St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 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:

9/19/20 Sat. 5:30 pm + Verneal Fritz (CCD Students)
5:30 pm First Holy Communion
9/24/20 Thurs. 8:30 am +Clement Riordan (Rosemary Brooks)
+Donald Schmidt (Monica Ruder)
9/26/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners AND
+Patrick & Alice Masching (Don & Norma O'Brien)

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
9/19/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget
9/26/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane

Holy Father's Intention for the month of September: Respect for the Planet's Resources. That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection $ 309.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick
Juanita Arias, Tiff Steichen, Donna Masching and Leon Kersch

To donate **online please go to 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.

Natural Disasters Collection-Next weekend, September 26/27th, we will be taking up a collection for the natural disasters relief efforts that have been experienced in the United States recently. If you feel comfortable giving what you can, your contributions are very welcome. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Natural Disasters". Thank you to our parishioners who have continued to support the Church and her charitable efforts during the time of this pandemic.

"Patience smooths away lots of difficulties." — St. John Bosco

First Holy Communion– It is our pleasure to share in the celebration of First Holy Communion today with Trey Fritz, son of Jason and Ainsley, Elizabeth Stipanovich, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca, and Callie Walters, daughter of Timothy and Haven. We congratulate each and every one...on their official welcome of Christ into their hearts and lives!!! May His blessing be always upon them...and may they always have much to celebrate!!!

Monday, September 21 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). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packaged groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic C harities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you are comfortable volunteering, please arrive by 3:00pm and wear a mask. Thank you!

R.C.A. Butter Braid Fundraiser-The Reddick Community Auxiliary (R.C.A.), a volunteer organization affiliated with the Reddick Firefighter's Association, is having their annual Butter Braid and Cookies Fundraiser. The R.C.A. is responsible for hosting a variety of community events as well as supporting the community's volunteer firefighters. The selection this year is as follows: **Butter Braids** - Cream Cheese, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Apple, Cinnamon, Bavarian Cream, Cherry, and Four Cheese and Herb with Marinara Sauce **Cookies** – Triple Chocolate, Classic Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal Medley, Peanut Butter Perfection, Snickerdoodle, and Sweet Macadamia Nut **Cinnamon Rolls** and **Caramel Rolls** are also available**. Cost: $15.00 (All to be delivered before the holidays!)** Please see one of the following members if you are interested in ordering: Rosemary Brooks, Jane Arends, Kelli Joyce, Gail Joyce or call 815-365-4489 to place an order. Thank you for your ongoing support for our organization!

The Word of Life--"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*." **NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.* USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

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Isaiah 55:6-9. Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a. Matthew 20:1-16a.
How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven. This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late-comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good – with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah). What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven? How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling? How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?