

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
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!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 4pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 11 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's
Tues., Dec. 14 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
Wed., Dec. 15 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Christmas Flowers—St. Mary's Altar & Rosary is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please put your donations in a white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers in C/O Ruth Schott" This is a great way to remember your loved ones during the Christmas Season. Please include a list of those you want flowers in memory of and who the flowers are donated by. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary. If any questions, please contact Ruth Schott at 815-421-4094. Thank you!

Monday, December 13 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. St. Lawrence Church parking lot (snow, rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** Please pass the word to those in need. Thank you!

Word of Life—"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast – 12 December We do not celebrate this patronal feast of the Americas this year because the Third Sunday of Advent is of higher rank and takes precedence.

Third Sunday of Advent – 12 December 2021 Zephaniah 3:14-18a. Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. Philippians 4:4-7. Luke 3:10-18.

Exhorting and Expecting. Even in these troubled times, we are urged to rejoice this day, this week, this season. The question posed by nearly everyone to John the Baptist – What should we do? – is also our question. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord is near. While we actively wait for Jesus Christ to come again, we are told to be merciful and just. What in my closet can be given to clothe someone in need? What actions in my job or my retirement can be fairer and more just? What words from my mouth will speak only truth?

Mass Intentions:

12/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Dan Ryan (Mickey & Joe King)
12/16/21 Thurs. 8:30 am +Mary Jo Murphy
+Verneal Fritz (Joni, Jack, Jen, JJ & Justin Eisenmann)
12/18/21 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

12/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
12/18/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: *General Intention:* Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 709.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others— educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

St. Mary's will be collecting new or slightly used mittens, scarves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities in Kankakee for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

St. Mary's CCD students will be performing their **Christmas program today** after the 5:30 p.m. mass. In addition, our Confirmation students will be hosting a soup and sandwich dinner after the program. There will be a free-will donation collected by the Confirmation students, which will be split between our CCD program, and a needy family in the surrounding area. Finally, there will be a raffle to win a light-up, outdoor Nativity Scene for your home (\$5.00 per ticket, or 3 for \$10.00). The Confirmation students will come and assemble the Nativity Scene for you! This outdoor decoration will be collected by our Confirmation students during the weekend of January 8th (following the Epiphany); it will be raffled off next year, as well, and in the years to come! Be the first winner of this outdoor Christmas decoration!

"May the Holy Spirit enkindle you with the fire of His Love so that you may persevere, unflinchingly, in the love of His service. Thus you may merit to become, at last, a living stone in the celestial Jerusalem."—*St. Hildegard von Bingen*

