

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 9, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.— 8:30 am

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:

12/8/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & family) and Parishioners

12/13/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass

12/15/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Clement & Edith Riordan (Rosemary Brooks)

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

12/8/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

12/15/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget



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

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Weekly Income:

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 851.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 0 |

Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

Andrew Bergen
Heidi Ehrhardt
Juanita Arias
Mike Zermeno

During the months of December, 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

Monday, December 10th at 4pm Catholic Charities' and Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you know anyone in need, please inform them.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, December 14th.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

Advent Confession Schedule

Tues., Dec. 18 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Wed., Dec. 19 7:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Sat., Dec. 22 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick

A visiting Priest is coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on December 18th.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Saturday, 08 December 2018

God comes to favor us. From the beginning days in Eden, the man was assured by God not to hide. Clothing helped. From the beginning new days, God's angel tells Mary: Do not fear – God favors you – the Spirit will do holy things in you – nothing is impossible! How can this be? By God's grace and mercy.

◆ What favor has God found in me?

Second Sunday of Advent – 09 December 2018 God knows where we are – and comes. This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor. That is, let us still dress like Christ – just as we were first clothed in him at Baptism – and radiate his presence – just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

◆ John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do?

◆ How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well-worn hat?

◆ How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?

Second Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 8/9, 2018-In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

