

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs— 8:30 am

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

12/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (Emma King)
12/21/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
12/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Kim Schott (Family)
12/24/17 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda
12/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
12/24/17 Christmas Eve 5:30pm—Mary K.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 530.00
Retired Religious	\$ 255.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 275.00



During the months of December, January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

Our 2018 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

"On This Day...I want to: Mend a quarrel; Search out a forgotten friend; Dismiss a suspicion, And replace it with trust. I need Your help, Lord. Amen."

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Respect Life Ministry -All are welcome to the **Celebration of Life Mass with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon** on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet IL Join us for a Rosary with pro-life intentions at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow in the Commons. Please contact our office with any questions at (815) 221-6251.

Third Sunday of Advent – 17 December 2017

How will I answer? Questions are put to John the Baptist today. Who are you? What do you have to say for yourself? Worthy questions for each of us.

What truth, what goodness will I voice this week?

What will I do to back up these words?

How can I lead this person, _____, to Jesus, the Light of the World?

Advent Confessions— These confession times are for children and adults. Due to the schedule Fr. Stanley must keep, he will be unable to hear children's confessions during Religious Education class time, as done in the past.

Sat., Dec. 16 after the 5:30pm Mass St. Mary- Reddick
Tues, Dec. 19 7:00pm St. Lawrence-South Wilmington
Wed., Dec. 20 6:00pm Sacred Heart in Kinsman

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 24th.
St. Lawrence- 4:00pm and Midnight on December 24th
10:00am December 25th.
Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 2:00pm December 24th
8:00am December 25th

We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

Third Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 16/17, 2017 In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

