St. Mary's Catholic Church

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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:

5/26/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Kim Schott (Ruth Schott & Family) 5/31/18 Thurs. 8:30am +Don Shafer (Don & Norma O'Brien) 6/02/18 Sat. 5:30pm Joan & Bob Vanderkorr-60th Anniv. (Monica Ruder)

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

5/26/18Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill6/02/18Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget

Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:

General Intention: The Mission of the Laity. That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Weekly Income: Sunday Collection \$ Collection amounts will be posted in the bulletin next weekend. Prayers for Sick Andrew Bergen



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!

The Parish Office will be closed May 28th & June 1st.

Have a Safe & Happy Memorial Day!

The best vitamin for a Christian is "B1 !"

SAVE THE DATE...Saturday, June 23rd we will celebrate with Fr. Stanley his 40th Anniversary of ordination into the Priesthood.

Bishop Conlon will be visiting our parish on Saturday, June 9th. Bishop will celebrate the Mass, meet with us and have dinner in our parish hall after the 5:30pm Mass. He would like to meet all the St. Mary's parishioners. Please mark your calendars.

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 28th at 10AM at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood. (Weather permitting.) All are welcome to attend. Please bring a lawn chair. This is a time and place to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom and those in our families. Coffee and rolls will be served in Fr. White Hall following Mass.

A Prayer—Memorial Day O God of might and power, strengthen our arms and hearts that we may be victorious over all that threatens our country, our homes, and our lives. O God of love, enlighten us so that while we hate evil, we still love those who, in their blindness and ignorance, persecute us. O God of beauty, all Thy creation proclaims Thy loveliness. Teach and guide us so that we may never, in our ignorance, want only destroy any of the works of Thy hands. O God of peace, forgive us our trespasses so that, pure in mind and soul, we may march courageously in the army of righteousness. Under Thy standard may we oppose all that is evil. Following Thee, may we finally enter the abode of eternal peace and love. Amen.

Congratulations to all our graduates, Grade School, High School, College, etc. Congratulations and well done! As you begin the next step, on your journey of life, may we suggest a little formula to help you to be the best person you can be? **First and fore-most, keep the faith.** There will be many pressures on you in the future to abandon your faith. Try to remain focused on the key idea: Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, and He is due respect and obedience. His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount will transform your life. Follow Him for He is **the Way, the Truth and the Light.** In order to remain spiritually alive, always turn to the Lord who said, **Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart.**" When you accept Jesus as Lord, you are challenged to give witness to Christ in four ways: 1) Through Worship and Holy Communion. 2) Through the Recognition of Legitimate Authority. 3) Through Stewardship. 4) Through a Loving Relationship. Pray for the grace to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. This isn't easy, but with God's help it is possible. May the Lord be your strength and your joy.

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Fortieth Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 26/27, 2018

In today's Gospel and reading from the letter of St. Paul we hear of the gift of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our devotional life we make the sign of the cross and recite the "Glory Be" as an expression of our faith as a Trinitarian people. But what does it mean for Christian stewards to accept in a practical way the experience of God in this three-fold gift? Is it a call to share our own life in community, with compassion and love, and to work for healing, justice, peace and unity? Is it an invitation to invite others into fellowship with us in the unity of the Father, Son and Spirit?