

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, September 3, 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:

9/02/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners AND  
 +Kazimierz Drewniak (Hanna Drewniak)  
 9/07/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Lucille Turner (Bill, Donna & Ruth)  
 9/09/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (+Michael & Elaine Joyce)  
 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

9/02/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
 9/09/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



**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 \$ 903.00

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.



Happy 70th Birthday Fr. Stan! May God's blessings surround you, on your Birthday and all the days of your life.

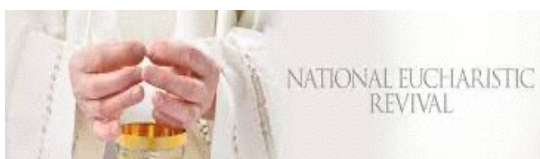
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

*"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" –Matthew 25:40*

**Eucharistic Adoration-** Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Lawrence in South Wilmington every 1<sup>st</sup> **Wednesday of the month**, the next adoration will be **Sept. 6 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.

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.

The Prairie Singers will present their 36th annual concert series this September. The concert for this fall is titled "Look at the World." A variety of music including Broadway, religious, autumnal, patriotic and folk tunes will be presented. There will be two concerts offered in September as the singers return to a fall schedule. The first concert will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 176 W. Union St., Seneca. The second presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Prairie Creek Public Library, 501 Carriage House Lane, Dwight. The Prairie Singers are a chamber ensemble composed of singers from La Salle, Grundy and Will counties. For information, call George McComb at 815-822-5151.



## Encounter Christ Series-When we encounter Jesus, we are changed forever.

Join us for our kickoff event! **September 21**-Guest Speaker: Dr. Mark Ginter, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. Future Encounter Nights-, October 19, December 7 (All evenings 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) Dynamic Speakers, Music & Fellowship afterwards in Parish Center. St. Rose of Lima Parish, 603 S Main St., Wilmington, IL.

**Word of Life-**"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" [respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion](https://respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion)

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –3 September 2023** Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. Romans 12:1-2. Matthew 16:21-27. **Overcoming Obstacles.** Jeremiah complains that because of the compelling presence of God within, he cannot **not** speak God's message. Paul urges us not to conform ourselves to **this** age. And Peter, trying to protect Jesus, blurts out "God forbid" and becomes an obstacle to Jesus' mission. Baptized followers of Jesus must **deny**, take up the **cross**, and **follow**. In denying self, how will I attend to another's need this week? What is the cross I bear for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven? How will I follow, not the greed of this age, but the goodness of Christian life?

