

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.— No Mass January—February

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:

2/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
3/4/21 Thurs. No Mass
3/6/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Kazimierz Drewniak (Hanna Drewniak)

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

2/27/21 Sat.. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
3/6/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* Sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$1383.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 373.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt and Donna Masching

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.

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!

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." - Pope Benedict XVI

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2020, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

St. Mary's March 7 Utility Collection-St. Mary's second collection for the 2020-2021 budget year is scheduled for March 7. (A green envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) **The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. We thank all our parishioners who generously donated during the fall, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your support.

Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan, Tom O'Brien -St. Mary's Finance Committee



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$3200. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$373 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Nut-shell summary of LENT—According to Saint Benedict. During these Lenten days we should very carefully keep our life pure, and at the same time atone for the shortcomings of other times. We should busy ourselves with fervent prayer, spiritual reading, contrition of heart, and self-denial; bring sacrifices freely and beyond our usual obligation to our loving God in the joy of the Holy Spirit; and thus, while we abstain somewhat from food and drink, from sleep, talking and jesting, we await the holy feast of Easter with a joy and desire that the spirit of God awakens in us.

The Word of Life--"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Second Sunday of Lent – 28 February 2021 Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18. Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19. Romans 8:31b-34. Mark 9:2-10. **Listen to Him.** One week into Lent, we are simply told by the voice from the cloud: Listen to Jesus. He told us last Sunday to "believe in the gospel." What does belief in this Good News look and sound like this Lent, this year? Since we are descendants of Abraham, how am I to behave with my cousins (that is, everyone)? Since we are sisters and brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom do I listen? What am I told? Since I am also "beloved", what will I do?

