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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:

9/24/16 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
9/29/16 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
10/1/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (CCW)

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

9/24/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers-Mike, Matt
10/01/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget /Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

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 \$ 518.00

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.

Peace is a House -Justice is the mortar, strong; Liberty, is the door; Truthfulness, the windows bright; Sincerity, the floor; Courage, stairs that rise above deceit, suspicion & fears; Roof this house of peace with love..... And it will outlast the years.

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

2016 Public Square Rosary Rally—Please join us un praying for our nation. Where: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Main Street, Herscher. When: October 15, 2016. ROSARY WILL BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON (Please bring a lawn chair) For more information, please call Janet Andrzejewski at 815-426-6239 (In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24/25, 2016

In today's gospel Jesus offers a warning about living self-ishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?

"Don't worry about tomorrow".....God is already there!



An awful thought. A scary reality. I can be good tomorrow, we say. I can deal with that injustice next week, next month, next year, when the time is right, we say. The poor and hungry can surely wait. Well, Amos and Luke say otherwise. God is filled to the brim with pardon and mercy, with compassion, they say. All people that God loves are bound together, they say. The truth is, it is possible to run out of time to do good, God says. Do not be indifferent! So,

- What good will I do today?
- What injustice can I address this week?

