

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 6, 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:

11/05/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Janet O'Donnell (Family) AND Parishioners  
11/10/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Sue Eich (RaeAnn Pitrowski & Family)  
11/12/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Marilyn Desens (Lucille Christensen)

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

11/05/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie  
11/12/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers—Mike, Matt

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

*General Intention:* That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

### Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 372.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

There will be a second collection this weekend to help with the relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Matthew particularly Haiti and our own southeastern states. Please be generous.

"Hello," This is God. I will be handling all of your problems and concerns today. That's my job. Your job is to give them to me, and then to trust me!

Especially in the month of November we remember our loved ones who has gone before us. An indulgence, applicable to the Souls in Purgatory (your own kin or those forgotten by ALL), is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a Cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed Souls. The indulgence is "Plenary" each day. Only partial the rest of the year. Thank you for the VISIT!

**Why VOTE?** VOTE because the politicians who support the views you hold need your vote to get elected.

VOTE because the ballot represents the ultimate authority in a democracy.

VOTE because the rights you enjoy carry obligations as well.

VOTE because the failure to do so can be interpreted by those who abuse elective office as a signal that they won't be held accountable.

VOTE because it's an expression of faith.

**Veterans Day, November 11** – On November 11, 1918, An Armistice was signed, putting an end to the First World War – the war to end wars. Three years later, America paid tribute to the thousands who fought and died in this conflict when the "Unknown Soldier" was buried in Arlington Cemetery. There has been no end to war. The United States has called upon citizen-soldiers for service in several wars. The observance of Armistice Day, or Veterans Day, on November 11, will be a day filled with memories for Americans of all races and creeds – soldiers who served their country. America owes these soldiers a great debt of thanks. To those who now serve, **the gift of a prayer for peace is a small but highly appropriate moment of recognition.**

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5/6, 2016

In today's second reading, Saint Paul offers encouragement to the Christian community and prays that the Lord instill encouragement in their hearts. There is nothing worse than discouragement to drain people spiritually and emotionally. Yet, at times, it is much easier to lose patience with others and offer critical and discouraging words. We are "our brothers' (and sisters') keepers." We are stewards of our relationships with others. Offering encouragement is essential to the exercise of that stewardship. Saint Paul understood that God worked through him just as God works through us to encourage others. How often do we ask the Lord for encouragement? How often do we look for opportunities to affirm, strengthen and encourage others in our daily lives?



**No game-playing.** The Maccabees boys are clear today: even death by torture is not feared because life in heaven is next. The Sadducees, in trying to choose up sides, discover: who is married to whom in heaven is not a central question. Being in heaven is the central answer.

With the love and hope and grace – all good gifts from God, Saint Paul tells us today – we await heaven. Not by playing games. But by good works and good words.

- What words of mercy can I speak?
- What works of mercy will I do?

Recall that Pope Francis has added this work of mercy to each list: Care of our common home.

