

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18, 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:

- 12/17/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Parishioners and Kim Schott (Ruth Schott)
- 12/22/16 Thurs. 8:30pm +Deceased Members of the Masching Family (Don & Norma O'Brien)
- 12/24/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Parishioners-The Nativity of the Lord**

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

- 12/17/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers-Mike, Matt
- 12/24/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill/Servers-Volunteers Needed

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 652.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 166.30
Retired Religious	\$ 275.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

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!

St. Mary's Church CCD Students invite all parish members and families to their Christmas Program on Saturday, December 24th at 5:00pm. Merry Christmas to all our families.

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from December through January 1st. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

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. Thank you!
 Fr. Stan

Advent Confessions— These confession times are for children and adults.

- Sat., Dec. 17 after the 5:30pm Mass St. Mary- Reddick
- Tues, Dec. 20 7:00pm St. Lawrence-South Wilmington
- Wed., Dec. 21 6:00pm Sacred Heart in Kinsman

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Lawrence- 4:00pm and Midnight on December 24th and 10:00am December 25th.
 Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 7:30pm December 24th and 8:00am December 25th
 St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 24th.

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

IT IS OUR HONOR TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (AND YOUR GUEST)
 ALL* WHO SACRIFICE TIME AND TALENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
 to join us to celebrate AN APPRECIATION DINNER
 on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall.
 Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing!
 Please RSVP signing the list in the back of the church.

(*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RE Staff, Ushers, Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Those who care for Altar Linens, Society, Funeral Dinner Chairs, Quilters, and Mobile Food Truck Volunteers)

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 17/18, 2016 In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's pres-ence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response ex-cept to say: "God is here!"

