

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Transfiguration of the Lord , Sunday, August 6, 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:

8/05/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
 8/10/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendents
 8/12/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald O'Brien (Ruth McGinnis)

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

8/05/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda
 8/12/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of August: *General Intention:* For World Youth Day. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 905.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Emma "Mickey" King, Ann Koehler, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Religious Ed—Classes will resume after Labor Day. We will need some volunteers to help with our Religious Ed. Program. Please consider helping us to pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! If you are interested or know someone, please contact Bridget Hoffman or call the parish Office 815-237-2230. Thank you!

Tuesday, August 15th—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Stan will celebrate one Mass at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington for all 3 Parishes on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30pm

Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." -*Venerable Fulton Sheen*

The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the foreseen and infinite merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower—so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.

The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast –August 6, 2023 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9.

2 Peter 1:16-19. Matthew 17:1-9. **Being Transformed.** A truth of the Paschal Mystery (the dying and rising of Jesus the Christ) is this: What happens to Jesus also happens to us. He was transformed on the mountain by God's good action. He said to his friends, "Rise, and do not be afraid." He came down the mountain to remain with them and with us. How am I transformed by God's goodness? What will I stop fearing? What can I do for those who are near?

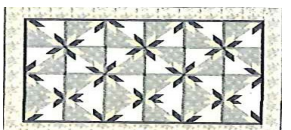
COME & SEE what it means to be a Servant of the Holy Heart of Mary! A retreat for women ages 35-55 who are considering the possibility of life as a religious sister. We begin on Friday, September 8th at 7 PM and end after noon meal on Sunday, September 10. You will meet our Sisters and explore what it means to live our life: how we pray, discern our ministry, and live in community. Please come; we would love to meet you! Nazareth Spirituality Center 717 N. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, For more information or to register, contact Kathy at 815-814-1414 or email tosscm.vocations@gmail.com



Please join us on Sunday, August 13th after the 10:00 am Mass in South Wilmington for a **St. Lawrence Fiesta**. We will celebrate with a taco bar, Fiesta hot dogs, desserts and ice cream. There will be kid games, Bingo and fellowship. The drawing for the Quilt Raffle will be held. This event will be a free will donation.



2023 St. Lawrence Quilt Raffle—If you would like to purchase quilt raffle tickets for the beautiful handmade quilt by the St. Lawrence Quilters. "Gathering Stars" 91" x 91". Tickets are available for \$5 each at the Parish Office or see Fr. Stan after Mass. Drawing will be held on **Sunday, August 13th at The St. Lawrence Ice Cream Social.**



Word of Life- "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

