

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, February 4, 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:

2/03/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and Lucille Christensen (Friends and Family)
2/08/24 Thurs. No Mass
2/10/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Gisele Fontaine (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

2/03/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill
2/10/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bridget



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	\$ 754.00
Latin America	\$ 115.00
Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.	

Prayers for Sick

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

Daily Mass -During the months of February & 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.

Baptism Congratulations to Mark & Katie Regis on the baptism of Benjamin Oliver Regis. Congratulations to Daniel & Melissa O'Brien on the Baptism of Vivian Ruth O'Brien and George Francis O'Brien. May God always hold them in the Palm of His Hands.

He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
—Proverbs 21:23

The opening report for the **2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)** in today's bulletin reflects how we, as Christians, are called to serve those in need *For the Glory of God*. Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation. Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$3,500. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. In honor of St. Blaise, Fr. Stan will be blessing throats after Mass this weekend.

Ash Wednesday Schedule – February 14, 2024 (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

7:30am Mass & Ashes – St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
9:00am Mass & Ashes-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
12 Noon Ash Distribution Service-St. Mary's, Reddick
6:00pm Ash Distribution Service – St. Lawrence

Word of Life—"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Are you, or someone you know, widowed? *If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome. What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women When: April 13 & 14, Sept. 20 & 21, 2024 (2-day program-overnight encouraged) Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439 (Commute or stay overnight.) For further information, call: 708-354-7211. e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com website: www.joyfulagain.org*

February—Month of the Passion of Our Lord. The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.

