

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 12, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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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:

3/11/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary Jo Murphy  
3/16/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS  
3/18/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Ruth McGinnis)

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

3/11/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane  
3/18/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



**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	\$ 695.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 2105.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Don O'Brien, Clarence Moranski, Timm Becker, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

## Lent Confession Schedule

Tues., March 28th after 6:30pm Mass -St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
(We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)

Wed., March 29th after 5pm Stations of the Cross-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Sat., April 1 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick

**Stations of the Cross** is a great devotion to unite us to Christ's suffering and death and allow us the opportunity to accompany Him on his way to calvary. We watch as He suffers under the weight of the cross and realize it was our sins that crucified Him. If you have not been to Stations of the Cross this Lent please try to attend on a Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in South Wilmington.

"Act, and God will act, work and He will work." —*St. Joan of Arc*

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." -- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

**Monday, March 13 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry** coming to South Wilmington. If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you!

**Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Reddick Fire Station's Community Center (formerly Reddick Grade School cafeteria) The Volunteer Firefighters Pancake Breakfast will be from 7:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The annual Community Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) will be held at 10:00 a.m. Children will be divided into the following age groups: 0-3, 4-7, 8-up. Please park on the EAST side of the buildings, and bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. There is no charge for this event, and it will be held rain or shine.

**The Dwight Lions** are having a pancake, sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast with drinks on **Sunday, March 12th** at the Dwight V.F.W. from 7:00AM to Noon. Adults are \$10.00 children 3-7 are \$5.00, under 3 Free. The proceeds are used to assist the sight and hearing impaired and to support community activities such as Christmas for Kids, July 4th Fireworks, college scholarships, Kid's Halloween activities, Easter Egg Hunt and many other local activities. Come out for a great all-you-can-eat breakfast and help the Lions support the community.

**Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner** with all the fixings, March 12, 2023 2:00 pm thru 5:00 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Campus IL, Cost is \$15.00 for adult and \$10.00 for children.

**Word of Life**--"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

**Third Sunday of Lent – 12 March 2023** Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8. John 4:5-42.

**Drinking in Christ.** Let us not grumble like the people in the desert. For we stand in the grace of God who pours divine love into our hearts and being. Let us stay in conversation with Jesus just as the Samaritan woman did at the well through our prayer and lenten reading. What grumbling, what complaining will I stop doing? How will I make time each day to pray and converse with God? How will I be a sign of healing and support to the elect thirsting for Easter Baptism?

