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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.—8:30am

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:

9/17/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat & Alice Masching (Ruth Schott) AND
+Joe Kersch (Kay & Family)

9/22/16 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass

9/24/16 Sat. 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/Servers

9/17/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie
9/24/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers—Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of September:

General Intention: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 438.00
Flood Relief	\$ 162.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Stanley will be on vacation Monday, September 19th—October 7th. There will be No Daily Mass until October 11th. There will be a visiting Priest here on the weekends. If you need a Priest during this time, please contact Fr. Allam from Immaculate Conception in Braidwood at 815-458-2125. Have a safe and relaxing vacation Father Stan.

Thank you for your generosity with the disaster relief collection for the flood victims in Louisiana. Please keep them in your prayers.

Report from St. Mary's Finance Committee:

It has now been over a year since St. Mary's was reorganized with Kinsman and South Wilmington. Last year, at this time, we were unsure whether our church would be capable of supporting itself. The finance committee has carefully monitored our income and expenses during the past year. As of June 30, 2016 our parish had a total overall deficit of \$3,017.21. We have developed a true budget for 2016-2017 using the figures gathered during the past twelve months. On July 1 we began our new fiscal year. The October 9 "Maintenance Collection", along with one other "Maintenance Collection" during the spring will hopefully reduce this deficit.

We are asking each of our parishioners to donate as generously as possible to these two collections. Thank you for your support; it is the reason our church continues to be an important fixture in our community.


Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan
St. Mary's Finance Committee

REMINDER-Mum Orders are due this weekend September 17/18. The Knights of Columbus Council #1574 is selling mums to help The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Coal City. Mums are \$8.00 for an 8" Pot (Approx. 12"-16"tall) Pick up date is Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday 25th. Order forms are available at the entrance of our Church.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17/18, 2016

In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor.

"No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor!"



Not enough. A personal relationship with God is important. But it is not enough. Not if we listen well to the spoken Word of God. From Amos and the People of the Old Testament, we learn this: do not be greedy, do not cheat, do not beat down the poor. From Luke, we learn this: own your possessions and use them for good. Do not let them own you. Do not – because we are mere stewards of what belongs to another. It really all belongs to God the Creator of all.

- If I look at all I have, what can I give away?
- How will I serve God by serving others?
- This week, I will _____.

