

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16  
Reddick, IL

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

## Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*  
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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

## 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:

12/09/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
12/14/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass  
12/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (Emma King)

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

12/09/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget  
12/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda

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

**General Intention:** The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 1,278.00



During the months of December, January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan



**Christmas Flowers**—St. Mary's CCW is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please put your donations in a white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers in C/O Ruth Schott" This is a great way to remember your loved ones during the Christmas Season.

Our 2018 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

**Help religious communities.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

On **Monday, December 11** at **4pm** Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. If you know anyone in need, please inform them.

The State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools through the "Invest in Kids Act." Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover **up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year.** The *Empower Illinois* Scholarship Granting Organization will be operational and will have application information around December 15, 2017 and anticipates accepting applications January 2, 2018. These dates are subject to change. **Visit** [www.weteachmore.org](http://www.weteachmore.org) **for up-to-date details.**

**Advent Confessions**— These confession times are for children and adults. Due to the schedule Fr. Stanley must keep, he will be unable to hear children's confessions during Religious Education class time, as done in the past.

Sat., Dec. 16 after the 5:30pm Mass St. Mary- Reddick  
Tues, Dec. 19 7:00pm St. Lawrence-South Wilmington  
Wed., Dec. 20 6:00pm Sacred Heart in Kinsman

## Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 24th.  
St. Lawrence- 4:00pm and Midnight on December 24th  
10:00am December 25th.  
Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 2:00pm December 24th  
8:00am December 25th

We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website [swkrcatholics.org](http://swkrcatholics.org) Thank you!

*"A spiritual secret is to learn contentment with the things God doesn't explain to us." Amy Carmichael*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Each Advent we can choose to let the social pressures this time of year overwhelm us or to take a step back and include Christ in all our planning for Christmas. Today, as we hear of John the Baptist preaching in the desert, we need to remember our own need for repentance and our mission to make straight the way of the Lord. Saint Mark's Gospel begins today with people going out to hear and be baptized by John the Baptist. He tells them of one mightier than he who is coming.

