

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 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:

5/18/19 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
5/23/19 Thurs. 8:30am +Verneal Fritz (Monica Ruder)
5/25/19 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe & Betty Kelly (Ruth Schott)

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

5/18/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
5/25/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of May: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity. That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 669.10
Thank you!	

Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias
Scot Savoie
Heidi Ehrhardt

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 Office will be closed on Friday, May 24th.

Stewardship--Jesus is ready to die for those He has loved, for this is the proof of love. He commands His disciples to love one another as He has loved, that will be the proof to the world that we are His disciples. As Stewards, we pray that the Lord will grant us the love for others that you have commanded us to give.

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its **Forty-first Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

Congratulations to all our graduates, Grade School, High School, College, etc. Congratulations and well done! As you begin the next step, on your journey of life, may we suggest a little formula to help you to be the best person you can be? **First and foremost, keep the faith.** There will be many pressures on you in the future to abandon your faith. Try to remain focused on the key idea: Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, and He is due respect and obedience. His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount will transform your life. Follow Him for He is **the Way, the Truth and the Light**. In order to remain spiritually alive, always turn to the Lord who said, **Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart.** When you accept Jesus as Lord, you are challenged to give witness to Christ in four ways: 1) Through Worship and Holy Communion. 2) Through the Recognition of Legitimate Authority. 3) Through Stewardship. 4) Through a Loving Relationship. Pray for the grace to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. This isn't easy, but with God's help it is possible. May the Lord be your strength and your joy. **REMEMBER, God doesn't take a vacation from us, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS!!!**

Monday, May 20th 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.

Touch of LOVELINESS—SMILE—FAITH -Add a touch of loveliness to the things you say and do, give pleasure to more people by a happy smile, won't you? Be thoughtful of the people whom you meet in shop and store, then to God you will be dearer, He will love you even more, aim higher, think kinder, be a better, nicer you, aim higher, think kinder, for this world has a need for you. —Sister Mary Gemma Brunke

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 19 May 2019

Acts 14:21-27. Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13. Revelation 21:1-5a. John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

The love command. Today, Paul and Barnabas proclaim Good News. John sees a new heaven and a new earth. Jesus tells us how to live within this resurrected reality: love one another. Short. Not always easy. But profound. Fr. Clarence Rivers wrote "God Is Love" in 1964 – listen to this compelling refrain (John 4:6) and song at: <http://www.godsongs.net/2015/09/god-is-love-and-he-who-abides-in-love-abides-in-love-clarence-rivers.html>.

- How has God loved me?
- Who will I choose to love? What will I do?
- Doing mercy work is a perfect way to manifest the love command. What will I do this week?

