

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

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:

4/17/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
4/22/21 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & descendents
4/24/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Mary Lou King (Monica Ruder)

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

4/17/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
4/24/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of April: *General Intention:* Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 565.00
Easter Offering	\$ 40.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt and Donna Masching

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!

Daily Mass has resumed at St. Mary's on Thursday mornings at 8:30am.

First Communion is next Saturday, April 24th at the 5:30pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

CMAA Pledge Report for St. Marys Church-Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL:	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	<u>\$ 4,035.00</u>	AMOUNT PAID:	<u>\$ 3,810.00</u>
REMAINING BALANCE:	<u>\$ 225.00</u>	REBATE AMOUNT:	<u>\$ 427.00</u>		

"Fear of the Lord does not mean to be afraid of God. St. John tells us that where there is love, there is no fear. Rather, fear of the Lord is to stand in awe and wonder before the greatness of the Lord. It is to recognize that God is the creator and we are the creatures. Fear of the Lord should lead us to praise and worship." — Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM

Monday, April 19 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 (snow, 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. Volunteers please arrive by 3:00pm and wear a mask. Thank you!

The Word of Life- "Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)." Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "*Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life*". (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Third Sunday of Easter – 18 April 2021 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9. 1 John 2:1-5a. Luke 24:35-48.

Have You Anything to Eat? We long to be fed at the table of the Lord. We hunger to eat and drink his Blood and Body. If we can go to the church this day – what a joy! If we can't, we can still follow the gospel injunction: Look and touch. We can look for Jesus everywhere – because that is where he is. We can still touch Jesus in the persons who are near – because that is also where he is. How will I look for and see Jesus every day? How will I touch Jesus, either really or virtually, in touching another? How will I do these mercy works: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty?

