

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2, 2025

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Mass Schedule
Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.—No Mass

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:

3/01/25 Sat. 5:30pm +Heidi Ehrhardt (Norma Ehrhardt) AND +Anna Laciak (Fr. Stanley)
3/06/25 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendents
3/08/25 Sat. 5:30pm +Emma King (Tom & Bev Buckley)

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

3/01/25 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Jane
3/08/25 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 925.00
Thank you! Your offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Joe King, Hank Kovach, Debbie Turner, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you would like to register, registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org.

Daily Mass-Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, March 6th in Reddick. The parish office will be closed this week, March 3-7.

Ash Wednesday Schedule for March 5, 2025 (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

7:30am Mass & Ashes-St. Lawrence -S. Wilmington
8:30am Mass & Ashes-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
6:00pm Mass & Ashes-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington

Eucharistic Adoration—If you have been considering coming to Eucharistic Adoration, now is the time. **March 5 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.** Even if you only have 10-15 minutes. This is one way to add a little extra time for you with Jesus during the LENT season and don't forget to participate in Stations of the Cross.

Spring Utility Collection – March 2—St. Mary's second collection for the 2024-2025 budget year is scheduled for March 2. A green envelope is included in your envelope box for this collection, or you can use a regular envelope clearly marked "Utility Collection". **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. Thank you to our parishioners who generously donated in the fall. Our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your continued support. St. Mary's Finance Committee—Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Hogan

Pledge your gift to the CMAA-This is commitment weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. When we care for our brothers and sisters in need, we are answering this call. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$3,900. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance for your support!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. 2)All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. 4) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. 5) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy. 6) Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

The **Dwight Lions** is having a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 9th at the Dwight VFW, 506 Od Route 66 from 7:00am until Noon. \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 4-10 and under 4 is free. Proceeds are used to assist the sight and hearing impaired and local activities.

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" — St. Gerard

