

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Sunday, June 24, 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:

6/23/18 Sat. 5:30pm Fr. Stanley 40th Anniv. Of Ordination
6/28/18 Thurs. 8:30am +Don Shafer (Don & Norma O'Brien)
6/30/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Kenneth O'Connor (Bill & Cheryl O'Brien)

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

6/23/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
6/30/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

Holy Father's Intention for the month of June:

General Intention: Social Networks. That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 647.00
Priests Care & Support	\$ 258.00
Thank you!	

Prayers for Sick

Andrew Bergen



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 Thank you!

Congratulations Fr. Stanley on your 40th Anniversary of Ordination, and thank you for your faithful service to the people of God. May God bless you! Happy 40th Anniversary!

Thank you for your generous donations for our infirmed and senior priests of the Diocese of Joliet.

Congratulations to another graduate of St. Mary's, Timothy J. O'Brien from University of Illinois at Champaign. He is the son of Tom and Chris O'Brien.

"Deane" Halpin will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 27. She would love to hear from her friends from St. Mary's. If you would like to send a card, Her address is Evenglow Lodge, 215 E. Washington St., Room 137, Pontiac, IL 61764.

Next week, we will take the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wed., June 27th.

St. Lawrence Parish in South Wilmington is in need of someone to do the general maintenance around the parish immediately. This is a part-time as needed position approximately 15-25 hours a month. If you are interested in this type of work, please call the Rectory. Thank you!

People of faith are committed to **servng others in God's love** in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. **Religious freedom protects the space** in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to **pray and act** for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. **Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)**

Information Meeting for medical/construction/outreach missions to the Philippines. The Diocese of Joliet is planning its next medical/construction/outreach mission to the Philippines. **An Information Meeting will be held on July 19th, at 7:00 PM.** at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interested persons are invited to attend. For Further information please call 815 221-6251.

"You are never left alone when you are alone with God." -Woodrow Kroll

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Weekend of June 23/24, 2018- Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. This prophet, who practiced austerity in the desert, proclaimed the kingdom of God, a coming judgment, and baptism as a sign of repentance. With deep humility, John directed attention not to himself but to Jesus. John's attitude was, "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30). John's birth, days after the summer solstice when daylight hours begin to decrease, contrasts with Jesus' birth days after the winter solstice, heralding daylight's increase. Like John the Baptist, stewards turn attention away from themselves and towards Jesus. The stewardship question for us is whether or not we ourselves are prepared to "decrease" and allow Jesus to "increase" in our hearts, minds, words and actions.

