

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021

Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
Linette Hopwood, *Secretary*
Email: stlawrenceswilm@yahoo.com
Web Page swkrcatholics.org
Bridget Hoffman, *CCD Director*
Hall Rentals—Norma O'Brien 365-2590

Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

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!

Mass Intentions:

12/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder)
12/8/21 Thurs. 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception of BVM
12/9/21 Thurs. 8:30 am +Ed Masching (Melinda & Dan Hogan)
+Lucille Christensen (Ruth Schott)
12/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Dan Ryan (Mickey & Joe King)

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

12/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill
12/8/21 Wed. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
12/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



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	\$ 475.00
CCHD	\$ 10.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

Movie Night-Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a movie night in the hall on Saturday, December 4, 2021 after the 5:30pm Mass. They are planning on showing the movie "Unplanned" and also some form of refreshments will be served. All are invited to this Movie night.

December 8-(Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule

7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
8:30am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

Give in gratitude. A donor to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

St. Mary's CCD students will be performing their **Christmas program on Saturday, December 11th** after the 5:30 p.m. mass. In addition, our Confirmation students will be hosting a soup and sandwich dinner after the program. Please plan on attending if you're able. 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! We hope to see you all there! Questions, please contact Bridget Hoffman (815) 343-3257.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

Friday, December 10 – Winter Carnival The Reddick Community Auxiliary is sponsoring a Winter Carnival at the Reddick Fire Station Community Hall on Main Street, Reddick. The family event will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Carnival will kick off with Santa's arrival to town! Activities include a visit with Santa, raffles, games, crafts, and prizes. (Please follow mask protocols.)

Second Sunday of Advent – 05 December 2021 Baruch 5:1-9. Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11. Luke 3:1-6.

Preparing the Way. In announcing the first coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist urges all people to be right with one another and the world. In awaiting the coming, prophet Baruch tells us how to dress for that day – clad in justice and peace and mercy. In praying for us, as we await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul confidently urges us to do good work, to love more and more, and to be filled with what is right. In these troubled times, how can I make things right with _____? What good work of justice and peace can I do this week? What mercy work is Jesus urging me to do?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity Patronal Feastday of the United States of America – Wednesday, 08 December 2021 Genesis 3:9-15, 20. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4. Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12. Luke 1:26-38.

Hearing Voices. Adam and Eve, while still in the garden, hear God speak. Mary, in small town Nazareth, converses with angel Gabriel. Big events result. Mary, who did not know sin, helped, through God's good grace, to bear the Son of God and bring on the Church and the Reign and Kingdom of God. What inner voice, calling me blessed, urges me not to be afraid of _____? What am I chosen by God to do this week? How will my life give God praise?

