

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 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:

3/17/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Suzanne Eich (RaeAnn Pitrowski & Family)
3/22/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
3/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (Tom Scanlon)

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

3/17/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda
3/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:

General Intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 491.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1680.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00

"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the month of March 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

Please join me in South Wilmington on Wednesdays at 7pm during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Confessions— These confession times are for children and adults.

Tues., March 20 7:15pm St. Lawrence-South Wilmington
Wed., March 21 5:30pm Sacred Heart in Kinsman
Sat., March 24 after the 5:30pm Mass St. Mary- Reddick

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Love Outreach in Morris has been asked to speak at the University of St. Francis on March 22nd at noon. The address is 500 Wilcox Street in Joliet. If anyone needs more information they can call me at (815) 237-8202. Please come and learn more about Human Trafficking and how we're trying to bring awareness to the area. We had a full house for our last seminar. Our wonderful Franciscan Sisters had it at their place in Joliet. We met a lot of great people and many of them are getting involved with the program. We have moved into the Joliet area as well, so we're getting bigger and bigger. People don't think it's an issue here, but there are at least 20 girls in Morris alone being trafficked every day. Please come join us. These girls need our help. Thanks! Donna Gabehart

Suggestions for Lent – Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.

Lenten Fish Fries at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight on Fridays during Lent, all except Good Friday serving from 5 till 7. Baked or fried fish, breaded shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce with a roll, beverage and dessert also included. Prices are Adults - \$9.00 Grade schoolers - \$4.50 Pre-schooler- Free.

A Child's Prayer— Dear God, I thank You for Your care. You've been right with me everywhere. At school, at play, You're right by my side. My special friend, My loving Guide. And when the sun has said goodbye and little stars shine in the sky, You're still with me, not far above Right in my heart, for You are Love. Amen

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

"It's easy to judge. It's more difficult to understand. Understanding requires compassion, patience, and a willingness to believe that good hearts sometimes choose poor methods. Through judging, we separate. Through understanding, we grow." Unknown

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About dying. Many are already thinking of spring planting and waiting for bulbs to show and then flower. Dying seeds. Dormant bulbs. Plentiful produce. Beautiful flowers.

- As Lent winds down, what still needs to die in me?
- As Easter draws near, what needs to flourish?
- How will I remain obediently faithful?

