

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, February 26, 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:

2/25/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Marion King (Monica & Michelle Ruder)  
3/2/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS  
3/4/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

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

3/4/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:** *General Intention:* For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 752.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Clarence Moranski, Timm Becker, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

**Eucharistic Adoration**—If you have been considering coming to Eucharistic Adoration, now is the time. **March 1 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.** Even if you only have 10-15 minutes. This is one way to add a little extra time for you with Jesus during the LENT season and don't forget to participate in Stations of the Cross.

**The Stations of the Cross** are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday during Lent at 5pm in Kinsman and 7pm in South Wilmington followed by Benediction. Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion! If you are able, please participate in Stations of the Cross for Lent.

"Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more."  
—St. Joseph Cafasso

Please remember in prayer Alice Buckley who entered Eternal Life. Our condolences to her family and friends. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

**St. Mary's Spring Utility Collection-** St. Mary's second utility collection for the 2022-2023 budget year is scheduled for March 5. (A green envelope is included in your box for this purpose. If you do not receive a box of envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope marked "Utility Collection".) **The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care of St. Mary's of Reddick.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. A huge thank you to all of our parishioners who generously donated during the fall; our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your continued support, Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Hogan St. Mary's Finance Committee.

**Suggestions for Lent** – Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.

**Liturgical Color** -Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the liturgical color of Lent because it symbolizes repentance. It also symbolizes Christ's royalty as King of all kings.

**2023 Spring Preschool Screenings**—Parents of all birth to 5 year old's within the Livingston County Special Services Co-op are invited and encouraged to have their children screened for Free. Areas screened include: vision, hearing, speech and language, learning, motor & social-emotional. Parents should call the school where their child may attend (the week prior to the screening date) for more information about location and to schedule an appointment. Dwight #232, March 6 & 7 815/584-6220, Tri-Point #6J (Cullom, Kempton, Piper City), March 15 815/253-6299 Ext. 100, See bulletin board for additional locations and information.

**Word of Life**—"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent [usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](https://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

**First Sunday of Lent – 26 February 2023** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7. Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17. Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11. **Keep Grace Upfront.** Transgression and sin play a big part in the garden of Eden story. So does grace – which is the first part of that story. In the Roman's reading, Saint Paul counterpoints Adam and Eve with the saving death of Jesus Christ. He is the very grace of God. It is only when standing within this grace can we name what is non-grace, what is wrong with life, what is sin. Thus, Jesus can face the tempter without faltering – and help us do the same. How will the Bread of Life (Communion) fill me more than daily bread? How will I trust and not test God this Lent? What things and/or people will I stop "worshipping" so that I will worship God alone?

