

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 23, 2023

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.—8:30 am Mass

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:

4/22/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
4/27/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Arnold Fritz (Joni, Jack, Jen, JJ & Justin Eisenmann)
4/29/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Gina, Joey & Gianna Corban) First Holy Communion

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

4/22/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill
4/29/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of April: *General Intention:* For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 680.00
Easter	\$ 125.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Norma O'Brien, Clarence Moranski, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you would like to register, registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org.

Thank you to our parents, Religious Ed Director and teachers for another great Religious Ed year. Thank you for your time instructing our children so their faith in Jesus may grow. Have a Happy and safe summer vacation, but remember...Don't take a vacation from God. Pray together and attend mass together. Classes will begin again after Labor Day.

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." –*Matthew 6:14-15*

Spring Utility Collection -On behalf of St. Mary's Finance Committee, we would like to thank our parishioners for their generous contribution to our Spring Utility Collection! To date, \$3,655.00, has been collected. The money will be used to cover the utility expenses for our church and 20% of the rectory. This collection, coupled with our fall collection, are extremely important in helping to keep our church fiscally strong. Thank you again for your support! Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan and Tom O'Brien, St. Mary's Finance Committee

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

My Parish—His Heart—My Home -My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

Elbow Benders 60th Annual Spaghetti Supper-Saturday, May 6th 2023 at The St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Serving from 5 to 9 pm. All you can Eat & Drink. (Spaghetti and Beer). Donation: Adults \$8. Child Portion available. Carry outs available at door. Proceeds benefit area youth baseball & softball.

Word of Life -"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Third Sunday of Easter – 23 April 2023 Acts 2:14, 22-33. Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 1. 1 Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35. **Mystagogy on the Emmaus Story.** ("Mystagogy" = to be led to, to encounter mystery.) Two dejected disciples, abandoning Jerusalem, encounter Jesus in the Breaking of Bread. With burning hearts, they return to the community of believers to recount this meeting. That is what Sunday Mass and Communion of Blood and Body does for us. In returning week after week to the faithful believers, to our fellow parishioners, we meet the Risen Lord in the Body of Christ the Church. With what does my heart burn this Easter Day? Why do I keep coming to Sunday Mass and receiving Body and Blood? What will this sacred Meal strengthen me, impel me to do?

