

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

First Sunday of Advent—November 27, 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:

11/26/16 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and +Marilyn Desens
(Lucille Christensen)
12/01/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
12/03/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & 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

11/26/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers—Mike, Matt
12/03/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie

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 \$ 555.00
CCHD \$ 135.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

Christmas Altar Flowers— If you would like to donate toward the Christmas flowers, please make checks payable to St. Mary CCW. Donations can be put in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and put into the collection basket or please give to Rosemary Brooks. Thank you!

Mass Schedule—Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Reddick—St. Mary's Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 5:30pm

South Wilmington—St. Lawrence Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 7:00pm Thursday, Dec. 8th at 7:30am

Kinsman—Sacred Heart Thursday, Dec. 8th at 9:00am

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 frcghj@gmail.com or Fr Doug Hauber at 815-426-2153 or frcdoug.hauber@yahoo.com

2016 Advent Day Retreat -This day retreat is open to men and women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. It is sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, SSCM. This retreat will be held on December 3rd from 8:00 am—5:00 pm at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. Hwy. 113 in Kankakee. Please call 815-935-0800 for information or to register.

The next mobile food truck will be in South Wilmington on Monday, December 5th at 4pm. Please help us pass the word to those in need.

ADVENT Reminders—Christmas coming

Dear Lord, let all my Advent preparations include thoughts of You! When I impatiently gaze at the long lines while shopping for last minute gifts, remind me of **Your patience**. You still wait for me to accept your gift of love. When I scribble the last of my Christmas cards, remind me of **Your words** of encouragement. They're mine for the asking in Holy Scripture. When I string the tree with lights, remind me of **Your Son**, Jesus. He brings peace and light to the world. When I prepare the holiday feast, remind me of **Your Food**, the Eucharist. You never allow us to hunger for you. When I gaze at the faces of my loved ones, remind me of **Your love** shining through all their eyes, Lord, your many gifts bring me salvation. Remind me once more.

Those who KNEEL before GOD can STAND before anyone!

First Sunday of Advent November 26/27, 2016

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This kind of attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joy-ously for Christ's judgment?

