

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 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:

2/15/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
2/20/20 Tues. 8:30am No Mass
2/22/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Blanche Hamende (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

2/15/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget
2/22/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 837.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

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!

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.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17th.

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself." — St. Charles Borromeo

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference -The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours. Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$3100, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

What better time than February, before Lent and the advent of spring, to settle in for some reading and praying with sacred scripture? February can be a quiet time of patient reflection for the Christian steward. The psalms, like so many biblical passages, remind us of the benefits of reading God's word: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105). International Catholic Stewardship Council

St Lawrence parishioners will be available after Mass on February 22nd selling advanced tickets for the 11th Annual Nite at the Races. Tickets are \$10 each. This will get you admission to the event, \$10 in "funny money" to be used towards food, raffle tickets, betting and auction items. Every ticket turned in on March 14th will be entered into the door prize drawing for \$50 cash. Tickets will be available at the door or by contacting Pam Holohan at 237-2311. Also available on the 22nd will be raffle tickets for a chance on a Smartwatch. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The winner will be drawn at Nite at the Races being held on March 14th at the American Legion Hall in Gardner.

Word of Life-"Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities" United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Sirach 15:15-20. Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37.

Attending to Law. Both civil and Church law give us standards to guide our thought and behaviors. Outward acts help us attend to inner treasures. We need help for interpreting law rightly so that external actions reflect a right and merciful heart. That is why the Penitential Act is made early in Mass before gifts and selves are brought to the altar. How will I live in right relationship with God today? How will this spill over into right relationship with sisters and brothers (real and in the Lord)? How will my interpretation of God's law be filled with mercy and loving-kindness?

