

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Sunday, June 11, 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:

6/10/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clifford Steichen (Friends)
 6/15/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Ken Kirstein (Monica Ruder)
 6/17/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald O'Brien (Mickey & Joe King)

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

6/10/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
 6/17/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



Holy Father's Intention for the month of June: *General Intention:* For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 657.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Ann Koehler, Norma O'Brien, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Blessings Fr. Stanley on June 18th, the 45th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood. Thank you for your loving service to St. Marys and may God bless you in your vocation for many more years. We are blessed to have you at our parishes.

Please keep the newly ordained and all Priests in your daily prayers.



Sacred Heart of Jesus, I thank You for the blessings You have given me... For my mother and father and our family, I thank You! For making me a Child of God in Baptism, I thank You! For letting me belong to Your holy Catholic Church, I thank You! For all the graces You have given me to help me to love and serve You. I thank You! For all the good things you have given me during my whole life, I thank You! For the Heaven You have promised me after this life, I Thank You! Sacred Heart of Jesus, be my love! – Author unknown.

Dear Friends, On June 18, we celebrate some very special men in our lives — our fathers. The faithful family members who provide for us, guide us, and protect us. Happy Father's Day one and all! As Catholics, we are blessed to have a second set of fathers in our lives — our spiritual fathers — by way of our priests. Something powerful to ponder. Our faith relationships begin with them almost as early on as the relationships we have with our own parents, as our parish priests initiate us into the Catholic faith through the sacrament of baptism! Our priests dedicate their lives to serving us, at Mass and through the holy sacraments, and every day in countless ways. They walk beside us during our darkest hours and they share in the joy of our brightest moments. Just as we give back to our loved ones in their elder years, we have the opportunity to do the same for our diocesan priests, or as many of us fondly refer to them as, our "family priests." Our "Father's Day Collection for Infirm & Retired Priests" helps meet the medical needs of our senior priests within the Diocese of Joliet. In addition, your financial support helps offset the costs associated with our fathers who are living in retirement homes and those who have fallen ill even before retirement age and require rehabilitation or long-term care. Please take a moment to reflect in prayer how you can contribute. Every gift received helps our beloved "family priests" live humbly and comfortably in their golden years. On behalf of all who will benefit from your kindness and generosity, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Paz y bien, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

Monday, June 12 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you to those who join us volunteering to help our neighbors in need!

Word of Life – "Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi – Blessed John Paul II reminded us that in commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church "does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world." We rejoice in this post Easter expression of our Eucharistic affection in order to deepen our attachment to the unique and unending Event that transforms our lives. As the Sequence for Corpus Christi begs: "Jesu, of your love befriend us, /In the land of life to see."

