

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 4, 2022

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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:

12/03/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

12/08/22 Thurs. 5:30pm Immaculate Conception of BVM

12/10/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & Family)

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

12/03/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill

12/08/22 Thurs. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget

12/10/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: *General Intention:* For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 660.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt,
Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

2023 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the first few envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

St. Mary's will be collecting new or slightly used mittens, scarves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities in Kankakee for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

Eucharistic Adoration—December 7 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington. Since we are now in the Winter months, we will be holding Eucharistic Adoration in South Wilmington not in Essex. Please think about spending some extra time with Jesus during this Advent season.

December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule -7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington, 9:00am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman, 12-1pm– Hour of Grace-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington, and 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

December 8 Hour of Grace—By request of our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace every year on December 8th from 12 noon to 1pm. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray undisturbed during this hour. Please join me at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.

On **December 8**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**. (This feast is also a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's **Retirement Fund for Religious collection** help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

"Crosses release us from this world and by doing so bind us to God." *Blessed Charles de Foucauld*

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.

Second Sunday of Advent – 4 December 2022 Isaiah 11:1-10. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. Romans 15:4-9. Matthew 3:1-12. **A Changed Mind Fosters a Changed Life.** Who would want to be accused of being part of a brood of vipers? Appearing to be good is not good enough. When the Lord comes again, justice and faithfulness will reign supreme from top to bottom. Won't that be grand? We don't have to wait. Though there will be a Second Coming, Christ is also with us now! Justice and faithfulness, hope and harmony are part of our lives already. Saint Paul, in the Romans reading, urges three things: Heed the instruction: Everyday, how will I let Scripture guide me? Pray in one voice: Everyday, how will I pray alone and with others? Welcome each other: Everyday, how will I live in harmony with others as the Lord does with me?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity – 8 December 2022 Genesis 3:9-15, 20. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4. Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12. Luke 1:26-38. **Purity.** Her conception is immaculate ... so that her birth nine months later on 08 September would be another sure sign for being the Mother of God. And, thus, as also Mother of the Church, she urges us to live grace-filled lives without "spot or wrinkle" (Preface). How will I step away from the serpent, flee from sin, and attend to God's good grace?

