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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:

4/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Parishioners
4/28/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Phyllis Buza (Don & Norma O'Brien)
4/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Suzanne Eich (Monica Ruder)

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/Servers

4/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K./Servers-Mike, Matt
4/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Children/Servers-Miles, Jackson Elsie

Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:

General Intention: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 753.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDER-We will have a children's Mass next Saturday, April 30th at 5:30pm. Our children will be participating at this Mass and we invite all parishioners to come and support our children at this Mass.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women will meet for a Spring Brunch on Sunday, April 24th at 11:00am at the Country Mansion in Dwight. All ladies of the parish and guests are invited to attend. Any questions, please call Norma O'Brien at 815-365-2590. Thank you for your support and looking forward to seeing everyone!

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home**.

Please come join us for the third segment of the video journey, **Doors of Mercy**, Sunday morning, April 24th, at the Parish Hall in South Wilmington from 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. The video will follow David's journey from the simple life as a shepherd boy to the complex life as king of Israel. Despite the goodness of David, and his worldly success, he would also fall to temptation. Through his mercy, God forgave David his sins and spared the king whom He loved. Following the division of King David's kingdom after the death of his son King Solomon, God called forth the prophets to bring His people back to Him as the time of Christ coming was quickly approaching.


PRAYER BREAKFAST join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives. **WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. WHERE: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, IL 60901 SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary TOPIC: Human Trafficking COST: Free Will Donation – Continental Breakfast will be available. To register or for more information: Please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800.**

"By radiating charity and mercy to all our neighbors, we provide those much needed islands of mercy. Together, we stand against the wind of the throwaway culture, and brave its sea of indifference, sustained by Jesus who is, as Pope Francis has called Him, 'the living face of the Father's mercy.'"

While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Weekend of April 23/24, 2016

In today's Gospel we return to the Last Supper to hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. Good stewards, as the recipients of God's unending love, take this commandment seriously. Though we are reminded of his love throughout the year, it is Jesus' actions and words during the feast of Passover that show us the extent of his love and the way we too can live a life of stewardship: "... love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Can we accept this commandment from Jesus? Are we able to embrace this kind of discipleship? Can we humbly offer ourselves in loving service to one another?



Known as lovers. This Sunday, when we show up in church (the building) as Church (the People of God), we hear this command anew: love one another. It is what disciples (all of us) do. We love. But we are asked to stretch a bit, perhaps a lot. The command is to love – not only the ones who are easy to love, not only the ones we know and like, but everyone we meet, and even those we will not meet or know. Jesus tells the Church today, "Love." Jesus tells the disciples today, "Be known as lovers."

- Who seems unlikeable, unlovable and needs to be loved?
- What will I do?

