

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Sunday, November 26, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

## 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:

11/25/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)  
11/30 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & descendents  
12/02/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Tim Richie (Dustin & Michele Wright)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations is \$10.

**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

11/25/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay  
12/02/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** *General Intention:* **For persons with disabilities.** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 710.00
CCHD	\$ 167.00
Maintenance	\$ 400.00
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. Welcome Fr. John Horan and thank you for celebrating Mass with us today.

**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 for your generous support for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** We helped those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

**St. Mary's Lectors**—If anyone would like to be added to the 2024 St. Mary's lector schedule, please contact Jane Arends at 815-685-4470. Current lectors will be kept on the schedule for the next year unless they indicate otherwise. It would be wonderful to see some of our younger church members take advantage of this opportunity; training will be provided. Being a lector is a great way to serve both our church community and God.

**Fall Utility Collection**—The St. Mary's Finance Committee would like to express their appreciation to everyone who contributed to the Fall Utility Collection. To date, \$3,910 has been collected. The money will be used to help cover the utility expenses for St. Mary's and 20% of the rectory. This collection and the one in the spring are extremely important in helping to keep our church financially sound. Thank you again for your generous support. Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan, and Tom O'Brien, St. Mary's Finance Committee.

**December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule**  
7:30am & 7:00pm—St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
9:00am—Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
12-1pm—Hour of Grace—St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
5:30pm—St. Mary's, Reddick



**Opening Liturgy Livestream** on 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.

YouTube channel [youtube.com/c/DiocesefofJolietIL](https://www.youtube.com/c/DiocesefofJolietIL)

**75th Anniversary Timeline**—Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632. The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 26 November 2023 The great divide. Right and left; goats and sheep; good and bad. Question: How does the King decide who and what? Answer: Evidence of doing works of mercy! The Church has held before us in special ways these past two liturgical years, these duties, these actions, these right behaviors. Works of Mercy. How can I be a better sheep? How have two years of praying shaped my mercy works? What more must I do?

