

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Sunday, January 1, 2023

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass

Thurs.—No Daily Mass December-March

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:

12/31/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Daniel Ryan (Viator Buckley)
1/5/23 Thurs. 5:30pm NO MASS
1/7/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (Tim, Terry, Mary Alice and Marge Buckley)

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

12/31/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
1/7/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January: *General Intention:* For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 825.00
Christmas Offering: \$ 1670.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, 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 -During the months of January through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. No Daily Mass in South Wilmington till Tuesday, January 10th.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. Happy New Year!

Thank you to all those who generously donated scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season. The collected items will be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration— We will not be having Adoration during January. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Check out Bishop Hicks Column for January, Peace be with you. Visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org

Thank you to all the parishioners for your many prayers, Christmas cards and generous gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Also, our Church looks beautiful thanks to our parishioners for taking the time to decorate and those parishioners for making donations towards our Christmas Poinsettias. God Bless all of you in the New Year, Fr. Stanley

2023 Offering envelopes— just a reminder to please pick up your box of envelopes. If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the envelope. Thank you!

NEW YEAR BLESSING—May Angels keep you night and day, and Mary guide you on your way; and may the Christ-Child fill your heart with peace, as He only can impart-- All this and more I ask for you, **BLESSINGS to last the New Year through.**

Fr. Stanley is available to come and bless your homes. If you are interested, please call the rectory to set this up. Otherwise, next weekend, we have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your own homes.

Program for NEW YEAR—DAILY PLAN—LIFE God's man lives, moves, has his being in God. The Christian who would live Godly always must have a rule or pattern of life. Here is a suggestion: **Participate daily** in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **Make everything**—work, play, prayer—share in It: *Ite, Missa Est!* **Feast daily** in the Eucharist—Christ is your Great Friend—take Him with you. **Make daily conversation with Christ**—mental prayer—aim for 15 minutes, settle for no less than five, on busiest days. **Receive the Sacrament of Penance biweekly**, with a regular confessor if possible. Seek spiritual direction. **Pray Our Lady's Rosary** daily, devoutly. **Use opportunities** to increase knowledge of our Holy Faith: courses, lectures, discussion clubs, books, sermons.

Feast of Mary – January 1st - On this octave of the feast of Christmas we celebrate Mary, the mother of our Savior, who treasured and reflected on all the marvelous events of her young life. Luke 2:16-21: "The shepherds went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which has been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

Celebrate the

National Eucharistic Revival

With these special **Diocesan Celebrations**

DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF

ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET,

AND PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER on MARCH 23, 24, 25 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus." —*St. Rose of Lima*