

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, February 12, 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:

2/11/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Monica Ruder)
2/16/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS
2/18/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Bill Ryan (Dan Ryan Family)

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

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

2/18/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



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 \$ 705.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Tim Richie, 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

Ash Wednesday Schedule for February 22, 2023

7:30am Mass & Ashes-St. Lawrence -S. Wilmington

9:00am Mass & Ashes-Sacred Heart-Kinsman

6:00pm Ash Distribution Service-St. Lawrence

Congratulations to Timothy and Victoria on the baptism of Kennedy Paige O'Brien, last weekend at St. Mary's. May God always hold her in the Palm of His Hands.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

-St. Catherine of Siena

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference—The opening report for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how *we belong to God* because we are part of Christ's Church. Through the CMAA, we care for the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, like vocations, Catholic education and faith formation. Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$3,700. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal to us. You should have received a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, in January. Please review this information and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme,

"**Marriage...one flesh, given and received**" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

Monday, February 13 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. St. Lawrence Church parking lot (snow, rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Volunteers are needed to help make the Mobile Food Truck run smoothly. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The Sacred Heart (Kinsman) Cash Raffle has now ended! The final drawing was on Sunday, February 5th. The Jackpot winner of the \$500.00 was Robin Homerding, parishioner from St. Lawrence Church. Congratulations!!! Thank you to everyone that participated.

Word of Life—"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 February 2023 Sirach 15:15-20. Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37. **Attending to Law.** Both civil and Church law give us standards to guide our thought and behaviors. Outward acts help us attend to inner treasures. We need help for interpreting law rightly so that external actions reflect a right and merciful heart. That is why the Penitential Act is made early in Mass before gifts and selves are brought to the altar. How will I live in right relationship with God today? How will this spill over into right relationship with sisters and brothers (real and in the Lord)? How will my interpretation of God's law be filled with mercy and loving-kindness?

