

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2019

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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:

12/14/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Paul Anderson (Gloria Folkers)
12/19/19 Thurs. 8:30 am No Mass
12/21/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners AND Pat & Alice Masching
(Norma & Ruth)

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

12/14/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget
12/21/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 837.00
Immaculate Conception \$ 105.00
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!

During the months of January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays at 6:15pm for Rosary and 6:30pm Mass. Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**.

LIFE takes you to unexpected places, LOVE brings you home!

Advent Confessions will be heard after Mass today.

Please join us for the **CCD Christmas Program** on Saturday, December 21st from 6:30pm -7pm.

2020 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

Be a Good Steward of the Advent Season— Set aside a special time to read the Christmas Story in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Consider reading this account with your family and discussing it together.. Take a group Christmas Caroling to a nursing home or a children's hospital. Attend Christmas Mass together with your family. December 25 falls on Wednesday this year so make sure you are present at the Table of the Lord. If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

Word of Life—"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

Monday, December 16th 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 (snow, 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.

Third Sunday of Advent – 16 December 2018 -God comes. What shall we do? God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways – be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.

- Read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of 2018 on the call to holiness in today's world. Here is a link: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione_ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html
- How will I be holy, be the "saint next door"?
- What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?



Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington