

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2019

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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!

Fall Utility Collection—On behalf of St. Mary's Finance Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution to our Fall Utility Collection. To date, \$3154 has been collected. The money will be used to help cover the utility expenses for St. Mary's and 20% of the rectory. This collection and the one in the spring are extremely important in maintaining our small but growing church. Thank you again!

St. Mary's Finance Committee
Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan, and Tom O'Brien

St. Mary's Lectors—The 2020 Lector Schedule will soon be finalized. If anyone is interested in becoming a St. Mary's lector, please contact Jane Arends at 815-365-4489 by the end of November. It will be assumed that current lectors will continue in 2020 unless they indicate otherwise. Please give this your consideration. It's a wonderful way to serve God and your community.

Next week is the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Monday, November 18th at 4pm Catholic Charities' and Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you know anyone in need, please inform them.

Michael Russell O'Brien will be performing a **Christmas concert** at Immaculate Conception Parish [on Dec. 8th at 2:00 PM](#). Michael was a rock 'n' roll recording artist with Oceana Records in the 1990's and headlined at Disney World. As a non-practicing Catholic he made an unexpected pilgrimage to Medjugorje with his parents that changed the direction of his life forever. There he was asked if he would use his talents to bring people back to the faith—a mission he could not understand at the time. However he responded to Our Lady's request and has performed in over 800 cities, at 80 Catholic conferences, and is known as "Catholic Entertainment's Best Kept Secret". Please call Anita Scheer at [815-739-9767](tel:815-739-9767) for tickets.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 November 2019 and World Day of the Poor

Malachi 3:19-20a. Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9. 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12. Luke 21:5-19.

Standing with the poor. At the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in 2017, Pope Francis established this second-last Sunday of the liturgical year as the World Day of the Poor. How fitting it is that as we look to the end our lives, to the end of the world, and to the final coming of Christ, we look to the poor.

- Let us sing the Psalm each day this week: "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."
- How will I equally treat each person with justice?
- How will I be generous? How will I care for the poor?



Mass Intentions:

11/16/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Ray & Janet O'Donnell (Family)
11/21/19 Thurs. 8:30 am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendents
11/23/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Joe & Blanche Hamende (Heidi & Ray 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

11/16/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane
11/23/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 647.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

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!

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

"Since love completes all, makes all hard things soft, and the difficult easy, let us strive to make all our acts proceed from love." - St. Arnold Janssen