

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

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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:

1/27/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (William & Cheryl O'Brien)
2/01/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
2/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Cody Krulac (Dan & Melinda Hogan)

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

1/27/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
2/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

General Intention: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 482.00
Latin America \$ 100.00
"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the months of 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

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$100.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

Do You Have Concerns About Falling? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for individuals ages 60 and older. The program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm February 6th - March 27th, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 410 N. Main St., Herscher, IL 60941. This program is free and sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet! Call Amanda at 815-523-9918 for more information or to register for A Matter of Balance. To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

It is our honor to cordially invite you (and your guest) All* who sacrifice time and talents for our community to join us to celebrate an Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing! Please RSVP signing the list in the back of the church. (*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RE Staff, Ushers, Pastoral Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Money Counters, CCW Officers and Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs)

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a [sacramental](#) of the [Roman Catholic Church](#), celebrated on February 3, the [feast day](#) of [Saint Blaise](#) of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen." Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats after all masses next weekend February 3/4.

Gift of FAITH – When we were baptized, God gave us three precious gifts-Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith is the gift by which we believe in God and in the truths which He teaches us through the Catholic Church. There are millions of persons in the world today who do not have the gift of Faith. Some good men and women are called by God to work for souls and to help them to know, love, and serve God. This is the work Saint Francis Xavier did.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of January 27/28, 2018—In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.