

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 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:

2/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Cody Krulac (Dan & Melinda Hogan)
2/08/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
2/10/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Ryan Hogan 9th Anniv. (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

2/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill
2/10/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget

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 \$ 648.00

"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

Fr. Stanley will be Blessing throats after Mass this weekend. 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.

The Rectory will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Lin will be attending a meeting at the Diocese.

Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference! The opening report for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeal helps us do God's work here on earth and be His partners in caring. As you will read in the opening report, the CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Your gifts to the CMAA will make a difference to members of our parish, friends and neighbors, and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$2500. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA, and making the most generous pledge possible.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Although the celebration is attached to the February 2 Feast of the Presentation, its observance this year is on the weekend of February 3/4.

Like FOOTBALL – LIFE Life is like a football game. It deals us a lot of hard blows. We get knocked down a lot. Some people use unnecessary roughness and they're penalized. But the fact is, in the game of life, ALL of us can make the touchdown. We can stay ahead of the game with Jesus. When all the fans and players have gone home, remember one thing: Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and always. When you find yourself caught up with the struggles of everyday life, there's always One you can call. He wants to recruit you. He won't limit His contract with you to only one season. The only One who can put you back in the game of life is Jesus. Jesus did more than win a football game: HE WON THE GAME OF LIFE!

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of February 3/4, 2018

In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?

