

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 7, 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:

5/06/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald O'Brien (John & Loretta Fulton)  
5/11/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Zeph & Joann Benoit (Ruth Schott)  
5/13/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations is \$10.

**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

5/06/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget  
5/13/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



**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	\$ 914.00
Home Missions	\$ 205.00
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.

**May—Month of Our Lady.** In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

*"The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." —1 Samuel 16:7b*

A Stewardship Prayer for May -Loving Father, During this Easter season, we rejoice in your son, who has renewed us in freedom and joy through the mystery of his resurrection. We have been called to proclaim his Gospel; not because we are good enough, holy enough, or talented enough; but because you wanted us to have this gift and this responsibility. Give us the courage to be faithful to this call; help us make every day of our lives an experience of Easter. And keep us ever mindful of our charge: to love You and our neighbor; that as stewards of your world we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to transform it, bring it justice and peace, and offer it, in gratitude, back to You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

**Catholic Charities' Telephone Reassurance Program-** The Telephone Reassurance Program (TRP) is a friendly caller program that matches volunteer callers to older adults in our community. The Program connects older adults and volunteers through weekly telephone conversations that foster connection and reduce social isolation and feelings of loneliness. Telephone Reassurance Participants and Volunteers develop person-to-person supportive relationships that support and help combat loneliness and feelings of isolation of the older adult. We are actively seeking individuals who are interested in participating in the Program. To receive calls, you must be 60+, live in Grundy, Will, or Kankakee counties, and want to make a social connection over the phone. To volunteer for the Telephone Reassurance Program, we ask volunteers to serve 3-6 hours a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks. You can volunteer from the comfort of your own home. To learn more about this social and rewarding opportunity, please contact Crystal Del Rio at 815-221-6020 / [trp@cc-doj.org](mailto:trp@cc-doj.org)

**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.

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**Word of Life** -"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Understanding Conscience"

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 7 May 2023 Acts 6:1-7. Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. 1 Peter 2:4-9. John 14:1-12. **Chosen, Royal, and Holy.** Jesus tells the disciples during the Last Supper that they know the way – to God, to new life, to heaven. This astonishing resurrected life, given us in Baptism, makes us chosen, royal, and holy people. We know, because of Jesus, the way to be all three. What mercy work will I do this week that fosters God's loving-kindness? How will this mercy activity make me more the royal and worthy person I am? How will I be holy?

