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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

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AUGUST 20, 2023** 

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, August 21

6:30 am Int of Joseph Hoefert 8:00 am Charles T. Keschner†

#### Tuesday, August 22

6:30 am Dan Hurley†
8:00 am Int of Wayne Wagnon
Family

#### Wednesday, August 23

6:30 am James E. McKeever† 8:00 am IL State Trooper Nicholas Hopkins†

Father Chris – The People of St. Mary's

#### **Thursday, August 24**

6:30 am Int of St. Mary's School Teachers

8:00 am Tom, Helen & Nancy Walsh†

#### Friday, August 25

6:30 am Albert & Joan Roderfeld†

8:00 am Michelle Perica†

#### Saturday, August 26

6:30 am Int of Marquette Catholic's School Teachers

8:00 am For Special Intentions

5:15 pm Robert "Whitey" & Norma Hamilton†

#### Sunday, August 27

6:30 am Int of St. Mary's Parish Office Staff

8:00 am Int of Dianna Van Boovan

9:30 am Int of Meredith Ragsdale

11:00 am Int of J.P. Dix

5:15 pm Jeanette Zybarth†

## **Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith**

#### We possess Christ, our peace, our light

He is our peace, for he has made both one. Since we think of Christ as our peace, we may call ourselves true Christians only if our lives express Christ by our own peace. As the Apostle says: He has put enmity to death. We must never allow it to be rekindled in us in any way but must declare that it is absolutely dead. Gloriously has God slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must not awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead.

No, since we possess Christ who is peace, we must put an end to this enmity and live as we believe he lived. He broke down the separating wall, uniting what was divided, bringing about peace by reconciling in his single person those who disagreed. In the same way, we must be reconciled not only with those who attack us from outside, but also with those who stir up dissension within; flesh then will no longer be opposed to the spirit, nor the spirit to the flesh. Once we subject the wisdom of the flesh to God's law, we shall be re-created as one single man at peace. Then, having become one instead of two, we shall have peace within ourselves.

Now peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end that civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become peace. By this peace we demonstrate that the name of Christ, which we bear, is authentic and appropriate.

When we consider that Christ is the true light, having nothing in common with deceit, we learn that our own life also must shine with the rays of that true light. Now these rays of the Sun of Justice are the virtues which pour out to enlighten us so that we may put away the works of darkness and walk honorably as in broad daylight. When we reject the deeds of darkness and do everything in the light of day, we become light and, as light should, we give light to others by our actions.

If we truly think of Christ as our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and thus show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. For the quality of holiness is shown not by what we say but by what we do in life.

From a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, bishop (PG 46, 259-262)

#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**







THE 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE FOR THE MADISON COUNTY ST. SERRA VOCATIONS CLUB.

Please contact the parish office if you need prayers or want to have prayers said for a relative or friend. Several times a year when the list gets long, we will begin again with a new list after a notice in the bulletin; at that time simply let the parish office know if you still require prayers. Our new office emails are: carolyn@stmarysalton.com and marci@stmarysalton.com



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

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Chuck Hughes, Kay Barnett, Laura Wright, Kay Ansell, Don Williams, Richard Hudanick, Celeste Frasier, Sylvia Manns, Katie Butler Simpson, Nancy Gonzales, Madison Krankel, 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, Darrell Dugger, Christopher Taul, Ted Holt, Jana Howell, Michael Raymond, Mary Featherstone, Phil Pohlman, Randy Ledbetter, Margaret Schwegel, Joe Bayer, Sean Michael Donahue, Ellen Saville, Bob & Phyllis Rill, Mike Hanahan, Leah Grace & Family, Linda Schafer, Mackenzie Haegele, Walter Gregory, Jenny Breden, Florence Sabaj, Terry Westfall, Rosemary Ruedin, Rollan (Jerry) Jouett, Stephen Jouett, Dolores Hill, Barbara Hill, James Eberhardt, Nancy Erickson, Kathleen Anderson, Matthew Cleland, Roy Kubicek, Amy Terhaar, Olga Kornyukhova, Julie Huch, Jim Wicklund, Nina Greenwell, Rick Faccin, Meredith Ragsdale, Vince Walter

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.

#### 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, 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, Grant Haegele

#### THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ~ Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 ~ Matthew 15:21-28

Focus: Today and every day we celebrate the acodness of God.

Celebration for the generosity of God resounds in our readings today. As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy because God has included all people in his bountiful mercy. That joy leads us to reach out to all with compassion and mercy.

In the first reading, Isaiah tells the people to observe what is right and do what is just, for God's salvation is about to come for all who hold to his covenant. Paul writes that he is the apostle to the Gentiles, for God has delivered them too. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman because the woman's faith is great.

#### 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** THE VISIBLE WORLD

342 The hierarchy of creatures is expressed by the order of the "six days", from the less perfect to the more perfect. God loves all his creatures<sup>209</sup> and takes care of each one, even the sparrow. Nevertheless, Jesus said: "You are of more value than many sparrows", or again: "Of how much more value is a man than a sheep!"210

#### **COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S**

2nd Oktoberfest Planning Mtg at Tony's – August 20 Lanteri Guild Meeting - August 28 St. Mary's Golf Tournament - Sept. 9 Register w/Parish Office for Eucharistic Congress by Sept. 15 Life Chain Sunday - October 1

Oktoberfest - October 6, 7, 8



**Dan Hurley** Richard Deck and

#### Barbara Moehn

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

## Recent Baptisms

## Theresa Mia Dawn Paulos Daughter of Abel and Kristen (Vatole) Paulos

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

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

1st announcement between

Michael Lis-Planells and Maria Wendle



**The 24th 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. Registration is now open and sponsors are needed.

All information can be found here: https://stmarysalton.com/golf-tournament

#### **TODAY! OKTOBERFEST 2023**

Our 2nd Committee Meeting is today, Sunday, August

20 at 4pm at Tony's Restaurant. New committee members are always needed! From soliciting sponsorships and auction items to setting up and cleaning the grounds that weekend, there is a place for everyone's talents! Please contact Mandy Lewis at



amandalewis1109@gmail.com with any interest or questions. St. Mary's Oktoberfest will be held Friday, Oct. 6 - Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023.

#### JOIN US! RUN, WALK, & FELLOWSHIP

St Mary's is currently forming a group for runners (and walkers) to promote fitness and fellowship among our parish family. The group meets for group runs at least twice a month for a run/or walk followed by snacks and drinks after the run. The next group run is Saturday, August 26 at 9am at Clifton Terrace Park off the River Road. Join us for a nice morning run, and let's get ready for the Oktoberfest 5K!

For more information and to see the latest events or schedule changes, follow the St. Mary's Running Group Facebook page (you don't need an account to view the info) or Instagram @ st.marys.running.group.

#### **NEW NUMBER? NEW ADDRESS?**

In trying to reach some of our parishioners, we notice that often people who are registered with St. Mary's did so with a landline phone number; now many people have done away with their landlines and only have cell phone numbers. If you have a new phone number, you've changed your address, you have never registered your email address or have a new email address, please drop a line to the parish office! We'd love to have your registry updated. Contact us at carolyn@ stmarysalton.com or marci@stmarysalton.com. You can even drop a note in the collection basket for us! *Thank you!* 



## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

If you belong to St. Mary's Parish and your child attends a public school, grades 1 - 8, please be sure to enroll your child or children in our Parish School of Religion Program (PSR). We

meet every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. You can find PSR Registration Packets at the back of the church or in the parish office. Please read carefully, fill out the forms, and return to the parish office on or before Friday, August 9. You may also use the parish office drop box if you come by after hours or on the weekend.

## Invitation to Participate? Curious about Catholicism?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Have you been listening in to our Facebook Live services? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation: So this is that personal invitation! Join us for refreshments, conversation, questions and answers about Jesus and the Catholic Church beginning Thursday, Sept. 7. Please leave your contact information: name, email address, and phone number at this email address, rcia@ stmarysalton.com; or call the parish office at 618-465-4284. Come and see!

## St. Mary's School has the following openings for the 2023-2024 school year:

Part-time Bus Driver – St. Mary's School is seeking a part-time bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the following: Class B CDL License, Passenger Endorsement and School Bus Endorsement. St. Mary's will pay for the licenses and endorsements.

**To apply**, please contact Beth Hogg at bhogg@smsalton. com. Interested candidates should send a resume that includes references as well as a cover letter.

#### AN AFFAIR OF THE ART

Sponsor the Alton Catholic Children's Home's popular art auction. There are 5 levels, corporate or individual: Platinum (\$5000); Gold (\$2500), Silver (\$1000); Bronze (\$500); Friends of CCH (\$25 and up). In addition, there are four advertisement sponsorships available for this event: full pg (\$250); 1/2-pg (\$100); 1/4-pg (\$50); business card (\$25). Please return your information with payment to Catholic Children's Home, Attn: Michael Shelton-Montez/DeAnn Gleason, 1400 State Street, Alton, IL 62002. You can email your approved ad to masmontez@yahoo.com. For more information call 618-465-3594.

#### POCKET CHANGE FOR SERRA COLLECTION

The weekend of August 26/27 we will have the opportunity to support our area's own St. Serra Vocations Club of Madison County through a special collection. The St. Serra Vocations Club fosters and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life and is named for Blessed Junipero Serra, 18th century missionary to California. We have appreciation events for current and retired priests/deacons/religious and help support future vocations through financial donations, vocation days, and prayer.

If you would like to help us continue in this mission, please consider giving just a little of what you have, or your "pocket change!", on August 26/27 to help us in our mission. Your money will be used wisely within the confines of Madison/Jersey/Calhoun Counties to support current and future Church vocations. Thank you and God bless you!

The Madison County Serrans were chartered September 2010. If you would like to know more about us or join us, please contact Dorothy Droste, Vice President of Membership at 618-466-7746, for information.

#### MARQUETTE MEGA RAFFLE

Tickets go on sale Monday 8/14 for the MCHS annual \$50,000 Mega Raffle! Tickets can be purchased online by going to www.marquettecatholic.org/megaraffle or contact the Development office at 618-463-0585 ext. 1. Don't miss your chance at winning \$62,000 total in cash prizes! Six early bird drawings for \$1,000 each will be drawn on the following dates: 8/19, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, & p/22. Thank you to Carrollton Bank and Liberty Bank for your support of our early bird drawings! Buy early for more chances to win!

#### **FORMED NEWS!**

Know your Faith better!! FORMED offers many wonderful programs for both children and adults. During the summer families might try to commit to watching



one FORMED program together a week, ending with a little conversation about what you watched afterward. What a great way to grow together in your faith and family life! 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.

# New! SCRIP UPDATE!!

In addition to all our other great gift cards, we are trying a few new cards! --Jimmy Johns (\$25 cards), Papa Johns, Sonic & Krispy Kreme (all \$10 cards). Also, the Alton Golden Corral has recently reopened and we have gift cards for them!

Many gift cards are available in the parish office or purchases can be made online www.RaiseRight.com or on the Raise Right App. We have Visa gift cards with NO activation fees!! Questions? Need help? Ask Kim at: thenugens@sbcglobal. net Thank you for helping support St. Mary's School!

## St. Mary's Adoration Chapel

## http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton Adorers Needed:

Thursdays: 7:00pm

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

#### **Additional Adorers Needed:**

Mondays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm

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

Wednesdays: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm

Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Fridays: 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm Saturdays: 3:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm

#### Venerable Bruno Lanteri



"Let us learn to go
forward even in the midst
of our faults, and never
to stop because of them.
If we do not know well
this art, which is not at

all easy for us, we risk turning back We must presupposed that we will commit faults, because only in heaven is it given to serve God without them."

Learn more and request prayers online:

www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Let us unite our voices in prayer! August 26th, 2023, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City. (Rain or shine. Bring a chair.) Join with others all across the state for 90 minutes of peaceful, public, prayer to affirm the sanctity of human life and for a spiritual revival in Illinois.

Did you know . . . It is possible to return to a culture of life in Illinois! It begins with each person choosing to GoPublic4Life. Join us for 90 minutes of peaceful prayer, because God changes things! For more info and locations, scan the code above or visit: Vision2020il.org "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." James 1:22



#### St. Paul's Kirchenfest

Join us for our 51st Kirchenfest at St. Paul Church in Highland Friday August 25 – Sunday August 27. Highlights include the Strassenlauf Run, Tour Von Brats Bike Race, Mega Raffle, Mega Flea Market, great music, food and games, Chicken Dinner. See www.kirchenfest.com for details.

## LANTERI GUILD

(last Monday of each month)

Are you interested in knowing more about the founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and growing in your Catholic Faith? Join Fr. Ben and the Lanteri Guild as members will be meeting on Monday, August 28, beginning with Mass at 7:00pm to discuss more about Venerable Bruno Lanteri and growing deeper in our faith. All are welcome!

Use MassTimes.org to find a Mass time during your travels/vacations! www.masstimes.org.



#### **PRAYER CORNER**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you. That with your saints I may praise you. For ever and ever.

Amen.

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#### THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY!

Join Fr. Chris this fall for The Great Adventure Bible Study!

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center, 1015 Milton Rd.

When: Beginning, Tuesday, October 24

This Bible Timeline® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. It will transform how you read the Bible and how you hear it proclaimed at Mass!



#### **EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers such as Scott Hahn and, locally, our very own Sr. M. Karolyn, FSGM; Catholic vendors; adoration; confession; Mass; and more. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, call or email the parish office before Sept 15 as each parish in the diocese is given a specific number of available seats. If you email the office (carolyn@stmarysalton. com), please include the name of each attendee, their emails, cell phone #s, and if anyone has a disability. For more information on the event, the schedule, or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit dio.org.

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

#### 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.

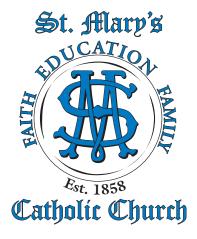
#### LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

https://www.facebook.com/stmarysalton No account or login is required to watch Mass at 8:00 am Daily

#### **DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES:**

On or before Tuesday at 3:30pm.

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