

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Sunday, December 31, 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.—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:

12/30/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

**1/01/24 Mon. 10am—Solemnity of Mary—Mass in South Wilmington**

1/04/24 Thurs. No Mass

1/06/24 Sat. 5:30pm + Lucille Christensen (John & Glenda Forneris)

**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

12/30/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda

1/06/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bridget



**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 \$1263.00

Christmas \$1942.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

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

**New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary) this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year.** Jan. 1st 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington There will only be one Mass on this day for all three parishes.

No Daily Mass in Reddick during the months of January, February and March. No Daily Mass in South Wilmington on Tuesday, January 2 or Thursday, January 4th. There is Daily Mass on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:30am and Eucharistic Adoration from 11-1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington. This is a great way to start off the New Year.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. May everyone have a Healthy and Blessed New Year.

"We must always remember that God does everything well, although we may not see the reason of what He does." –St. Philip Neri

Thank you to all the parishioners for your many prayers, Christmas cards and generous gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. A big thank you to everyone for decorating the church, the poinsettias are beautiful, and to the people who prepared the Liturgy. God Bless all of you in the New Year, Fr. Stanley

Fr. Stanley is available to come and bless your homes. If you are interested, please call the office to set this up. Otherwise, next weekend, we will have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your own homes.

**2024 Offering envelopes**– Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the envelope. Thank you!

**Don't forget** to pick up a **2024 Calendar** featuring the 75th year anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet.

**Feast of the Holy Family– December 31**— We begin to understand Christian Stewardship in our families. We are called to live out the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The family is God's holy ground in which we strengthen each individual born in His image and likeness. May all families, always strive to live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness as children of God.

**NEW YEAR BLESSING**—May Angels keep you night and day, and Mary guide you on your way; and may the Christ-Child fill your heart with peace, as He only can impart- - All this and more I ask for you, **BLESSINGS to last the New Year through.**

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint. It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain. I am the New Year, Each hour of the three hundred and sixty-five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience, and trust in God. I am the New Year. I am here-but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best.

**Feast of Mary – January 1<sup>st</sup>** - On this octave of the feast of Christmas we celebrate Mary, the mother of our Savior, who treasured and reflected on all the marvelous events of her young life. Luke 2:16-21: "The shepherds went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which has been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."