

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 23, 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:

- 10/22/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Monica Ruder)
- 10/27/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
- 10/29/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Eleanor O'Connor (Bill O'Brien 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

- 10/22/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill /Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie
- 10/29/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /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 \$ 367.00
 Maintenance Collection \$ 450.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

We Remember Our Dead. All Souls Day – November is the time when we, in a special way, remember our deceased relatives and friends. We have available envelopes where you can list any and all those you would like to have to be remembered in prayer. Please turn this envelope in. On All Souls Day, November 2nd, Father Stanley will place these envelopes on the Altar for each person at every Daily Mass and Weekend Mass and they will remain there the entire month of November.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!


Reddick Lioness Fundraiser

Once again Reddick Lioness are selling butterbraids in time for the holidays. The varieties include apple, cherry, cinnamon, raspberry, cream cheese, blueberry cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, and four cheese and herb. We also have six types of cookie dough: Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Snickerdoodle, Macadamia Nut, and Candy Delight. This year we have also added a variety of popcorn and WoodWick Candles. (See copies of the order forms posted on the bulletin board.) Profits support Christmas baskets for needy local families, community events, and high school scholarships.

"Family is the link to our past,
 the bridge to our future."

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There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to him-self." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do our prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?



Who am I kidding? If I would do all the right things for the wrong reasons, would they still count? Probably not. Would God care? Most likely, yes! The Gospel paints this picture. The boasting person at prayer: I fast, I pray, I tithe, I am faithful – I am not like "him"....(and everyone see this about me). But the humble one prays: I am far from perfect, I sin – be full of mercy. The Old Testament reading sheds more light. Be like God, Sirach says. Attend to the poor, the widow, the orphan (anyone in need), God says. Look to them. Care for them. It is right and just behavior.

- How will I boast, not in myself, but in the Lord?
- How will I behave? Whom will I help?

