

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time —January 31, 2016

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

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:

1/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder)
2/04/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
2/06/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary Jo Murphy

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.
Suggested Donation 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/Servers

1/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane/Servers-Mike & Matt
2/06/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget/Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

General Intention: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 527.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich and Heidi Ehrhardt.

During the month of February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

The **Blessing of the Throats** is on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste. Fr. Stanley will be doing Blessings of the Throat after all Masses this weekend.

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week.

Preparations for St. Lawrence 7th Annual "Nite at the Races" are underway, and horses are now available for purchase! The cost is \$35 per horse, or \$25 per horse for two or more. With the purchase, you own the horse in the race of your choosing and get to name it. Should your horse finish first, there is a "funny money" payoff of \$50.00 to the owner. If you are interested in a horse, please contact Sue Myrick at 815-237-2172. "Nite at the Races" is scheduled for April 9th at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. Be sure to put it on your calendar! Always a fun time!

2016 Livingston County Preschool Screenings. These developmental screenings are free and open to children birth to 5 years of age. They are sponsored by Livingston County Special Services Unit, the Livingston County Public Schools, OSF Medical Center and the Livingston County Health Department. Areas screened include vision, hearing, speech, language, learning, motor, and social skills. Children who have been screened in the past and have no developmental concerns do not need to attend. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

If you would like a statement of your 2015 contributions for your taxes, please call the rectory. Statements can only be prepared if you use Offertory envelopes. If you did not get a box of 2016 envelopes and would like some, please call the rectory. Thank you!

Jesus is my rock; and that's how I roll!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30/31, 2016 In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?



Glad tidings. Good News! Last Sunday and this one, too, Jesus declares: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' first compassionate act is making wine for the Cana wedding feast (two Sundays ago). His first public words focus on care for the poor, the captive, the blind, and the oppressed (last Sunday). Gracious words! Amazing words (this Sunday)!

Luke, the Gospel of mercy, is our guide in this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

- What Good News do I need to hear?
- What Good News can I proclaim?
- What can I do to help make it come true?

