

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 28, 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:

1/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (+Elaine & Plow Joyce)
 2/01/24 Thurs. No Mass
 2/03/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and Lucille Christensen (Friends and Family)

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

1/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda
 2/03/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of February: *General Intention: For the terminally ill.* We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection 1/7	\$ 595.00
Sunday Collection 1/14	\$ 640.00
Sunday Collection 1/21	\$ 740.00
Initial Offering	\$ 85.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00

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.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." -*St. Augustine*

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Did you remember to Bless your Home for 2024? Fr. Stan is available to come to your home and provide a Home Blessing. Call the Parish Office to set this up.

Thank you to the volunteers who braved the ice and cold last Monday to help at the Mobile Food Truck in South Wilmington. We were able to help 70 families. The next Truck is Monday, February 26th.

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a [sacramental](#) of the [Roman Catholic Church](#), celebrated on February 3, the [feast day](#) of [Saint Blaise](#) of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen."

Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 3/4.

MOTHER MARY'S ARMY "MMA"

MEN PRAYER GROUP

*Immaculate Conception Church
Braidwood IL.*

Lord,
Prepare My Hands
for
Battle

(Psalm 144:1 NAB)

First Friday Devotion
6pm to 8pm
ICC
Holy Hour
Adoration & Benediction
Fr. White Hall
Fellowship

Join us for an evening of Worship, Learning & Fellowship; That will inspire & motivate husbands, Fathers & sons to be the Godly Men we are called to be.

2024 Schedule
 January 5th
 February 2nd
 March 1st
 April 5th
 May 3rd
 June 7th
 July 5th
 August 2nd
 September 6th
 October 4th
 November 1st
 December 6th

Beer & Pizza sponsor by

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ALL CATHOLIC MEN ARE WELCOME

