

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, November 19, 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:

11/18/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
11/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO Mass  
11/25/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

11/18/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget  
11/25/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:** *General Intention:* For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 634.00  
Seminarian Ed. Endowment \$110.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

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

**No Daily Masses** November 22-November 30. Fr. Stan will be in Poland. Daily Masses will resume at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 7th. Please call the Parish office if there is an emergency need for a Pastor.

The Parish Office will be closed November 22-24th. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Christmas Altar Flowers**— If you would like to donate toward the Christmas flowers, donations can be put in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and put into the collection basket or please give to Ruth Schott. Thank you!

**Thank you** to the volunteers that helped out at the Mobile Food Truck in South Wilmington on Monday. We were able to help 126 families with food. The next Mobile Food Truck will be on Monday, December 11th.

Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds. Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Our contributions will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians. If you have already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. If you have yet to complete and return the envelope you received at Mass last weekend, you may still do so. You can also learn more about this campaign or make a gift online at <https://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust>.

Monday, December 11 at 6pm at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, the Diocese will celebrate the opening Mass of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Joliet. Each parish in the Diocese has received tickets for parishioners to attend this celebration as representatives of the parish. We are looking for representatives from our parishes, if you would like to attend, please see Fr. Stanley after Mass today for a ticket. Thank you!

**Bishop Hicks' Column for November 2023 Launching our 75th Jubilee.** The celebration will officially begin December 2023 and end in December 2024. From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit [diojoliet.org/75th](https://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.



Today is a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. Your support for this collection empowers those living in poverty in our own diocese, because one quarter of our collection stays within the Diocese of Joliet.

**Wreaths Across America Project:** Join the Herscher American Legion Auxiliary and the national non-profit WAA program honoring deceased veterans. The Don O'Brien family is assisting in placing wreaths at Sacred Heart Cemetery this year and it is our goal to have a wreath for each veteran. Each hand made, fresh, live balsam wreath costs \$17. To accomplish this task, we need sponsorships for wreaths and volunteers to place wreaths at Sacred Heart at NOON on December 16. A sponsorship/volunteer information letter is available at the entrance of the church explaining the details. **Orders must be placed by November 22.** Contact Melinda Hogan at 815-674-3412 for any questions or to volunteer. Visit the following link for more information: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/172360/Overview>

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 Nov. 2023 **Still being prepared.** This parable today is of talents, trust, and service. New Testament "talents" are big piles of money. But in this story, they are God-given free gifts and baptismal charisms. Given to be – For the benefit of others. Not to be hidden. Fear of doing something wrong can lead to inactivity. Lack of action and playing it safe are not kingdom of God behaviors. How does God make me worthy? What does God have in store for me? How will I stay busy (not be lazy)?

