

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, October 1, 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:

9/30/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donnie O'Brien (Bill, Donna & Ruth)
10/5/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
10/7/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

9/30/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
10/7/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of October: *General Intention:* For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 667.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

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

Welcome back Fr. Stan. We hope you enjoyed your vacation and visit with your family in Poland. Daily Mass resumes at St. Mary's on Thursday at 8:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration- Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington every **1st Wednesday of the month**, the next adoration will be **October 4th from 11am – 1pm**. Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration. Come by and visit with Jesus even if it's only 10–15 minutes.

Pet Blessing—As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 4th, Fr. Stan will have Pet Blessings at 1:30pm and 7:00pm in South Wilmington at the Prayer Garden. Furry, feathery, fluffy, slimy and spikey friends of all shapes and sizes are welcome to the celebration. All animals must be safely secured or on leashes. Please bring your beloved animals for this special blessing.

St. Mary's Fall Utility Collection—The St. Mary's Finance Committee/Parish Council met this past spring to finalized the 2023-2024 budget for the church. The new budget year began on July 1. The Committee met again on August 29 to review the 2022-2023 Financial Report. The good news is St. Mary's is financially sound! Without your generous contributions, and the members who donate their time and services to our parish, the church would not be in this position. The first of our two utility collections for the new budget year will be on October 7. Last year, utilities for our building and 20% of the rectory were \$6,270.32. The money from this collection and the second collection in March is used to defray this expense. Thank you to all of our parishioners who have donated generously to these collections in the past. The two collections directly benefit St. Mary's of Reddick. If you would like a copy of the 2022-2023 Financial Report, it is available upon request by calling the parish office. It will also be posted on the church bulletin board. Sincerely, Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Hogan-St. Mary's Finance Committee

Undy Sunday 2023 -Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty. St. Mary's Religious Ed and Parish is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households: **Children's Underwear (2T or larger), Pull-ups (2T – 5)**. The collection will be held Oct 1 – Oct 22. If you would prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403 Monetary donations can also be made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community!

2023 Public Square Rosary Rally—St. Margaret Mary Church, Main Street, Herscher, IL on October 14, 2023. Rosary will begin at 12:00 Noon. Please join us in praying for our Nation. Please bring a lawn chair. For more information, please contact: Cindy Gagnon (815) 933-4077; Rhonda Berns (815) 426-5015; Kathy Meli (815) 928-8988. (In case on inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall).

Collection for Veterans Exiting Homelessness. Collection Dates: October 21st-29th. Knights of Columbus is helping out Military Outreach USA to collect household items to assist our Veterans exiting homelessness. Collection bins will be in the back of the Church. See our Church bulletin board for examples of items in need.

"Let us make up for lost time. Let us give to God the time that remains to us." -St. Alphonsus Liguori

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st Oct. 2023 Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Philippians 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32. **I Don't Want To!** Sometimes we bristle at being told what to do. We may say a yes or a no, then do something else. The demands of Christian living are not easy. But we look to Jesus for guidance, for encouragement, for example. Reread Philippians all week. It is a longer version of what we heard on Palm Sunday. It urges us to be like Christ. What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ? What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful? What interest of another will be important to me this week?

