# St. Mary's Catholic Church

### Parish Staff:

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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!

# BETHLEHEM ARTS ON AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>



We will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles

abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect the faith and love for the Lord. Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. And help our sisters and brothers in Christ to keep their Christian identity and presence there. The handcrafted olive religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all masses next weekend. Cash, Credit and checks will be accepted.

**Word of Life-**"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Monday, August 19th 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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time –18 August 2019

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10. Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18. Hebrews 12:1-4. Luke 12:49-53.

**Being on fire.** In biblical stories, fire draws us to the pillar of fire during Exodus and the tongues of fire at Pentecost. We also recall the new fire that was blessed last Easter Vigil. Next to these blazing fires, we do not stand alone. In standing "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses", we share in the faith and belief of all those who keep eyes fixed on Jesus.

- What can be purified in my life by the fire of Pentecost, of Confirmation, of the Holy Spirit?
- With whom will I stand in faith?
- How will I keep my eyes fixed on Jesus this day?



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, 2019

## Mass Intentions:

8/17/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners

8/22/19 Thurs. 8:30 am +Don Shafer (Don & Norma O'Brien) 8/24/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +C. A. Galeaz (Tony & Anita Galeaz)

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 8/17/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K. 8/24/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K.



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of August:** Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection	\$715.00
	Thank you!

Prayers for Sick Juanita Arias Scot Savoie Heidi Ehrhardt Waylon Conley

**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!

Religious Education Religious Education Registration Registration Registration Fees are \$25 per student OR \$40 per family. (Additional \$25 for sacrament years—First Communion and Confirmation). CCD will be on Wednesday evenings. If you have any ques-

Confirmation). CCD will be on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Hoffman at 815-343-3257. Thank you!



All are welcome to attend The 32nd Annual Bishop's Mass for