

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

11/28/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Ellen Galeaz (Tony & Anita Galeaz)  
**12/3/20 Thurs. 8:30 am No Mass**  
12/5/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Josh Ehrhardt (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt) AND Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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

11/28/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget  
12/5/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 570.00
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
CCHD	\$ 60.00

## Prayers for Sick

Tiff Steichen, Donna Masching and Leon Kersch

To donate **online please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)** and select Donate (green button) then select Universal Offertory Giving. To be of assistance, the Diocese has set up a universal offertory fund for any Diocese of Joliet parish. All monies will be directed to the parish of your choice. Thank you for supporting our parish.

**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](http://swkrcatholics.org) Thank you!

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be held at 6:30pm on December 8th in South Wilmington.

"For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."  
Romans 15:4

**2021 Lectors** -Please give some consideration to becoming a St. Mary's lector. It's a wonderful way to serve both God and your community. The 2021 schedule will soon be finalized. Current lectors will be kept on the schedule unless they indicate otherwise. If interested, please contact Jane Arends before the end of November. (815-365-4489)

**Thank you** to all our volunteers making sure we have a safe place to worship. Thank you to our greeters and ushers sanitizing our hands and directing us as needed. Also, thank you to our volunteers for sanitizing the Church after Mass. We wouldn't have a safe place to worship if it weren't for our volunteers. Thank you and may God Bless you all! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. We are always needing help.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish, we raised \$60 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**ADVENT begins anew**-Advent begins the Church's new year of grace. Advent invites us to begin anew our new journey in the grace of Christ. For that reason, spiritual writers tell us that the spiritual life is a series of new beginnings. Advent invites us to a period of meditation, of examination. It is our time of preparing for the coming of Christ. But Christ comes in many ways. He will come, to be sure, on Christmas morn. But He will also come whenever the grace of God is stirred up in our hearts. For this reason Advent should be a time of more frequent and fervent meditation and examination. Through such means we will be more concerned with spiritual matters. In such a way the grace of God will be able to work more effectively in our souls. Advent is our time of spiritual rebirth. By opening the eyes of our soul through prayer and meditation, we will be better able to see the birth of Christ on Christmas morn!

**The Word of Life**--"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" [respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

**First Sunday of Advent – 29 November 2020** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37. **Be Alert! Watch!** We begin this new liturgical year as the old one ends: alert, on the watch, looking to the end time (that is, the return of Jesus Christ) while still living in this middle time of grace. In our watching, we make the words at the center of the Isaiah reading our own: "Would that you might meet us doing right." Let us be faithful gatekeepers – of our thoughts and of our acts – actively looking for the face of the Lord. How will I maintain hope as I wait for Jesus Christ? What will I say? What will I do? The Works of Mercy can be a start.

