

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 6, 2019

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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:

1/5/19 Sat. 5:30pm + Verneal Fritz (M/M Dan Ryan)
1/10/19 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
1/12/19 Sat. 5:30pm + Frank & Minnie Gianotti and Descendents

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/ 5/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
1/12/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January: General Intention:

Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 691.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 250.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 115.00
First Offering	\$ 48.00
	Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt
Juanita Arias
Mike Zermeno

Welcome! 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!

Thank you-We are very grateful for all of those supporters and benefactors during the Christmas season to St. Mary's Church. It is beautiful that being enriched through a Gift from heaven we know how to share what we have with others. Thank you!

Rectory office will be closed on January 9th & 10th.

Blessing of a Home—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water." The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* ("May Christ bless the house").

Fr. Stanley is available to come and bless your homes. If you are interested, please call the rectory to set this up. Otherwise, we have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your own homes.

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

Save the date—Friday, February 1st for the **Appreciation Dinner**.

If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2018, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Statistical Parish Data for the year 2018 -Baptisms - 1, Weddings - 1, Funerals - 3

Word of Life—"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

A Stewardship Prayer for the New Year -Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of a new year. You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come. We ask for the humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others. Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace. We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Epiphany of the Lord – 06 January 2019

Epiphany – a Striking Appearance. This is truly a seven-way amazing day. (1) Easterners fix on a star. (2) Those Magi follow yet lose their way. (3) Magi ask for help to get to the right place. (4) They honor God. (5) They give away riches. (6) They pay attention to [God speaking in] dreams. (7) They go a new way.

- For what, for whom am I looking?
- What help do I need? Am I brave enough to ask?
- What am I willing to give away?

