

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2017

### Parish Staff:

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### Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

1/07/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Michael Korchynsky (Lucille Christensen)  
1/12/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass  
1/14/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Eleanor Small)

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

1/07/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /Servers-Volunteers  
1/14/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane/Servers-Volunteers

### Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:

*General Intention:* Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

### Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 487.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$ 152.00

### Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**Congratulations** to Emmett Phillip Joyce, his mom Krista, dad Brandon, and all their family and friends on the occasion of Emmett's Baptism here at St. Mary's. May the Lord's love and peace be with him always!

If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2016, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes. Please make sure to include your name on the first few Offertory Envelopes for this year. Thank you!

**Epiphany of the Lord** -"The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star" (Pope Benedict XVI). Our response to the Father's offer of salvation is that of the Magi: "To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality" (Saint Odilo of Cluny). Creation responds as well: "When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light" (Saint Gregory the Great). The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us by which we will be led home by another way.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the New Year

Gracious and Loving God, The old year has passed and a new year begun. We thank you for Your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received. As we embrace a new year, breathe freely through us and renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose. Give us the grace to be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to us and to serve You with generous, compassionate and loving hearts. Bless our days ahead. Give us the courage to be faithful. And show us how to proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

2017 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.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima with a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, and Lourdes, March 23-April 2, 2017. R/T airfare, first-class hotels, transportation, daily Mass, \$3195. Contact Fr Chris Haake at 815-584-5178 or frcgjh@gmail.com or Fr Doug Hauber at 815-426-2153 or frdoug.hauber@yahoo.com

### Stewardship -The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

In many parishes today, a familiar hymn will echo the words telling of the star of wonder leading to the perfect light (*We Three Kings* by John H. Hopkins Jr.). We follow that light to the place of Jesus' birth to bring the gift of ourselves by our willingness to follow him and his teachings. We continue to show the gift of Jesus' humanity to the world.

