

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, September 17, 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:

9/16/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
9/21/23 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
9/23/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat 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

9/16/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
9/23/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



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 \$ 494.00

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

No Daily Mass during September. Fr. Stan is in Poland visiting his family. Daily Mass will resume at our parish on Thursday, October 5th at 8:30am. Welcome and thank you for celebrating Mass with us Fr. Anthony Nugent. If an emergency arises and you need a priest for anointing of the sick or last rites, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

Religious Education News-Classes started on Wednesday. Classes are held on 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the parish hall. Please see the CCD calendar for details. Our teachers look forward to sharing and teaching our faith with the children and having fun. Please keep our Director, teachers and children in your prayers for a successful year. If you have any questions, please contact our Director, Bridget Hoffman at 815-343-3257. Thank you!

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

Monday, September 18 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!

"You can do more with the grace of God than you think." —*St. John Baptist de la Salle*

Samuel Group invites young adults (ages 20-35) who are striving for holiness and seeking a deeper relationship with God to commit to a rigorous seven-month program of prayer, discernment, and fellowship, guided by the spirituality and wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants are challenged to deepen their prayer life, heal from past brokenness, and find freedom in Christ to discern the call to marriage or consecrated life. **Date:** Oct. 22, 2023 - May 5, 2024 (One Sunday a month—excluding Dec.) **Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Place:** St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL **Cost:** \$50 (Scholarships available) **For more information, please email vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.**

Word of Life-“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)*.” *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—17 Sept 2023 Sirach 27:30–28:7. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12. Romans 14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35. **Seventy-Seven Times.** When is enough enough? Can we be angry now? When can we stop forgiving? If we have to forgive the same person the same thing seventy-seven times, can we stop at seventy-eight? No! Because, as Paul declares in Romans 14, we live and die for God, to whom alone we belong. We do not live for ourselves. Who needs my forgiveness? Whom will I forgive – and for what – perhaps, again? And what forgiveness do I need?

