

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2, 2020

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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:

8/01/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Francis O'Brien (Monica Ruder)
8/06/20 Thurs. 8:30 am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & descendants
8/08/20 Sat. 5:30 pm 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

8/01/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K.
8/08/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of August: The Maritime Word. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 445.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias, Randy Clapp,
Tiff Steichen, Donna Masching
and Leon Kersch

To donate **online please go to www.dioceseofjoliel.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 Thank you!

Dispensation has been granted to all people not feeling well, vulnerable or uncomfortable returning to Church at this time.

The **Parish Office** is open only by appointment at this time, if you need an appointment, please call. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Aug. 3rd.

Our condolences to Jane Arends and family on the passing of her Aunt, Mary Raines. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace! Amen.

Congratulations to Liam Michael O'Donnell, his mom Kaylynn, dad Michael, and all their family and friends on the occasion of Liam's Baptism here at St. Mary's. May the Lord's love and peace be with him always!

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.

A prayer for Our Parish Family—Good and gracious God, Even in the midst of these troubling times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish. Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail. May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful. Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during these times of stress and anxiety, distance and isolation. By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner. And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten our Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

The Word of Life—"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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Isaiah 55:1-3. Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18. Romans 8:35, 37-39. Matthew 14:13-21.

Nothing Can Separate Us! The first reading speaks of comfort foods. The second declares nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The gospel shows that Jesus' need for quiet prayer can be interrupted by his pity on others' needs. He put the disciples to work in providing needed and satisfying food. In this pandemic, some may still be separated from the Sunday assembly, from Eucharist and Communion, but never from Christ Jesus. How can I take comfort in knowing Christ is near? As a baptized disciple, whom can I comfort with a phone call, letter, or errand? How will I trust that **nothing** will separate me from Christ and from all those he loves?

