

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fourth Sunday of Advent —December 20, 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:

12/19/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary Jo Murphy
12/24/15 Thurs. 5:30pm +Members of our Congregation
12/26/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe & Blanche Hamende— Children

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

12/19/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
12/24/15 Thurs. 5:30pm Lector– Jane
12/26/15 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	\$1324.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 143.00
Retired Religious	\$ 141.00

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.
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

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

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

The Rectory will be closed on December 24th and December 25th. Merry Christmas!!!

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.

Please pick up your 2016 Offertory Envelopes at the entrance of the Church. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like a box of envelopes please call the Rectory.

Prayer for CHRISTMAS

Loving God, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, in the gladness of the shepherds, and in the wisdom of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate, and open the door of love, all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven—for Jesus' sake. Amen

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19/20, 2015 As we draw close to the Feast of the Nativity, we hear the great stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in God's house. Take time to ponder these questions: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? Do we reflect God's nature in our daily life? Are we able to say with confidence: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

Consecrated Life—Religious Community Facts—Did you know The De La Salle Christian Brothers are the second largest university network in the world and the largest high school network in the United States.

