

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, November 5, 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:

11/04/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Janet O'Donnell (Family)
11/09 Thurs. 8:30am +Donald Ruder (Monica & Family)
11/11/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clifford Steichen (Friends)

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

11/04/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda
11/11/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



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 \$ 785.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

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

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.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/172360/Overview>

Support our future priests through the **I Will Give You Shepherds campaign**. Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. Although the number of priests has been on the decline for decades, the Diocese of Joliet has been blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood. Currently, our diocese has 21 men in seminary formation, which costs \$52,250 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has launched the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this campaign. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education. Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, please go to <https://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust>

November is the time when we remember our deceased relatives and friends. There is an envelope in your offertory box where you can list any and all those you would like to have to be remembered in prayer. Father Stanley will place these envelopes on the Altar and pray for each person at every Mass and they will remain there the entire month of November. We begin our remembrance on **November 2, the Feast of All Souls**. We continue to remember them during the entire month. Candles for All Souls Day are available at the back of our Church. We are asking \$5 donation per candle. The following were buried from St. Mary's Parish from November 1, 2022—November 1, 2023. Alice Buckley, Donald O'Brien, and Clarence Moranski.

The **Altar and Rosary** will be meeting on November 15, 2023 in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." –John 6:35

Veteran Commemorative Knife Raffle 1 of 4 prizes –Veteran Case Trapper Knife and Display Case \$350 value, Veteran Timber Wolf Bowie Knife and Display Case \$275 Value, "Don't Tread on Me" Insulated Tumbler Or Veteran Wind Ornament. Tickets \$5 donation. Drawing to be held at Veteran's Day Breakfast (November 11) Proceeds to Manteno Veterans Home. For Tickets contact: Dave (815) 705-6229, Rich (815) 405-6757 or John (815) 651-1963.

Veterans Day Breakfast– Free Will Donation. Veterans eat Free on Saturday, November 11th. Ignite Christian Church, 1180 W. 1st Street, Braidwood. 8-11am. This event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1574

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 Nov. 2023 **Bear the yoke. Be a servant.** Count back 17 weeks. In Matthew 11 on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus said, "my yoke is easy and my burden light." This burden is the Covenant, the loving relationship of God and People. Jesus loves the Law and those who faithfully keep it. But he has no patience and no praise for those who go to extremes – the proud, the pushy, the puffed up. He has no patience for the extreme of acting more for show than for goodness and right. He detests preaching goodness while not practicing it. Whose example will I follow? How will I lay to heart goodness and right behavior? How can I be humble? How will I serve?

