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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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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

6:30 am Anthony Geisen†8:00 am Int of Meredith Ragsdale

Tuesday, November 21

6:30 am Int of Mary Bohart8:00 am Int of Mary Rose Cordes

Wednesday, November 22

6:30 am Wayne Way†8:00 am Int of the Jeff Davis FamilyFather Chris – The People ofSt. Mary's

Thursday, November 23

6:30 am August & Evelyn Nolte† 8:00 am Al Treichel, Sr.†

Friday, November 24

6:30 am Dr. James Brown† 8:00 am Int of Mary Curtin & Family

Saturday, November 25

6:30 am Al & Shirley Slowik† 8:00 am John J. Holt† 5:15 pm Bill Halliday†

Sunday, November 26

6:30 am Int of Carol Hurley 8:00 am Int of JoAnn Beck 9:30 am World Peace 11:00 am Sam Massalone† 5:15 pm Marcella Lane†

Let us seek righteousness so that in the end we are saved

Let us therefore find ourselves among those who give thanks, those who have served God, and not among the wicked who are judged. Although I myself am a sinner in all things, and still ensnared by the devil, I aim for righteousness and hope to get close to it in the end; for I fear the judgment that is to come.

So, brothers and sisters, after we have heard the words of the God of truth, I read you this exhortation. I hope to turn your souls' full attention to what has been written, so that you bring salvation not only to yourselves but to me as I read the word of God to you. I beg for this reward: that you should do penance wholeheartedly and thus bring salvation and life on yourselves. If we do this then we shall be able to show an example to all the young who want to turn their lives towards the love and goodness of God. And if someone sees our folly and tries to turn us from evil to righteousness, let us not be angry or indignant; for often when we do evil we do not pay attention to the fact – either from inner duplicity or from lack of faith – and our minds are clouded by our worthless desires.

Therefore let us be righteous so that in the end we may be saved. Blessed are those who obey these precepts: even if they suffer evil in this world for a short while, they will reap a harvest of eternal life. Let the good man not be saddened if he suffers present troubles: a blessed time awaits him, when he will be raised to life and will rejoice with his fathers through an untroubled eternity.

We should not be perturbed if we see the wicked living in comfort while the servants of God suffer want. Brothers and sisters, let us be firm in faith: in this life we are suffering trials that come from the living God, so that we may wear crowns in the next life. None of the righteous receive the fruits of their goodness instantly, but all have to wait for them. If it were otherwise, if God gave quick rewards for righteousness, then it would not be piety that drove us to good acts but a simple matter of business. We would see virtue not as a good thing but as a profitable thing. For this reason the judgement of God shakes a spirit that is not filled with righteousness and loads chains upon it.

To the one invisible God, the Father of truth, who sent us our saviour as the founder of our immortality and showed us the truth through him and the way to eternal life – to God be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

~A sermon of the second century

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, 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, Christopher Taul, Ted Holt, Jana Howell, Michael Raymond, Mary Featherstone, Phil Pohlman, Randy Ledbetter, Margaret Schwegel, Sean Michael Donahue, Ellen Saville, Bob & Phyllis Rill, 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, Catharine Williams, Marge Ridder, Jennifer Allmond, Jessica Boyd, Jerome Carrigan, Mary Wuellner, Mike Klaus ... and all in our parish who need prayers that are unnamed here.

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 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

FOCUS: We are given talents to share.

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO – THE CREEDS THE WORLD WAS CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD MAN

360 Because of its common origin the human race forms a unity, for "from one ancestor (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth":²²⁶

O wondrous vision, which makes us contemplate the human race in the unity of its origin in God. . . in the unity of its nature, composed equally in all men of a material body and a spiritual soul; in the unity of its immediate end and its mission in the world; in the unity of its dwelling, the earth, whose benefits all men, by right of nature, may use to sustain and develop life; in the unity of its supernatural end: God himself, to whom all ought to tend; in the unity of the means for attaining this end; . . in the unity of the redemption wrought by Christ for all.."227

COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S

Parish Office Closed – November 22 - 24
Baptismal Prep Class – December 3
Men's Evening of Recollection – December 4
Parish Mission w/ Fr. Paul Kallal - Dec 12 – 14

Congratulations to

Brent Daniels and Lauren Rose

who were united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on the 11th of November. 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 God Squad Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

We have very limited quantities this year!

See fill-out forms in the back of the church for details and to fill out and return with payment to reserve your wreath now!



John J. Holt father-in-law of Christy Holt

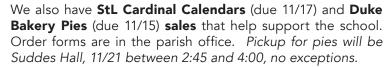
John Soto brother of Kathy Beiser

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



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The 4th grade class is selling Christmas ornaments to raise funds for their field trip to Springfield, IL. The ornament is a beautiful silver Christmas tree; in the center is a gorgeous picture of our church altar at Christmas. The ornaments are \$7 each. If paying by check, please make payable to "St. Mary's School". Order forms are available in the back of church or in the Parish Office.



2024 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass Book is open for your intentions. We also have quite a few openings to schedule Mass intentions yet for 2023. Please contact the parish office with your requests.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH NEWS

St. Mary's Charitable Outreach organization will be holding a holiday food drive THIS weekend, November 18 and 19. Please place your non-perishable donations in the receptacles at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the community!



ST. MARY'S SCRIP

Please remember to use SCRIP for all your Thanksgiving purchases and Christmas gift-giving! Stop by the parish office.

ALTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

Food for Families/Scouting for Food Pickup – Nov 18 Setup Nativity at Williams Office Supply – Nov 25 Council Blood Drive at SSPP Alumni Hall – Dec 13 Council Meeting – Dec 14, 7:30pm, 717 State Street

Blessed Thanksgiving To All!

A blessed Thanksgiving is wished all from Fr. Chris and all the Oblates here at St. Mary's along with Deacon Jim. Our Thanksgiving Masses are at 6:30am and 8:00am if you'd like to start your day off with the best "thanksgiving" of all: the Holy Eucharist!

HELP WANTED

A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center is looking for a part-time Nurse Manager. If you are looking for a rewarding opportunity at a pregnancy help center, and you are a licensed registered nurse in the state of Illinois, please consider applying. This is a paid 20-hour per week position. We are seeking a qualified candidate who shares our mission and would like to be a part of the great work we are doing in Maryville, IL and the surrounding communities. Resumes and salary requirements can be emailed to resume@ablpregnancyresource.org.

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel

http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton

Adorers Needed:

Tuesdays: 8:00pm

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

Additional Adorers Needed:

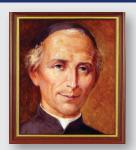
Mondays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm

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

Wednesdays: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm Fridays: 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm

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

Venerable Bruno Lanteri



"Remember that we do not acquire holiness in twentyfour hours nor without continual defects and failings. The awareness that we will commit

many failings, very many, greatly helps us toward holiness because it roots us in selfknowledge and in humility ... and hope in divine mercy."

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Support Madison County Catholic Charities & Get Ahead For The Holidays!

Shop Pampered Chef during the month of November and support Madison County Catholic Charities. Stock up on kitchen essentials or pick up the perfect gift for your favorite chef. A portion of your sale will support our programs that serve the community. Make sure to use this link: www.pamperedchef.com/party/mcccnov23





Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Depth 2 ric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

> 12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023, St. Peters, MO 2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO 4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Alton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 13 at Saints Peter & Paul Alumni Hall, 717 State Street, from 2:00 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/.



JOIN US FOR

MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

St. Mary's Church (519 E. 4th St. in Alton) Monday, December 4, 2023 6:30 - 8:00 PM

An Opus Dei evening of recollection is similar to a very short silent retreat, long enough to enter deep into prayer but short enough to fit into your busy schedule.

This evening will involve times of quiet prayer, a practical talk on spiritual life, opportunities for confession, and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, call 618 799 2929 or go to opusdei.org.



PRAYER CORNER

DAILY EXAMINATION

God, allow your Holy Spirit to dwell with me now in this time of prayer. Today, how do I approach this prayer time? In joy, sorrow, peace, anxiety?

Review

God, everything is a gift from you. With a spirit of gratitude, I review my day. Today, how have I experienced God's closeness or absence?

Response

God, I am still learning to grow in and respond to your love. Today, which choices have been loving responses to God's love? Which have not been?

Repetition

God, guide my awareness to what you wish to show me. Today, to which moment or two is God drawing my attention? Why?

God, I yearn to grow closer to You in love and service. How will I live tomorrow anew?

St. Mary's presence at Diocesan Eucharistic Congress!

































PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday – Friday 8:30 am to Noon and 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Welcome to the parish office! Business may be conducted via e-mail, phone or in person. Our afterhours drop box is also available if you wish to drop off something for the Parish Office or the school when we aren't here. Parish Office: (618) 465-4284 Marci Wendle ~ Marci@stmarysalton.com and

Carolyn Simansky ~ Carolyn@stmarysalton.com

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.

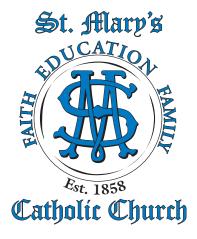
LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

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.

Please submit any bulletin requests (pending approval) to: Carolyn Simansky at carolyn@stmarysalton.com



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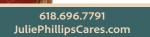
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