

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, September 10, 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:

9/09/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (+Michael & Elaine Joyce)
9/14/23 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
9/16/23 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

9/09/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill
9/16/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of September: *General Intention:* For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 524.00

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! 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.

No Daily Mass during the rest of **September**. Fr. Stan is in Poland visiting his family. Daily Mass will resume at our parish on Thursday, October 5th at 8:30am. Please welcome Fr. Anthony Nugent on Saturdays 9/16 & 9/23. If an emergency arises and you need a priest, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

Happy Grandparents Day! Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories, and love.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." –St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary's Church

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal: \$ 3,700 Amount Pledged: \$3,615
Amount Paid: \$ 3,535 Remaining Balance: \$ 80

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Religious Education classes will meet 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm beginning September 13th in our parish hall. We look forward to seeing all of our students and families. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Bridget Hoffman at 815-343-3257. Thank you!

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.

Word of Life—"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –10 September 2023 Ezekiel 33:7-9. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:8-10. Matthew 18:15-20. **Christ Is Present.** The readings today lay out our duty to dissuade the wicked from their ways (Ezekiel); to not harden our hearts (Psalm); to love, love, love (Romans); and to lead sisters and brothers out of sin (Matthew). Important. Necessary. Baptismal duty. But let the last gospel sentence become our guide this week: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Christ is always present. Christ is surely with us now in the liturgy, in Communion, in all the sacraments, in his word proclaimed, in the praying and singing Church – and in this pandemic. As few as two or three of us assures his presence. What is God saying to me about un-hardening my heart? Let me read a Bible passage each day this week, either reprising the Sunday readings or using this week's gospels of Luke 7 and 8. What is Christ saying to me each day?

•With whom can I gather, even if kept from the church building, to sing God's praise?

