

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, August 20, 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:

8/19/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (Monica Ruder)
8/24/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Verneal Fritz (Joni, Jack, Jen, JJ & Justin Eisenmann)
8/26/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Alice Masching (Bill, Donna & Ruth)

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

8/19/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay
8/26/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



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:

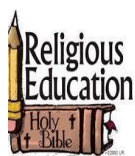
Sunday Collection \$ 720.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

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

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.



Religious Ed Families—Registration will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Classes will resume September 13th. Registration forms are also available to print from our parish website www.swkrcatholics.org. We will need some volunteers to help with our Religious Ed. Program. If you are interested or know someone, please contact our Director, Bridget Hoffman or call the parish Office 815-237-2230. Thank you!

"Even when God's will does not correspond to your own desires, it is always beneficial for you." —St. Arnold Janssen

Why do Priests wear certain colors? The Church uses colors to symbolize particular liturgical seasons. We are now in Ordinary Time, so priests are wearing green. Priests wear green for much of the year; this color represents hope and perseverance, which we ought to practice all year round. Each liturgical color has significant meaning and helps us set our minds on the season we are currently in. During this Ordinary Time, we should follow the theme of this season and listen for the messages of hope and perseverance in the daily readings.

Thankyou to all those who purchased tickets for the St. Lawrence Quilt Raffle. The Quilt Raffle winner of the beautiful quilt is Pat Irlle. The family of Marie Granger, donated a Victorian Christmas Tree in her memory and the winner was Kevin Maguire. Congratulations!

Monday, August 21 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington (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!

Shrine of Christ's Passion -St. Rose of Lima Parish in Wilmington invites you to go on a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana. Friday, Sept. 15, 8:30 am from The St. Rose Parking Lot, 634 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington, IL. Cost of Trip \$30.00/ per person (includes bus trip, gratuity, and entrance to the Our Lady of Guadalupe terrace) Bring your lunch and cooler Golf Carts available: must be reserved in advance. 6.00/ per person Information call or text : Kristi 815.263.4158. The Stations of the Cross will be led by Father Sebastian Gorgal of St. Rose Parish.

National "Make-A-Will" Month is August. As a service to our parishioners, the Diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planning your will easier than ever. It's 100% free to you, legally binding, and can be completed online in 20 minutes or less. To begin, visit freewill.com/dioceseofjoliel. For more information please contact Jane Lagger, Chief Development Officer, Diocese of Joliet at (815) 221-6190 or jlagger@dioceseofjoliel.org

Word of Life- "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
["How to Build a Culture of Life"](#)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 August 2023 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32. Matthew 15:21-28. **Kyrie, Eleison.** Isaiah reminds us today, in our time of trouble: Observe what is right, do what is just. Even with outsiders. Jesus, today, is in lands foreign to the People of Israel. Although he first ignores her, he helps the foreign woman calling to him in her need. Kyrie, eleison. He hears and acts. The Lord does have mercy. Who are on the outs with me; how can I show them kindness? How will I act in right and just ways this week? Because God constantly shows mercy to me, how will I be merciful?

