

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 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:

3/4/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
3/9/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS
3/11/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Brett McElroy (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

3/4/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay
3/11/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



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	\$ 1168.00
Eastern Europe (Ash Wed)	\$ 160.00

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

Stations of the Cross are every Wednesday in South Wilmington during Lent followed by Benediction. The Way of the Cross is not only a great testimony to an inner depth and maturity, but it is in fact a school for interiority and consolation. It is also a school for the examination of conscience, for conversation, for inner transformation and compassion – not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person. (Pope Benedict XVI) The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the Cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. Please join me for 45 minutes of your time on Wednesdays at 7pm in South Wilmington.

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."—*St. Gianna Molla*

Baptism Congratulations—The newest member of St. Mary's that was Baptized last week is Marilyn Rose Hogan, daughter of Matt & Laura. May God always hold her in the Palm of His Hands!

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.

We will resume Daily Mass in Reddick on Thursday mornings after Easter. During the month of March, if you would like to attend Daily Mass, please join me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays for 6:30pm Mass or Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

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—"The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

Second Sunday of Lent – 05 March 2023 Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10. Matthew 17:1-9.
It Is Good to Be Here. God says to each of us today: I will bless you; live a holy life. Thus, it is good to be here in this holy Lent. Like the three apostles on the mount, we listen to Christ, we witness his divine glory, and we keep our eyes on the promise of heaven while living in merciful ways today. How will the radiant Christ shine through my thoughts and actions? What will I do to listen more intently to Christ each day this week? Because of God's mercy to me, what mercy works will I do today and tomorrow?

