

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Third Sunday of Advent — December 13, 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:

12/12/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Kay Kersch—Eleanor O'Connor
 12/17/15 Thurs. 8:30am +Members of our Congregation
 12/19/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary Jo Murphy

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

12/12/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda
 12/19/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.



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 \$ 855.00
 Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich, Heidi Ehrhardt and Paul O'Brien.

Advent Confessions—

These confession times are for children and adults.
 Tuesday, Dec. 15th 5:30pm—7:00pm Sacred Heart -Kinsman
 Saturday, Dec. 19th after the 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's -Reddick
 Tuesday, Dec. 22nd 7:00pm—8:00pm St. Lawrence—S. Wilmington

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 24th.
 St. Lawrence (S. Wilmington) 4:00pm and Midnight on December 24th
 10:00am Christmas Day, December 25th
 Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 6:00pm December 24th
 8:00am Christmas Day, December 25th

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

During the months of 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. Fr. Stan

St. Mary's CCD students will be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday evening (December 15th) from 4:30 to 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would gladly accept the help!

St. Mary's CCD students who have made their First Communion will be joining Father Stanley on Tuesday evening (December 15th) from 4:30-5:00 for a lesson on being an Altar Server.

St. Mary's CCD students will be accepting gloves and hat- donations from now until January 1st. Along with our fellow Christians at the Zoar Church, we will be donating them to the Kankakee Harbor House Organization! Please feel free to donate either adult or youth gloves and hats. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please place donations into the gift box inside the Church door.

Advent is here and the year of mercy has begun! Do you want to make it more meaningful in the coming year and be able to extend the mercy and compassion of Christ to others? If so, please consider volunteering for The Upper Room Hotline services. Classes to prepare you will begin on January 21 and end March 10. Classes are held at the University of St. Francis from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. People willing to imitate the compassion of Christ are needed for the people of all faiths who are lost or wanting to find their way back to God. If you are willing to "be" Christ to someone this year, please call Sister Frances Seeley at 815-341-912, or turch@sbcglobal.net. You can check us out at catholicot-line.org. Thank you and God Bless.

Third Sunday of Advent December 12/13, 2015 In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked a profound stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. The message of John the Baptist is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to sacrifice in order to help others?

Consecrated Life—Religious Community Facts—Did you know The Wheaton Franciscans have been involved in low-income housing and housing for the elderly since the late 1960s, and this ministry continues today through *Franciscan Ministries, Inc.*

