

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, February 19, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

2/18/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Bill Ryan (Dan Ryan Family)  
2/23/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS  
2/25/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Marion King (Monica & Michelle 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

2/18/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
2/25/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**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 \$ 417.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Clarence Moranski, Timm Becker,  
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

"Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble. We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves." —*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

**This is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**, when we commit our support for the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. We must work together to ensure all feel included in our community of faith. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with the other parishes in the diocese to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith and strengthen vocations. We could not accomplish these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, which is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$3,700 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. In advance, thank you for your support!

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023** -1) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. 2)All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. 4) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. 5) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy. 6) Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

**The Rectory Office** will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day!

**Word of Life**--"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 February 2023** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13. 1 Corinthians 3:16-23. Matthew 5:38-48. **"The Lord is kind and merciful" [Psalm 103]**. Jesus still teaches on the mount today. He moves from the "blessed are" to the "I say to you." He says today: Do not hate. Do not get even. Do not retaliate. Do not insult. Love your neighbor, domestic and foreign. He ends with this: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Clear. To the point. Hard but doable with God's help. How will I be kind, be merciful today? Whom shall I stop hating? How can I shape my less-than-perfect behavior in the perfection of God?

