St. Mary's Catholic Church

Parish Staff:

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Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

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!

First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022

Mass Intentions:

3/5/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Kazimierz Drewniak (Children) 3/10/22 Thurs. No Mass 3/12/22 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 3/5/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda 3/12/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



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 409.00 Ś \$ Maintenance 50.00 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.

CCD Reminders-

Confirmation Retreat & Practice-Saturday, March 12th in South Wilmington. Confirmation – Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm in South Wilmington First Communion-Saturday, April 30th at 5:30pm Mass.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 - BBQ and Bingo Night @ St. Mary's Church Hall! Please join our CCD students for a BBQ dinner and game night. Dinner will begin @ 6:30 and be served until 8:00 (following 5:30 Mass); cost is \$5.00. Stay to play Bingo, from 8:00-9:00; cards cost \$5 (no additional game cost to switch cards)! Winners will have their names added to the Raffle Basket Drawings. Raffle tickets will be sold for 6 for \$5.00, 15 for \$10.00, 25 for \$20.00. Hoping to see you there!

St. Mary's March 6th Utility Collection-St. Mary's second collection for the 2021-2022 budget year is scheduled for March 6th. (A green envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick. It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. We thank all our parishioners who generously donated during the fall, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your support. - St. Mary's Finance Committee



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? In the words of Pope Francis Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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.

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.

2022 Spring Preschools Screenings are offered free and open for children from birth to 5 years of age by Livingston County Special Services Unit. Dwight on March 10&11 call 815/584-6249, Saunemin on March 17 call 815/832-4421. A complete schedule can be found on the bulletin board.

First Sunday of Lent - 06 March 2022 Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13. Reflecting on Baptism and Temptations. Luke's gospel recounts that Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit at Jordan's baptism, is led by that same Spirit into the desert – a place for reflection and prayer. And hunger. And temptations by diabolos, the false accuser. What happens? Strengthened by baptism at which he is called "beloved", temptations are resisted - not easily, but resisted nonetheless. Food for our thoughtful reflections this Lent. How does my Baptism strengthen me for Christian living? How can I face temptations of eating, of power, of vain glory this Lent? How will I pray for and support the elect throughout the diocese called this day to Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist at the coming Easter Vigil?