

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Sunday, November 20, 2022

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
Thurs.—8:30am 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:

11/19/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Dan Ryan (Ruth McGinnis)  
**11/24/22 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS—HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
11/26/22 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

11/19/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane  
11/26/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:** *General Intention:* For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 825.00
Nat'l Military Collection	\$ 30.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$ 60.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

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

**Christmas Flowers**—St. Mary's Altar & Rosary is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please put your donations in a white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers in C/O Ruth Schott" This is a great way to remember your loved ones during the Christmas Season. Please include a list of those you want flowers in memory of and who the flowers are donated by. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary. If any questions, please contact Ruth Schott at 815-421-4094. Thank you!

**Dinner Cancellation**—The dinner for the St. Mary's Ladies will unfortunately have to be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Hopefully we can all get together in the Spring. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Parish Office will be closed November 23-25. No Mass on Thursday, November 24th. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Today is the national collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, which serves as the U.S. bishops' anti-poverty initiative. Helping our brothers and sisters living on the margins has always been a key element of Catholic social teaching. I'm reminded of Pope Francis' words when he visited a homeless shelter in Rome: "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." (*Visit at the "Dono di Maria" homeless shelter: Meeting with the Missionaries of Charity, the poor and volunteers, May 21, 2013*) It's important to remember that 25% of the CCHD collection stays within our diocese to be distributed through grants to local organizations whose mission is to help the marginalized. Let me tell you about one of those groups. Children's Art and Recreation Enrichment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) in Pembroke Township provides community events focused on arts, recreation and education for children and families. The organization's "Focus on the Family" project features monthly classes centered on parenting skills that conclude with a family meal. The motto of CCHD is that it "offers a hand up, not a hand out." Let us extend our hands in service to our brothers and sisters who need our help through a donation this weekend. Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet

**Saturday, 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! Activities include a visit with Santa, raffles, games, crafts, prizes, and entertainment.

**National Wreaths Across America** is holding their annual ceremony and wreath laying on 12/17 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The ceremony is at 11 with the wreath laying afterwards. No sign up needed. There will be a lunch for volunteers from noon to 4pm at the Stone City VFW in Joliet. This is a great project for kids who need volunteer hours and anyone wanting to honor our Vets. Please contact proudarmysis4@sbcglobal.net for instructions on how to help. Thanks!

**Word of Life**—"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity – 20 November 2022** 2 Samuel 5:1-3. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5. Colossians 1:12-20. Luke 23:35-43. **No sneering, no jeering.** Jesus is dying. He is sneered, jeered, and abused by those who gather round. A king on a cross. It may not be what we expect – but he is the one in whom we believe. And this cross is the one we kiss and venerate on Good Friday. This empty cross is sign for us that the One who was dead is risen now and with us today... and tomorrow...and for ever. As with Jesus, how will I trust that death is not the end for me? How will I treat no one with contempt? Let us sing of the **fullness of Christ** by rereading Colossians 1:12-20 each day this week.

