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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays & Saturdays: 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturdays: 5:15 pm (for Sunday Obligation)

Sundays: 6:30, 8:00*, 9:30, 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, 8:00 am

> 12:00 noon and 5:15 pm (if announced) First Fridays: 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

Please call the office to arrange a baptism at this time.

MARRIAGES

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

SCHOOL OFFICE

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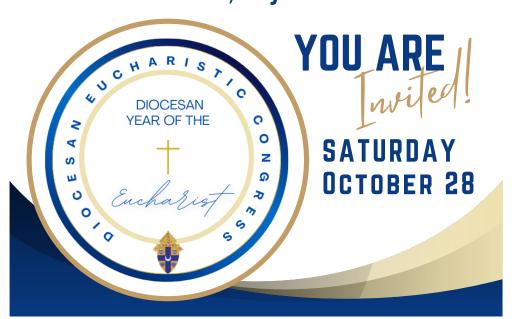
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Are you registered for this FREE celebration?

If not, why not?!



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The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos



Contact St. Mary's Office by Sept. 15 to ensure your ticket!

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 4

6:30 am Beulah Strack† 8:00 am Int of Sarah Stirton

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 am Msgr. James Suddes† 8:00 am Roger L. Kamp†

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 am Int of Helen Schlueter 8:00 am Int of Wayne Wagnon Family

Father Chris – The People of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 7

6:30 am Int of Emma Ramirez 8:00 am Raymond & Celia Fischer†

Friday, September 8

6:30 am Mary Witcher † and Carolene Wayman†

8:00 am Barb Crammond†

Saturday, September 9

6:30 am Int of Michael Lis Planells & Maria Wendle

8:00 am Int of Terry & Mike Dressel & Family

5:15 pm Shannon Williams†

Sunday, September 10

6:30 am Int of Fr. Ben Unachukwu, OMV

8:00 am Don & Gloria Manns†

9:30 am Mike McCune†

11:00 am Bill Coxt

5:15 pm Jim Losch†

Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith

O Eternal Truth, true love and beloved eternity

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance the innermost places of my being; but only because you had become my helper was I able to do so. I entered, then, and with the vision of my spirit, such as it was, I saw the incommutable light far above my spiritual ken and transcending my mind: not this common light which every carnal eye can see, nor any light of the same order; but greater, as though this common light were shining much more powerfully, far more brightly, and so extensively as to fill the universe. The light I saw was not the common light at all, but something different, utterly different, from all those things. Nor was it higher than my mind in the sense that oil floats on water or the sky is above the earth; it was exalted because this very light made me, and I was below it because by it I was made. Anyone who knows truth knows this light.

O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness, and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me".

Accordingly I looked for a way to gain the strength I needed to enjoy you, but I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also God, supreme over all things and blessed for ever. He called out, proclaiming I am the Way and Truth and the Life, nor had I known him as the food which, though I was not yet strong enough to eat it, he had mingled with our flesh, for the Word became flesh so that your Wisdom, through whom you created all things, might become for us the milk adapted to our infancy.

Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong — I, misshapen. You were with me, but I was not with you. They held me back far from you, those things which would have no being, were they not in you. You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped; and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace.

From the Confessions of St Augustine (Lib. 7, 10, 18; 10, 27: CSEL 33, 157-163, 255)

THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND WILL BE FOR OUR ST. MARY'S CAPITAL FUND.

THE 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND.

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, 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, Joan Conrad, Diane Presnell, Rick Krumrey, Mary Roderfeld, Dennis Horn, Marilynn Schulz, Frank J. Mooney, Robert B. Mooney

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 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:7-9 ~ Romans 12:1-2 ~ Matthew 16:21-27

Focus: Take up [your] cross, and follow me.

Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well. For whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

In the first reading, Jeremiah bemoans the suffering he endures because of his faithfulness to the word of the Lord. In the reading from Romans, we are urged to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and be transformed. In the Gospel, Jesus urges His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.

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

344 There is a solidarity among all creatures arising from the fact that all have the same Creator and are all ordered to his glory: May you be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially brother sun, by whom you give us light for the day; he is beautiful, radiating great splendor, and offering us a symbol of you, the Most High. . .

May you be praised, my Lord, for sister water, who is very useful and humble, precious and chaste. . .

May you be praised, my Lord, for sister earth, our mother, who bears and feeds us, and produces the variety of fruits and dappled flowers and grasses. . .

Praise and bless my Lord, give thanks and serve him in all humility.²¹²

COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S

RCIA begins - Sept. 7 St. Mary's Golf Tournament - Sept. 9 Next Oktoberfest Meeting - Sept. 10 Register w/Parish Office for Eucharistic Congress by Sept. 15 Coffee & Doughnut Sunday – Sept. 17 Life Chain Sunday - October 1

Pest in Peace Your prayers are requested for the souls of

> Kathleen Eddy and

Vincent Walter

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd announcement between

Michael Lis-Planells and Maria Wendle

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

St. Mary's School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

PSR began August 23. If you did not get the opportunity to register your children, you may still stop by the parish office and do so. St. Mary's PSR is for children who attend public school, grades 1 – 8. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. You can find PSR Registration Packets in the parish office. Please read carefully, fill out the forms, and return to the parish office as soon as possible. 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!

JOB OPENING:

Part-time Bus Driver - Interested candidates, please contact Beth Hogg at bhogg@smsalton.com St. Mary's will pay for Licenses and Endorsements for the Class B CDL License, Passenger Endorsement and School Bus Endorsement. Please make contact with the school office, too, if you just want to ask questions and find out what all the job entails. We have drivers you can speak with to receive more information on becoming a future bus driver for St. Mary's!

ST. MARY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament will be held NEXT Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Woodlands Golf Club. Proceeds from this annual tournament benefit the St. Mary's Scholarship Program. We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all of our amazing 2023 Sponsors!

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AN AFFAIR OF THE ART

Sponsor the Alton Catholic Children's Home's popular art auction which will be Oct 10, 2023. 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.

MUMS ARE BACK!

The God Squad will be selling 10" mums after Sunday Masses the weekend of September 9th and 10th. Come to the covered walkway by the basement door to purchase a splash of color for your fall garden. **Cost: \$15 each.** Special thanks to The Plant Stand in Godfrey for partnering with us! (Day-of sales only, no pre-orders.)

OKTOBERFEST 2023 NEWS! October 6, 7, 8 stmarysoktoberfest.com

St. Mary's Oktoberfest 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run

Do you like to run? Jog? Walk? Collect cool t-shirts and drink complimentary German beer? Have we got the event for you! We'll be kicking off Oktoberfest 2023 with a 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run (Walk) on Friday, Oct. 6. Go online and visit the link below for all details and to sign up for this exciting event! Special pricing and shirt size preference only guaranteed if registered by Sept. 21. https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Alton/ StMarysOktoberfest5k1MileFunRun

Donate an Item to the Oktoberfest Auction!

We are looking for items to be donated for both our LIVE and silent auctions, such as trips, sports tickets, gift cards, wine and beer, children's items, electronics, BBQ grill and accessories, family fun night packages, or any other items that can help ensure our Oktoberfest is a huge success! Donations may be dropped off at the parish office through Wednesday, Oct. 4. And the sooner you drop them off the more you help our hard-working committee! Please include a note with your name and information and specify "auction" donation. If you should have any questions, please contact Lauren Scyoc at Oktoberfest1623@gmail.com. Stumped for ideas? --we have a solution! You can purchase gift cards, or provide a monetary donation, and we can put them towards purchasing items. Stop by the office and purchase SCRIP for a double-whammy contribution! Your contributions will go a long way to help make this Oktoberfest a success, no donation is too small! We look forward to your help and support!

ST. MARY'S Adoration Chapel



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

Thursdays: 7:00pm

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

Venerable Bruno Lanteri



"Holiness does not consist in never failing, but in rising immediately, recognizing our weakness and asking God's forgiveness, and in doing

this with peace of heart, without letting ourselves be troubled."

Learn more and request prayers online:

www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/

CALLING ALL SPONSORS!

Check out all of our Oktoberfest 2023 sponsorship options, including new opportunities related to our 5K run! Checks and information can be dropped off at the parish office (please include your name, address, email, sponsorship level). Contact Cheyanne Kelly with any questions at cheyanne.freshour@gmail.com.

Platinum Plus \$2000 sponsorships

- -Name on platinum plus banner (prime advertising locations)
- -Name in all Oktoberfest publications
- -Name on 5K t-shirt and 8 complimentary race entries

Platinum \$1000 sponsorships

- -Name on platinum banner
- -Name in all Oktoberfest publications,
- -Name on 5K t-shirt and 8 complimentary race entries

Gold \$500 sponsorships

- -Name on gold banner
- -Name in all the Oktoberfest publications

Silver \$250 sponsorships

- -Name silver banner
- -Name in all the Oktoberfest publications

Bronze \$100 sponsorships

- -Name posted around the festival
- -Name in all the Oktoberfest publications.

Friends of St. Mary's (up to \$99)

-Name in all the Oktoberfest publications.

Race Sponsors (donation is designated for the 5K/1mile race)

- -\$500 donation receives name on the race t-shirt and 8 complimentary race entries
- -\$250 receives name on the race t-Shirt and 4 complimentary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marquette Catholic High School Open House

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1 -3 pm

Middle school students and parents - stop by, take a tour, and meet some of our faculty and students! Questions - contact Karen Coles, kcoles@mymchs.org or (618) 463-0585 x2



MARRIAGE ON TAP STL

Join us on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Rosalita's Cantina in Des Peres, MO. Our guest speaker will be Bishop Mark S. Rivituso, and his presentation is entitled, "Eucharistic Love Reflected in Marital Love." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Buffet dinner is \$54 per couple/\$27 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by September 12, 2023. For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

ST. CECILIA CHICKEN DINNER & FALL FESTIVAL

Sept 17, Noon until 5pm. Dine-in and Carry-out Available. Adults \$12; Children 5-10yr, \$6.

Entertainment, raffle games, bounce house. 155 N. Main, Glen Carbon, IL.

Spiritual Cinema Including Reflection and Discussion with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI Cost: Free will offering.

Tuesdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 8:30pm

The evening begins with a simple dinner followed by the viewing of an entertaining film and homemade popcorn. After the film, a time for reflection and discussion is led by Fr. Mark.

For more information, call 618-397-0584. Space is limited.

VALMEYER 2023 CHURCH PICNIC

September 17, 11am to 6pm. Sponsored by St. Mary Catholic Church and St. John UCC. Live music, Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Homemade sides, Country Store, Silent Auction, Raffle Tickets, Kids' Games. Carry-outs available.



PRAYER CORNER

Prayer For Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the spirit of discipleship among us. We want to be Your followers who know You, Love You, Serve You, Praise and Glorify You. Lord Jesus, help us to teach our children the good fruits of being Your disciples so that Your harvest field may have enough laborers.

Amen.

MEDICARE 101 INFORMATIONAL EVENT: Get Informed Before AEP

Are you or a loved one approaching Medicare eligibility? Join us for a special Medicare 101 Informational Event to help make sense of the world of Medicare and make confident decisions during the upcoming Annual Enrollment Period (AEP). Thursday, September 28th, @ 7:00pm in the St Mary's Parish Center

What to expect:

- Medicare Basics the ins and outs of Medicare parts A,B,C,
- Differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Explaining the different enrollment periods during the year, including the upcoming AEP
- What to watch out for to try to avoid scams

Bring a friend and any questions you may have. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information or questions, please call 618-213-2945 or email info@ patrickbergeragency.com

St. Cecilia KCs Music Trivia Benefiting Intellectual Disabilities

Sat., Oct. 7, St. Cecilia Parish Hall, 155 N Main St, Glen Carbon. Doors open 6pm. Play begins 7pm. \$200 per table/8 players max. To reserve table email stckofc13216@gmail.com or call 618-691-8425.

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY!

Join Fr. Chris this fall for The Great Adventure Bible Study! How: Contact the parish office to register. \$40 for material.

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center, 1015 Milton Rd. When: Beginning, Tuesday, October 24, 7pm

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.

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.

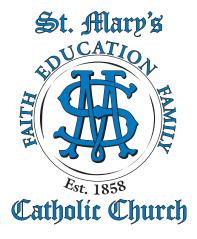
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https://www.facebook.com/stmarysalton No account or login is required to watch Mass at 8:00 am Daily

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES:

On or before Tuesday at 3:30pm.

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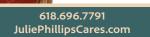
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