

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Second Sunday of Advent — December 6, 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:

12/05/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder –Monica Ruder & Family
12/08/15 Tues. 5:30pm Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
12/10/15 Thurs. 8:30am +Members of our Congregation
12/12/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Kay Kersch—Eleanor O’Connor
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

12/05/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget
12/12/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 470.00
Campaign Human Develop\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich, Heidi Ehrhardt and Paul O'Brien.

Holy Day Mass- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Lawrence—S. Wilmington
Monday, December 7th 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 8th 7:30am
St. Mary—Reddick—Tuesday, December 8th 5:30pm

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.

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K–12 , I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Catholic Charites sponsored Mobile Food Pantry will be in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church Parking lot (rain or shine) on Monday, December 7th from 4:00-6:00PM. Please pass the word to those in need. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet helps people of all faiths and beliefs. Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. If you would like to volunteer, please come to St. Lawrence Church around 3:00pm. Thank you.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent December 5/6, 2015 In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to believe that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to promote the Gospel? During this second week of Advent take time to reflect on how you see Christ's presence in your community.

Consecrated Life—Religious Community Facts—Did you know During the first two decades of the Diocese of Joliet, many of its seminarians had their training at St. Procopius Seminary, before the institution closed its doors in 1968.

