

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Lent, Sunday, February 25, 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:

2/24/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
2/29/24 Thurs. No Mass
3/02/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

2/24/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda
3/02/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* **For the new martyrs.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 745.00
Eastern Europe (Ash Wed.) \$ 260.00
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.

Easter Altar Flowers— If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers, please make checks payable to St. Mary Altar & Rosary. Donations can be put in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put into the collection basket or please give to Ruth Schott. Thank you!

Monday, February 26 at 4pm the next Mobile Food Pantry is coming to St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington (rain or shine). If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you.

"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours." —St. John Bosco

If you have already pledged your support to the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**, we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$3,500. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference. If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietidoceseappeal.org Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

St. Mary's March 3rd Maintenance Collection-St. Mary's second collection for the 2023-2024 budget year is scheduled for March 3rd. (A envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) **The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. We thank all our parishioners who generously donated during the fall, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your support. - St. Mary's Finance Committee

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Stations of the Cross are on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 5pm in Kinsman and 7:00pm in South Wilmington. Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

Nut-shell summary of LENT—According to Saint Benedict. During these Lenten days we should very carefully keep our life pure, and at the same time atone for the shortcomings of other times. We should busy ourselves with fervent prayer, spiritual reading, contrition of heart, and self-denial; bring sacrifices freely and beyond our usual obligation to our loving God in the joy of the Holy Spirit; and thus, while we abstain somewhat from food and drink, from sleep, talking and jesting, we await the holy feast of Easter with a joy and desire that the spirit of God awakens in us. -St. Benedict (480-547).

JOLIET YOUTH DAY-This exciting, first-of-its-kind youth event will be held at Lewis University on June 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An unforgettable day conference dedicated to transforming the lives of 8th to 12th graders (current 7th to 12th graders) into passionate and joyful disciples, participants will: Engage with national keynote speakers, Experience uplifting praise and worship, Deepen their faith through Eucharistic adoration, Find renewal in Reconciliation. Learn more at Partnershipforyouth.org/Joliet-youth-day/

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus **Lenten Fish Fries** at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. Fridays, (February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22) They will be serving from 5 till 7. The Menu Fried Pollock, Baked Cod, Fried Shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce. Prices are Adults -\$13.00 Grade schoolers - \$6.00, Pre-schooler - Free

