

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, February 5, 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:

2/04/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
 2/09/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS
 2/11/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Monica Ruder)

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

2/04/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay
 2/11/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of February: *General Intention:* For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 667.00
Latin America	\$ 25.00
Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.	

Prayers for Sick

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

During the months of February we will not have Daily Mass. 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

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2022, please call the Parish Office 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Check Bishop Hicks Column for February –Feeding the hungry through our ministries. visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org

"By reason of His immensity, God is present everywhere; but there are two places where He dwells in a particular manner. One is in the highest heavens, where He is present by that glory which He communicates to the blessed; the other is on earth—within the humble soul that loves Him." –*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fish-bone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Fr. Stan will be blessing throats after Mass this weekend.

This coming Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday our Diocese will be celebrating **40 Hours Devotion** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. This is one of our celebrations of the National Eucharistic Revival and everyone is invited to go to the Cathedral and spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in prayer with other parishioners from throughout the Diocese. The schedule of prayers for these three days can be found on the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofjoliet.org

We will have a **children's Mass** next Saturday, February 11th at 5:30pm. Our children will be participating at this Mass and please come and support our children at this Mass.

Visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary (SJV)

*Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18, 2023

FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 16 – 24

WHY VISIT THE SEMINARY?

- Meet current seminarians.
- Learn more about the life of a seminarian.
- Time for prayer and discernment.
- Attend classes and hear inspiring talks.
- Discern God's will for you.
- Meet other young men from Joliet discerning God's will in their lives.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Personal toiletries
- Dress clothes for Mass
- Gym clothes for open gym
- Bible, rosary, spiritual reading for Holy Hour
- Personal spending money

SEMINARY VISIT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM Pick up group at Home Depot, 2000 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove

4:00 PM Arrive at SJV Seminary, welcome Mass, introductory talks

Friday, February 17

Holy Hour, Mass, Univ. of St. Thomas tour, talks, meals, time with seminarians, attend classes

Saturday, February 18

9:00 AM Leave SJV Seminary

4:00 PM Arrive at pick up place

*For more information, call
 Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office
 at 815-221-6171

Word of Life--"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 05 February 2023 Isaiah 58:7-10. Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16. **Being Salty.** In old Roman times, soldiers were paid in salt (it is the root word for "salary"). We are not paid with salt but are told to be salt today. Salt of the earth. Told, not to use "salty" language, but to be seasoned, tasty. We are also told to be light today. Light of the world. Told, not to show the goodness of our deeds, but to let our good deeds manifest the glory of God. How will I season, enliven someone's life today? How will I shine God's light on some gloom in today's world? How will doing this mercy work _____, show the blessedness of God and Christ and Spirit?

