

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

First Sunday of Advent —November 29, 2015

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs. -8:30 am

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:

11/28/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe & Blanche Hamende—Their Children
12/03/15 Thurs. 8:30am +Members of our Congregation
12/05/15 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

11/28/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
12/05/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:

General Intention: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 369.32
Campaign Human Develop \$ 110.00

Prayers for Sick—Paul O'Brien.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st.

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas Flowers that we will use to decorate our church, please put your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. Please also include either on the envelope or a piece of paper if you would like the flowers in memory of or honor of anyone special. Thank you for your continued generosity. Please make checks payable to St. Marys Altar & Rosary.

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end 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).

With the new Mass time, you may find yourself on occasion attending Mass at a different parish in the area. Please note that you can use your envelopes in the collection and they will forward it to us just as we do when other parishes parishioners attend our Mass.

OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR TO BEGIN THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

All the faithful are invited to attend the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday December 12 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. This liturgy will be our diocesan initiation of the Holy Year of Mercy. Prior to the beginning of Mass Bishop Conlon will open the Cathedral's Holy Door, our local way of joining with Pope Francis as he opens the Holy Doors in Rome. Let us enter into this Holy Year in joyful celebration of God's extravagant love and mercy. May our own carrying out of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy make present God's tender mercy.

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On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a pre-occupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

Consecrated Life—Religious Community Facts—Did you know During the last half of the 1920s, the Benedictine Sisters built an addition to their Monastery in Lisle and founded Sacred Heart Academy, a boarding school for girls.

