

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent, March 8, 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:

3/07/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners  
3/12/20 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass  
3/14/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Sherwin Desens –Sue & Mark Richie)

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

3/07/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill  
3/14/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:** Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## Prayers for Sick

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

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 586.00  
Eastern Europe (Ash Wed) \$ 296.00  
Your Offering is most appreciated!

**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!

**Please join me for Stations of the Cross** in South Wilmington at 7pm every Wednesday during Lent followed by Benediction. This is an excellent opportunity to help you on your Lenten journey.

**Confirmation** is on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington. Please keep the Confirmation Class in your prayers.

"Lent is a favorable time in which to rediscover faith in God as the foundation of our lives and of the Church's life." *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the **2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**. Your support will allow us to *Be Kind and Merciful* as, together, we do God's work here on earth. Every gift brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$3100. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.

There is a Second Collection today for our Maintenance Fund for St. Mary's. Thank you for your generosity.

Don't be late. Doors open at 5:00 pm for the start of the "Come 11<sup>th</sup>" **Annual Nite at the Races**. From 5:00 – 6:00pm things will be in "Viva Las Vegas" mode with black jack, dice, and a war card game. Get your picture in front of the "Little White Chapel". The kitchen will be open with Italian Beef, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, and Chili. A cash bar will also be available. Take time to view the large selection of raffle items and preview the items for the live auction. The first horse race begins at 6:30pm. Join your fellow St. Lawrence Parishioners and members of our community on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall in Gardner for a night filled with fun.

**Sacred Heart Parish in Campus Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner**-We are going to hold the Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner on **March 15, 2020** to help with the repair & maintenance for Sacred Heart Church. We will need everyone's help to have a successful fundraiser for our church. We will be cutting the meat, getting the hall ready and cleaning the potatoes and carrots for the dinner, on Saturday March 14, 2020 at 8:30 am. Please bring a cake or two to the hall by 10:00 am on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Sunday, we will also need help to put the dinner on and clean up afterwards. If you are available any or all of these times, and can help, that would be awesome and greatly appreciated. **Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner March 15, 2020 Serving 11:00 am til 2:30 pm Campus Parish Hall.**

**Dwight Knights of Columbus Fish Fries**-All Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) 5-7 pm at the Saint Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight Fried Pollock, Baked Cod & Shrimp, sides & dessert Adults & High School Students \$10.00 Grade School Students \$5.00 Pre-School – Free Take Outs Available.

**Second Sunday of Lent – 08 March 2020** Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10. Matthew 17:1-9. **It Is Good to Be Here.** God says to each of us today: I will bless you; live a holy life. Thus, it is good to be here in this holy Lent. Like the three apostles on the mount, we listen to Christ, we witness his divine glory, and we keep our eyes on the promise of heaven while living in merciful ways today. How will the radiant Christ shine through my thoughts and actions? What will I do to listen more intently to Christ each day this week? Because of God's mercy to me, what mercy works will I do today and tomorrow?

