

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 27, 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:

3/26/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Bev Forneris)
3/31/22 Thurs. 8:30am +Zephyr Benoit (Merle Marquie)
4/02/22 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

3/26/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
4/02/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



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 \$ 1122.00
Catholic Relief Services \$ 50.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

John O'Donnell, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

Daily Mass-Reminder we are back to having Daily Mass on Thursday at 8:30am here at St. Mary's. Please consider joining me if you are able.

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Stations of the Cross are on the following Wednesday evenings (March 30 and April 6) at 5:00pm in Kinsman and 7:00pm in South Wilmington. Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion! If you are able, please participate in Stations of the Cross for Lent.

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles." -*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

This week we take up The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Spring Utility Collection-On behalf of St. Mary's Finance Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution to our Spring Utility Collection! To date, \$3,584 has been collected. The money will be used to cover the utility expenses for our church and 20% of the rectory. This collection, coupled with our fall collection, are tremendously important in maintaining our church. Thank you again!

Dispensation from Mass Attendance –Per the Diocese of Joliet. When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Suggestions for Lent – Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.

"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family. Be holy."

–*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Word of Life-“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 27 March 2022 Year C readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12. Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. **Reflecting on a Spendthrift Father.** We know this story by heart. A greedy son, an extravagant father, a big party, and an indignant second son. The first son comes to his senses. The father never loses his senses. The second son, after grumbling, remains a mystery. How do I, like the first son, come to my senses about God's perpetual love and care for me? How is God, like the spendthrift father, extravagant with me? How will I be generous to others? Works of Mercy may be a place to start.

