

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16  
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Sunday, December 30, 2018

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

12/29/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Arnold Berens (Ann Ruder)

**1/ 1/19 Tues. 10am Solemnity of Mary (Mass in South Wilmington)**

**1/ 3/19 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass**

1/ 5/19 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (M/M Dan Ryan)

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

12/29/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.

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



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** *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	\$ 1367.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 2134.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
	Thank you!

## Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt  
Juanita Arias  
Mike Zermeno

**No Daily Masses** January 2 & 3rd. The Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, January 8th In South Wilmington.

**Thank you** to all the parishioners for your prayers, cards and gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God Bless all of you in the New Year, Fr. Stan

The Rectory and Office will be closed Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. Happy New Year!

**Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be said on Tuesday, January 1st. 8am Sacred Heart, Kinsman and 10am St. Lawrence, South Wilmington.

**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.

**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

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint. It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become day to remember with pain. I am the New Year, Each hour of the three hundred and sixty-five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience, and trust in God. I am the New Year. I am here-but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best.

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – 30 December 2018

**Holy persons, holy family.** It is, perhaps, easy to see the holiness in the Holy Family and not in our own. But holy we are, too. We are holy because of God's loving-kindness and God living among us. Pope Francis says this clearly in *Gaudete et Exsultate* on the call to holiness in today's world. Let us look to the saint next door. Let us also be the saint next door. God, in creation, makes us holy. We are called to remain in holiness. Though we need help from God and from others, it is possible for each one of us.

- Who can I name as a saint next door? What do they do and say, not do and say, to make this so?
- What one holy and mercy work will I do in this Christmas season?
- What will I do and say to bring holiness to this sometimes-messy world?

And let us all pray for the holiness of our bishops during their retreat at Mundelein Seminary 2-8 January 2019.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Tuesday, 01 January 2019

**Blessed be this new civil year.** The readings invite us to rejoice in blessing. For the Lord blesses us, keeps us, is gracious to us (Numbers). For, in mercy, God blesses us (Psalm). For God sent the Son and adopts us as children saved from all that needs saving (Galatians). Like amazed shepherds, let us glorify and praise God (Luke). For Jesus – "God saves" – is very near.

- Bathed in blessedness, like Mary, how will I show blessing in this new year?

