

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2022

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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:

3/12/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
3/17/22 Thurs. 8:30am +Zephyr Benoit (Sandra Ryan)
+Mary Jo Murphy
3/19/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Mike Foley (Ruth Schott)

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

3/12/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill
3/19/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 1069.00
Maintenance	\$ 2284.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 416.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

John O'Donnell, 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.

Daily Mass will resume in Reddick beginning Thursday, March 17th at 8:30am.

Thank you to our CCD students and families that helped to put on the BBQ and Bingo Night Supper. Congratulations to our three raffle basket winners; they took home a coffee basket, a spa basket, and an Italian dinner basket. All proceeds went to our CCD fund!

Confirmation-Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hand and anointing with oils by Bishop Hicks on Wednesday, March 16th

"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be." —St. John Berchmans

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the **2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**. Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$3500. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Nut-shell summary of LENT—According to Saint Benedict. During these Lenten days we should very carefully keep our life pure, and at the same time atone for the shortcomings of other times. We should busy ourselves with fervent prayer, spiritual reading, contrition of heart, and self-denial; bring sacrifices freely and beyond our usual obligation to our loving God in the joy of the Holy Spirit; and thus, while we abstain somewhat from food and drink, from sleep, talking and jesting, we await the holy feast of Easter with a joy and desire that the spirit of God awakens in us. -St. Benedict (480-547).

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

We have available **Little Black Books** for Lent from the Knights of Columbus. This is your companion for Lent. The *Little Black Book* travels easily in your pocket, purse, glove compartment. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day. There is a small donation box if you would like to help cover the cost of the book, but it is not necessary.

The Braidwood Knights of Columbus #1574 is hosting a **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th from 4-7pm. Corned beef, cabbage, carrots and Potatoes at Fr. White Hall 110 S. School Street in Braidwood. Free Will Donation for dinner to benefit Immaculate Conception Braidwood and Council Functions.

Word of Life-“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

Second Sunday of Lent – 13 March 2022 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18. Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Philippians 3:17–4:1.

Luke 9:28b-36. **Reflecting on Transfiguration.** Lent is not an end. It is a necessary transition, as it is every year, to the glory of life in Christ – in which we already share in some incomplete way. These dazzling white clothes of Jesus recall our own baptismal garments in which we were clothed in him. They remind us to imitate him in all we think and do and say. How does the glory of Christ dazzle me to reflect on _____? How does my Baptism strengthen me to do _____? To use Saint Paul's words, how will I stand firm in the Lord?

