

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 30, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

## 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:

4/29/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Gina, Joey & Gianna Corban)  
First Holy Communion  
5/04/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Carol Fritz (Monica Ruder)  
5/06/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald O'Brien (John & Loretta Fulton)

**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

4/29/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
5/06/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:** *General Intention:* For church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 440.00  
Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Ann Koehler, Norma O'Brien,  
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](http://swkrcatholics.org).

**Eucharistic Adoration** -Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington on **Wednesday, May 3** from 11-1pm. When you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way. Please consider taking a little extra time to be with Jesus and you will receive spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

**Our condolences** to Sharolyn Moranski, and family on the loss of Clarence Moranski who entered Eternal Life. Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in peace!

**First Holy Communion**— It is our pleasure to share in the celebration of First Holy Communion today with Sadie Burke, daughter of Chris & Catherine, and Vincent Stipanovich, son of Nicholas and Rebecca. We congratulate each and every one...on their official welcome of Christ into their hearts and lives!!! May His blessing be always upon them...and may they always have much to celebrate!!!

Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary's Church

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal: \$ 3,700      Amount Pledged: \$3,375  
Amount Paid: \$ 3,195      Remaining Balance: \$ 180

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815-263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873).

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." —St. Rose of Lima

**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** -People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Perfect Gift" [respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift](http://respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – 30 April 2023** Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. 1 Peter 2:20b-25. John 10:1-10.

**"I Am the Gate."** Doorways and gates can protect those within. This is the image of Jesus today – gate and protector, shepherd and guide. Let Psalm 23 fill our prayer every day this week. Because I am protected by the Good Shepherd, whom will I protect this week? How will I do it? On what right paths will I let myself be guided? What goodness and kindness will shine through my thoughts and actions this week?

