

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021

### Parish Staff:

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### Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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

January 1st—Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**Religious give thanks.** A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**CHRISTMAS REMINDERS**—May the Christmas CHEER remind you of Him who said, "Be of good cheer." May the Christmas BELL remind you of the glorious proclamations of His birth. May the Christmas CAROLS remind you of the song the Angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!" May the Christmas SEASON remind you in every way of Jesus Christ, Your King!

A Blessing Prayer for the Manager...God of all Creation, as we look upon this Holy Manager, fill us with wonder and awe. May these figures help us to reflect on the wonder of Christ's birth that silent night in Bethlehem. God of Miracles and Mystery, fill us with the faith of Joseph and Mary, with the wonder of the shepherds, and with the generosity of the Three Kings. Bless this Manager; may it be for us a sign of peace, of joy and of Your gentle love. We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

**Word of Life**--"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her). SCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

**Fourth Sunday of Advent – 19 December 2021** Micah 5:1-4a. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Hebrews 10:5-10. Luke 1:39-45.

**Leaping for Joy.** Let us take our cue from the six-month gestating baby in the womb of Elizabeth leaping for joy on encountering the Lord and the one who brings him. Let us sing again and again all week the antiphon of the psalm: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." How can I keep looking for the face of Christ in those around me? Whom will I visit, even virtually if needed, to help in some way? How can I get to Christmas Day in peace?



### Mass Intentions:

12/18/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners  
12/23/21 Thurs. **No Mass**  
12/24/21 Fri. 5:30pm **Christmas Eve—For 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

12/18/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
12/24/21 Fri.. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary K.



**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 \$ 798.00  
Immaculate Conception \$ 358.00  
Retired Religious \$ 367.00  
Your Offering is most appreciated!

### Prayers for Sick

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

St. Mary's will be collecting new or slightly used mittens, scarves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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!

**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!

**2022 Offering envelopes** are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

Great job to the CCD Children for such a lovely program. Thankyou to all those who watched the program, enjoyed the soups and sandwich dinner or purchase raffle tickets for the light-up, outdoor Nativity Scene. Congratulations to Fr. Stanley on becoming the first winner of this outdoor decoration! Thank you again!

No Mass on Thursday, December 23rd.  
The Parish Office will be closed on December 23rd & 24th.