

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 2, 2016

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**Mass Schedule**

Sat.— 5:30 pm  
 Thurs.—8:30am

**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:**

10/1/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (CCW)  
**10/6/16 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass**  
 10/8/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Ken Easton & Diana Easton Johnson (Hoffman Family)

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**

10/01/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie  
 10/08/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /Servers—Mike, Matt

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of October:**

*General Intention:* That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.



**Weekly Income:**

Sunday Collection \$ 679.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Stanley is on vacation. There will be **No Daily Mass** until October 11th. There will be a visiting Priest here on the weekends. If you need a Priest during this time, please contact Fr. Allam from Immaculate Conception in Braidwood at 815-458-2125.

**2016 Public Square Rosary Rally**—Please join us in praying for our nation. Where: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Main Street, Herscher. When: October 15, 2016. ROSARY WILL BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON (Please bring a lawn chair) For more information, please call Janet Andrzejewski at 815-426-6239

**Report from St. Mary's Finance Committee:**

It has now been over a year since St. Mary's was reorganized with Kinsman and South Wilmington. Last year, at this time, we were unsure whether our church would be capable of supporting itself. The finance committee has carefully monitored our income and expenses during the past year. As of June 30, 2016 our parish had a total overall deficit of \$3,017.21. We have developed a true budget for 2016-2017 using the figures gathered during the past twelve months. On July 1 we began our new fiscal year. The October 9 "Maintenance Collection", along with one other "Maintenance Collection" during the spring will hopefully reduce this deficit.

We are asking each of our parishioners to donate as generously as possible to these two collections. Thank you for your support; it is the reason our church continues to be an important fixture in our community.

Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan  
 St. Mary's Finance Committee

*In celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy... Immaculate Conception Parish in Morris presents... Spotlight on Mercy, Please join us for... Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm in the Church DIVINE MERCY - A presentation by Fr. Andy Davy, MIC and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm in the Church A presentation in honor of MOTHER TERESA'S Canonization and Work.* Relics of the St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, St. Teresa of Calcutta and others will be on display. Dates and hours for veneration will be announced.

"If you can't have, the Best of everything, make the best of everything you have!"

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From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. "Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you." Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is, "Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn!" Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. How exactly do you "stir into flame" God's unique gifts you hold within you?



**"Increase our faith."** This request of the apostles is ours as well. We want more faith. I want more faith. One would think Jesus would surely comply – here it is, more faith. But, no, today he talks of mustard seed faith. Less about thoughtful prayer or silent meditation, important as they are. More about action, more about waiting tables, more about attending to other's needs first.

- How can my prayer and meditation prepare me to serve?
- Whom shall I wait on, whom shall I serve?
- In what little ways can I act?

