

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 15, 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:

1/14/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
1/19/23 Thurs. 5:30pm NO MASS
1/21/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clifford Steichen (Friends)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office.

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

1/14/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
1/21/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



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 \$
Note: Collection Amounts will be posted in the bulletin on January 29.
Thank you.

Prayers for Sick

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

Welcome all individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish.

Daily Mass -During the months of January through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays for 6:30pm Mass. Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

The Parish Office will be closed January 16-20. However, someone will be checking phone messages during this time. Fr. Stan will be available.

Home Blessing-Did you remember to Bless your home for 2023? Fr. Stan is available to come and bless your home. Call the Parish Office to set up a time.

"The name of Jesus, pronounced with reverence and affection, has a kind of power to soften the heart." –St. Philip Neri

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

LITURGICAL COLORS and what they mean. **GREEN**-A sign of hope. This color is used at all Masses throughout the year when no special Mass or feast is celebrated. As Christians we are confidently hoping for the coming of Christ. **WHITE**-A sign of joy. This color is used at all the solemnities (Easter, Christmas, etc.) feasts and Masses of the Blessed Virgin, feasts and memorials of saints who are not martyrs, weddings, funerals, baptisms, devotions and other Masses for special occasions. **VIOLET**-A sign of penance. It is used for Masses during Advent and Lent and of wither individual or communal celebrations of the sacrament of penance. **RED**-a sign of blood or fire. It is used for feasts and memorials of martyrs who shed their blood for the faith. It is also used on Pentecost Sunday, at the sacrament of confirmation, and at Masses of the Holy Spirit as a reminder of the tongues of fire which indicated the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles of the first Pentecost. —Prayer Book.

Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June- The Diocese of Joliet is pleased to announce its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona. The June 3-16 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc. "It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson. The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002. Interested individuals are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan.18 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For information, email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.

Word of Life- "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 January 2023 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34. **What Baptism Makes of Us.** We begin Ordinary Times this liturgical year full of baptismal reminders. Jesus ranks ahead of John the Baptist and all of us. But though greater, he, in his good Spirit, remains with all of us. In Baptism, we are God's servants, ordained to show God's glory (and not our own), and be about God's saving plan. And like Saint Paul and the Corinthians, we are called to be holy. How will I cherish Baptism today and rest in Christ loving me? How will I manifest God's glory in some simple word or work? How will I be holier today than I was yesterday?

