difference inscribed in the body, ultimately does not help but, rather, harms the human person."

The Committee ends the statement by recalling that "Catholic health care services are called to provide a model of promoting the authentic good of the human person. To fulfill this duty, all who collaborate in Catholic health care ministry must make every effort, using all appropriate means at their disposal, to provide the best medical care, as well as Christ's compassionate accompaniment, to all patients, no matter who they may be or from what condition they may be suffering."

2. **Statement On the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains**

This statement provides principles for evaluating the newer methods and technologies for disposition of the bodies of the deceased. These

THE 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE FOR OUR CAPITAL FUND.

principles are based on the 2016 "Instruction regarding the Burial of the Deceased and the Conservation of the Ashes in the Case of Cremation" (*Ad resurgendum cum Christo*) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In the statement, the Committee affirms that every human being has been created in the image of God and has an inherent dignity and worth. Furthermore, since "every man and woman is a unity of body and soul, respect for the person necessarily includes respect for the body." The Church considers burial to be "the most appropriate way of manifesting reverence and respect for the body of the deceased," as it "clearly expresses our faith and hope in the resurrection of the body." The Church permits cremation unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to the faith, but the preferred method is burial.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's Instruction provides the essential requirements for disposition of ashes in order to show proper respect, the first of which is that they "be laid to rest in a sacred place." Moreover, they may not be kept permanently at home, divided among family members, scattered, or encased in jewelry or other mementos. An important part of the respect that we owe to the dead is "to preserve their memory in the Church and to pray for them." Thus, reserving the ashes in a sacred place is crucial because it helps to prevent the deceased from being deprived of "the prayers and remembrance of their families and of the Christian community as a whole."

The two most prominent newer methods for disposition of bodily remains that are proposed as alternatives to burial and cremation, alkaline hydrolysis and human composting, fail to satisfy these requirements for proper respect for the bodies of the dead. After the alkaline hydrolysis process, there are some bone remnants that could be pulverized and placed in an urn, but there are also about 100 gallons of liquid into which the greater part of the body has been dissolved; this liquid is treated as wastewater and poured down the drain into sewer system. At the end of the human composting process, the body has completely decomposed with the accompanying plant matter to yield a single mass of compost; there is nothing distinguishably left of the body to be placed in a casket or an urn and laid to rest in a sacred place.

The Committee ends the statement by recalling that our faith teaches us that our ultimate destiny includes our bodiliness. "We are therefore obliged to respect our bodily existence throughout our lives and to respect the bodies of the deceased when their earthly lives have come to an end. The way that we treat the bodies of our beloved dead must always bear witness to our faith in and our hope for what God has promised us."

I hope the above summaries of the two documents are helpful.

Peace and blessings,

† **Bishop Paprocki**

Both documents in their entirety can be read here:

1) <https://www.usccb.org/resources/doctrinal-note-moral-limits-technological-manipulation-human-body>

2) <https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/us-bishops-doctrine-committee-issues-statement-proper-disposition-bodily-remains>

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., 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, Bill Fitzgerald, Tom Barrett, Emert Wyss, Mary Wicklund, Pamela Kaizer, Constance Schulz, Darrell Griggs, Baby Charlotte Wenshinsky, Mike Hanahan, Lisa Scheldt, Roy Kubicek, Ron Ridder, Marge Ridder, Victor E., Angel Brenner, Laura Harman, Our Friend Mary, Kathleen Buckley, Steve Miller, Scott Manns, Brenda Vernatti, Nancy Malone, Megan Paulda, Donna Schrage, Bob Wilcox, Stephen Jouett, John & Kate Andre, Michael David Cope, Sharleen Bell, Tanner Akers, Amy Terhaar, Kathy McGuire, Patricia Saale, Baby Leo, Pam Bauer, Dolores Hill, Anthony Loscalzo, Zach Teipe and Family, Tad Holt, Joseph Hansen Jr., Mary Beckmann, Elaine McRae, Nancy Erikson, Kathleen Anderson, Helen Beirmann, Mary Jo Buesteton, Debbie Jones, 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, Nina Greenwell, Olga Kornukhova, Rosemary Ruedin, Juanita & Henry Cruz, Margaret & Ray Clark, Carol Geisen, Josh Hedges, Grant Haegele, Dale Brown, Mackenzie Haegele, Lisa Guccione, The Hughes Family, The Cervantes Family, Dan Hurley, Kay Barnett, Laura Wright, Kay Ansell, Don Williams, Richard Hudanick, Celeste Frasier, Sylvia Manns, Katie Butler Simpson, Nancy Gonzales, Madison Krankel, Amy Madalon, Michelle Perica, Mary Miles, Joseph Fischer, Carol Henkhaus, Cheryl Whitten, Sarah Stirton, Chuck Pohlman, JoAnn Acheson, Roy Geisen, Toni Messinger, Sophie H., Mary Thompson, Ava Holt, Doug Manns, Joseph Gleason, Ann Reilly, Richard DuPatz, Jeff Vaughn, Levi McDonald, Allison Brakeville, Sydney Hosford

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7 ~ John 20:19-23

Focus: *Easter isn't just about Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but our rising to new life.*

The first Easter – that day in human history where Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is not simply a historical fact, but a theological and spiritual reality in which we continue to live. We are immersed in the life that was created for us in His rising, and we celebrate that “little Easter” in every Sunday Eucharist. Through the grace received there and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are sent as workers in the kingdom, helping to renew the face of the earth.

In the first reading, we hear about the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first followers of Jesus who begin speaking in different tongues. Saint Paul says that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts and forms of service, but the same Spirit and Lord who produces all of them in everyone. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying peace be with you and showing them His hands and His side.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO – THE CREEDS

THE WORLD WAS CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

HEAVEN AND EARTH

330 As purely *spiritual* creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

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 Haegeler, Kyle Ontis, Kaleb Denney, Caleb Rench, Danny Geringer, 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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE - NEW OFFICE HOURS

Our new office hours are Monday – Friday, after the 8am Mass, from 8:30-3:30 with a lunch hour from Noon until 1:00. Carolyn Simansky and Marci Wendle will both be working part-time in the office on alternating days. You may reach them at their new emails, carolyn@stmarysalton.com and marci@stmarysalton.com.

COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S

Coffee & Doughnut Sunday – May 28

Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery – May 29

First Friday – June 2

Lanteri Guild Mass & Mtg. - June 5

Corpus Christi Procession – June 11

St. Mary's Vacation Bible School – July 17-19

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – *Pray with us!*

Pray the rosary with your own family and our Parish Family! During the month of May ~ the month of our Lady ~ we will meet at the Grotto each Saturday following the 5:15pm Mass to pray the Rosary. (The grotto is outside behind the church and rectory. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be held in the church.) *What a wonderful time to come together to pray to our Lord and honor our Mother Mary. All are invited, young and not-so-young alike!*

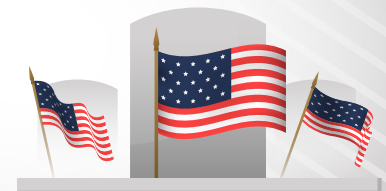
This Sunday! *Coffee & Donuts!*



Please join us TODAY, May 28, in the MARY ANN ROOM (church basement), for a coffee & donut fellowship following the 6:30am, 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office (618)465-4284.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Please join us in prayer we remember our beloved dead at our annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery on Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. Please note, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on this day. If it is raining, the Mass will be celebrated here at St. Mary's in the Church at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



FIRST FRIDAY

This week is the First Friday and Saturday of the month of June, days on which we traditionally honor Our Lord and His mother through the Sacraments of Confession and Communion.

Masses: **Fri & Sat:** 6:30am and 8am and Fri: 5:15pm --offered for OMV Vocations

Confessions: **Fri:** 4:00-5:00 pm and Adoration in the Church

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our St. Mary's 8th graders who graduated this past Monday, May 15. We give thanks to God for your faith and achievements. We wish you all the best in your future academic endeavors and, remember, St. Mary's will always be your home.

Ellen Anderson
Reese Bechtold
Vyla Berkenbile
Holland Brunaugh
Izabelle Brunaugh
Jacob Campbell
Ella Curry
Chase DeRocchi
James Elmendorf
Grace Fisher
Lillian Hannigan
Patrick Henesey
Ava Hernandez
Henry Hornsey
Emma Hough
Isabel Hough
Isabella Johnson
Katherine Kamp
August Koeller



Mia Lopez
Ethan McLeod
Colleen Meisenheimer
Sarah Moehn
Alec Mohrmann
Leah O'Neill
Kaylee Piar
Loral Pinkard
Morgan Rister
Sidney Scyoc
Alex Stephan
Elexis Taylor
Lucas Ventimiglia
Steven Walch
Simon Waters
Trentan Wolff
Marie Woodward
Leif Zorger

LANTERI GUILD

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, there will be no meeting of the Lanteri Guild this Monday, May 29. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 5 at 7pm in the church.

CONGRATULATIONS! What An Honor!

At the Illinois Knights of Columbus state convention last month, the Alton Council was presented with an award for the state's Faith Activity of the Year. The winning activity was the Jason Evert talks to the parish teenagers on Purified and Gender the Theology of Your Body held on February 6, 2023 at St. Mary's Church. Congratulations to the Pulido family, the Oblates and all the parishioners who planned, assisted and participated in this event.



Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the souls of

Carol Geisen
and
Jerome Kohrmann

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

Recent Baptisms

Ava JoVenna Diaz

Daughter of Robert & Samantha (Lafikes) Diaz

We welcome her as the newest member baptized into our Catholic Faith. May God bless her as she grows in His love.

Congratulations to

Josh Crawford and Emilie Harrison

who were united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on the 20th of April. We offer our best wishes and prayers that the peace of Christ may live always in their hearts and in their home!

Banns of Marriage

1st announcement between

Thomas Ponce and Katherine McGinty

THRIVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The annual BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN for **ThriVe MetroEast** has begun!! ThriVe MetroEast is a Pro-Life Medical Pregnancy Clinic that aims to be the first choice for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. It costs on average \$1,200 to save one life from abortion. Through the Baby Bottle Campaign, we can help ThriVe help these women and their babies. **The Campaign runs from Mother's Day through Fathers' Day.** Please take a baby bottle and return it to the church or parish office by Fathers' Day!

CALLED TO SERVE? COME AND SEE.

All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center, Friday September 8, (4 pm) thru Saturday September 9, (2pm) 2023. During the weekend you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. **Registration:** <https://form.jotform.com/231135196152046>

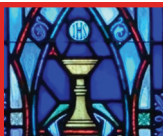


PRAYER CORNER

WITH GRATITUDE AND HONOR

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others. O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country – and for us. Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy. Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God, help us to be worthy. Amen. ~J. Veltri, S.J.

ST. MARY'S Adoration Chapel



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

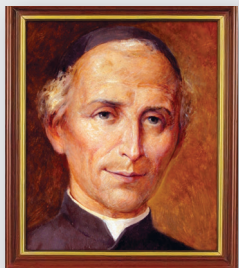
Adorers Needed:

Thursdays: 3:00pm

Fridays: 9pm

Saturdays: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm

Venerable Bruno Lanteri



"Be on guard against discouragement and lack of trust. Strive to do well all that you do, but do this with respect your humanity, without striving for an impossible perfection, focusing simply on the day at hand."

Learn more and request prayers online:
www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/



UPCOMING EVENTS

CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, June 4, St. Gertrude Parish, 202 Locust St, Grantfork, IL. Serving 11am – 4pm with limited dine-in seating. All dinners \$13 and include: half chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, slaw. No substitutions. For additional information, call 618-781-4249.

ALTON KNIGHTS BLOOD DRIVE

The Alton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 7 at St. Mary's Suddes Hall Gym, 519 E. 3rd Street, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please sign up or walk in, your donation will save lives in the Alton area. You can sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Save the Date!

The Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Woodlands Golf Club. There will be 2 tee times, 7:45am and 1:30pm. Please follow the bulletin this summer for more info. <https://stmarysalton.com/golf-tournament>



July 17-19, 9 AM to 12:30 PM

Pre-K through 7th grade

Registration for VBS is now open! Please visit stmarysalton.com/vacation-bible-school to sign up!

We also need adult and youth volunteers - please visit the same page to apply to volunteer.

*Congratulations
St. Mary's Class of 2023*



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

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Mass at 8:00 am Daily

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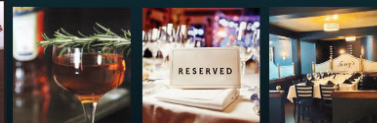
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