

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 31, 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!

Mass Intentions:

3/30/19 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
4/4/19 Thurs. 8:30am +Arnold Berens (Ann Ruder)
4/6/19 Sat. 5:30pm +William Brooks (The Family)

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

3/30/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill
4/6/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March : Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 670.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 500.00
Thank you!	

Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias
Scot Savoie
Matt Ruder

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!

Stations of the Cross are on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 5:00pm in Kinsman and 7:00pm in South Wilmington.

Lenten Confession Schedule

Tues., April 9 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Sat., April 13 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
Tues., April 16 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

There will be a visiting Priest coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on April 9th.

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

EXTREME Abortion Bills Introduced in IL Legislature

House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594 Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. This *current law* requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942 Repeals the current state ban on partial-birth abortions. *Defines* abortion as a fundamental right. *Removes* abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures. *Removes* the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions. Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers and urge them to vote "no" on HB 2467, SB 1594 & SB 1942. Go to www.ilcatholic.org for more info.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Nite at the Races-Weather is warming up, get out that Hawaiian shirt and get out to the 10th Annual Nite at the Races on April 6th at the Legion Hall in Gardner. Doors will open at 5:00pm with the first race at 6:30pm. Your \$10 admission fee will get you \$10 in "funny money" that can be used for food (Italian beef, hot dogs, corn dogs, and chili), raffle tickets, placing your bet, or live auction items. Bring a friend and enjoy the night.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 31 March 2019

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12. Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Longing to eat with pigs. It seems inconceivable that some would be so hungry they would long for the slop and husks in the pig sty. That is part of the gospel story today. It is also the story for 12% of citizens and, worse, 18% of children who suffer food insecurity in our own United States. The prodigal son in the story comes to his senses and returns to the compassion of father and home. We are urged to be that smart, to step away from prideful behavior and return to the Father of all life.

- What gets in the way of attending to God's compassion?
- How can I rejoice when God cuts a prodigal one some slack?
- I will do this mercy work, giving food to the hungry, by _____?

