

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 14, 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:

5/13/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and all Mothers
5/18/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Carol Fritz (Monica Ruder)
5/20/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Alice Buckley (Sandra Ryan)

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

5/13/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay
5/20/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



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	\$ 876.00
Home Missions	\$ 30.00
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.



Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters, Aunts, and all the special women in our lives that care for us and love us unconditionally.

Fr. Stanley

Blessed is MOTHER -Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love, for she translates duty into privilege. Blessed is she who mends clothing and toys and broken hearts, for her understanding is a balm to humanity. Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles at every meal, for she shall be blessed with goodness. Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the Christian home, for hers

May is the Month of Mary! As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53) Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Quo Vadis Days 2023 (July 30-Aug. 2) run by the Vocation Offices of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet. During this 4-day/3-night camp at the Mundelein Seminary, young men ages 13 to 18 will participate in powerful discussions, outdoor activities, sports, daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. The forms and payment are due in the Vocation Office no later than Wednesday, July 26, 2023. For sign up, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Monday, May 15 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you!

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Matthew 6:19-21

Word of Life --"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 14 May 2023 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20. 1 Peter 4:13-16. John 17:1-11a. **Before and After Ascension.** In the gospel for today, Jesus, toward the end of the Last Supper with his own, speaks to God: It is now time to do what I came to do (be lifted up on the cross). Let this doing be about eternal life for them and for all. I pray for these disciples given to me (and all those to follow) so that they may continue this work you have given to me and, now, to them. How will I give glory to God? What fills my praying this week? For what and for whom? What works will I do because of this praying?

