

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph —December 27, 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:

12/26/15 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe & Blanche Hamende— Children
12/31/15 Thurs. 5:30pm +Members of our Congregation
 1/02/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Ralph Ferrari (Monica Ruder)

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

12/26/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda
 12/31/15 Thurs. 5:30pm Lector– Jane
 1/02/15 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget



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 \$ 555.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich, Heidi Ehrhardt and Paul O'Brien.

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 31st
 St. Lawrence (S. Wilmington) 4:00pm December 31st
 10:00am January 1st
 Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 8:00am January 1st

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

In your prayers please remember Bishop Joseph L. Imesch who passed from this life into Eternal Life on December 22nd. Visitation will be at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on December 28th from 1:00pm to 8:00pm and on December 29th from 9:00am to 10:45am. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on December 29th at the Cathedral.

Thank you CCD Class and anyone else who did such a nice job decorating the Church for Christmas. A special thank you to Dan and Melissa Hogan and Family for donating the beautiful Poinsettias. The money we collected for the flowers will go into the Society fund towards our Easter flowers.

Also, a special thank you to Terry Joyce and Bill O'Brien for all that you do for our parish all year long. The outside of the Church looks wonderful! If you see them or get a chance, please thank them personally for all they do.

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.

The Rectory will be closed on December 31st and January 1st. Happy New Year!

Virtues for NEW YEAR-Enough HAPPINESS to keep you sweet; Enough TRIALS to keep you strong; Enough SORROW to keep you human; Enough HOPE to keep you happy; Enough FAILURE to keep you humble; Enough SUCCESS to keep you eager; Enough FRIENDS to give you comfort; Enough FAITH and COURAGE in yourself, your business, and your country to banish your depression; Enough WEALTH to meet your needs; Enough DETERMINATION to make each day a better day than yesterday.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 26/27, 2015—The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the new year, how might we embrace one or more of these virtues more fully in our parish community in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

Consecrated Life—Religious Community Facts—Did you know Members of the Society of Christ serve at Holy Cross Parish, Joliet and at Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard.

