

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 21, 2024

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.—No Mass January-March

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:

1/20/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
1/25/24 Thurs. No Mass
1/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (+Elaine & Plow Joyce)

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

1/20/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Jane
1/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January: *General Intention:* **For the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$

Note: Collection Amounts will be posted in the bulletin on January 28th. Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

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

Daily Mass -During the months of January through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. Please consider joining me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am.

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2023, please call the Parish Office 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.
We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Next week we will take up the Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

The **2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!** As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more. Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$3,500, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Monday, January 22 at 4pm the next Mobile Food Pantry is coming to St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington (snow, rain or shine). If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Sacred Heart (Kinsman) Cash Raffle -The raffle will run from January to April. Three (3) drawings per week for \$20.00 each, a drawing the first Sunday of each month for \$100.00, all remaining Sundays of the month for \$50.00 each and a final drawing of up to \$500.00!!! All winning tickets remain in the drawing throughout the raffle...you can win multiple times with the same ticket number!!! Tickets are still available. Tickets are \$10.00 each. See Fr. Stan after Mass or call the Parish Office for a ticket. The Early Bird Drawing winner was Kenley Kruger. Congratulations to Kenley!

Word of Life--"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

