

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, September 24, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

9/23/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat Masching (Bill, Donna & Ruth)  
**9/28/23 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass**  
9/30/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Donnie O'Brien (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

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



**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 \$ 860.00

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 this week.** Fr. Stan is in Poland visiting his family. Daily Mass will resume in our parish on Thursday, October 5th at 8:30am. Thank you for coming back and 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!

"The closer one approaches to God,  
the simpler one becomes." –St. Teresa of Avila

**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!

The National Shrine of St. Therese at 8433 Bailey Rd. in Darien, IL invite you to visit the Relics of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig September 17-30, 9am-8pm. Feast Day is October 1st. For information visit [littleflower.org/feastday](http://littleflower.org/feastday)

**Word of Life**—"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time –24 Sept. 2023** Isaiah 55:6-9. Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a. Matthew 20:1-16a. **How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven.** This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late-comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good – with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah). What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven? How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling? How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?

