

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020

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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:

1/11/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
1/16/20 Tues. 8:30am No Mass
1/18/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Lucille Tetrault (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

1/11/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget
1/18/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January: Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 550.00
Initial Offering	\$ 110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 255.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias, Scott Savoie,
Heidi Ehrhardt, Mary Raines,
Sherry Moranski, Randy Clapp
Bishop Daniel Conlon

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!

The rectory will be closed on Friday, January 17th.

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2019, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

"Trials, tribulation, anguish, anxiety are permitted by the very One Who gives peace." — Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Christ is our Hope is the official magazine for the Diocese of Joliet. We are a publication dedicated to telling inspiring stories of faith and sharing information with the goal of educating and evangelizing others. The magazine is faithful to the official teachings of the Church and is published each month. It is sent to every registered Catholic household in the seven counties of the diocese for free. If you are not receiving this magazine, please contact the rectory.

IT IS OUR HONOR TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (AND YOUR GUEST) ALL* WHO SACRIFICE TIME AND TALENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY to join us to celebrate an **APPRECIATION DINNER** on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing! Please RSVP signing the list in the back of the church. (*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RE Staff, Ushers, Parish and Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Those who care for Altar Linens, Money Counters, Society Officers, Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs, Quilters and Mobile Food Truck Volunteers).

STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET -Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, leader of the Diocese of Joliet, has received permission from His Holiness, Pope Francis, to take a medical leave of absence, beginning on December 27, 2019. During his absence, Bishop Richard E. Pates, Bishop Emeritus of Des Moines, will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese. Bishop Conlon expresses his deep affection for the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese of Joliet and will keep them in his prayers during his time away. He also asks for their prayers.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP RICHARD E. PATES-I applaud Bishop R. Daniel Conlon for undertaking a program to address his health concerns. He is a good bishop and will benefit from his time away. As I begin services as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, I welcome the opportunity to journey with the priests, deacons, religious and laity of this local Church. The diocesan community enjoys an outstanding reputation and I feel privileged to participate in your life. We, the Catholic Church, dedicate ourselves anew to the life-giving message of Jesus Christ as we embrace a new year and a new decade. May we humbly experience "the Joy of the Gospel" in the spirit of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Word of Life-“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ... don't forget the most important thing is to pray. Even if it's just a quick two-second prayer, prayer is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support.”USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting”

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast – Sunday, 12 January 2020 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10. Acts 10:34-38. Matthew 3:13-17. **No Partiality.** Saint Peter declares this truth: God shows no partiality. God may be my God, but God does not love me – or only mine – the best. God is not only on my side. God is on every side. God loves everyone and everything. On this day recalling the Baptism of Jesus, we cherish our own Baptism into him. Baptism calls us to discipleship and to mission. How will I, like Jesus, go about doing good this day? How will I, like Jesus, bring forth justice – even in some small way? How will I be at peace? The Christmas Season ends with the Baptism of the Lord. Winter Ordinary Time begins on Monday, 13 January.

