

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2022

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm 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:

1/22/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Fr. Richard Kostelz (Joe & Emma King)

**1/27/22 Thurs. No Mass**

1/29/22 Sat. 5:30pm 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

1/22/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill

1/29/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:** *General Intention:* For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 1060.00

Maintenance \$ 500.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

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

**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!

During the months of January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays for 6:30pm Mass. Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

**Statement of Contributions**-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2021, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 28th.

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

This weekend we take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America!** Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Essex Community Club** will host breakfast on Sunday, January 23 at the Essex Community Hall, 217 Paris St., from 7 am to noon. The Lions will serve biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs (any way), toast, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12 and Under 6 eat FREE.

Wanting to keep up with news and/or announcements from the Diocese?! Visit [www.dioceseofjoliot.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliot.org) for the latest information and resources.

**Monday, January 24 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.** Take Action to solve hunger by volunteering to sort and pack boxes, help us distribute food to neighbors in need. If you can volunteer, please arrive by 3pm to help pack boxes. Please pass the word to those in need. Thank you!

**Word of Life**--"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. usccb Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 January 2022 We devote this day to the celebration, study, and spread of the Word of God.** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10. Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

**Believing the Word of God.** We are the Body of Christ (Corinthians) assembling as the graced community of believers (Nehemiah) each week to give thanks and praise, to share in Communion, and then sent to serve. We are part of the great Communion of Saints to whom is handed down the living Word of God – both the Scriptures and the Tradition as well as the very person of Christ who is the spoken Word of God (Luke). During the first Mass in a brand-new church building, the bishop shows the *Lectionary* to the assembly and says: "May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church." *The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*, Chapter II, no. 53, © 2018, ICEL. All rights reserved. The Word of God is central to faith. How will I set aside a few minutes each day to read/reread Scripture? What is a good time? How will I look for the unfolding mystery of Christ in little and big ways today? How will I be "good news" this week by what I say and do?

