

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

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:

12/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
1/04/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
1/06/18 Sat. 5:30pm Donald Ruder (Family)

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

12/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill
1/06/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget

Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:

General Intention: Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 722.00
Christmas Collection \$1879.00
"Your offering is most appreciated!"



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

If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2017, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

"Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is each of us being wreathed in miles."
Unknown

Thank you to all the parishioners for your many prayers, Christmas cards and generous gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. A big thank you to everyone for decorating the church, the poinsettias are beautiful, and to the people who prepared the Liturgy. God Bless all of you in the New Year, Fr. Stanley

The Rectory will be closed January 1st & 2nd. Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary. Mass will be celebrated at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington at 10am. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.



It really is a simple question, "Who Will Fill These Shoes?" More importantly, it's a shocking image, the image of empty shoes, a priest's shoes, laying there by the altar. It is a sharp reminder to all of us that without priests, there will be no Eucharist! **Men ages 7th Grade and older are invited to a day about priesthood!**

**Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 11:30 AM Mass Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd.. Crest Hill, IL 60403**

This is a day for men to hear more about the priesthood, meet our seminarians, and to find out if the Lord is asking them to "fill the shoes" of the priests who have gone before us. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians from our diocese, lunch and time for questions and answers about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons. If under 18, one parent or legal guardian must attend. Parents of our current seminarians will be available to speak about what it is like to have a son answer God's call.

For more information or to register go to: www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com
There is no cost for the day.

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!

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Weekend of December 30/31, 2017

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

