

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

First Sunday of Lent — February 14, 2016

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

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:

2/13/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Ryan Hogan (Dan & Melinda Hogan)
 2/18/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
 2/20/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Phyllis Buza (Dan & Melinda Hogan)

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

2/13/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda/Servers-Mike, Matt
 2/20/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K./Servers-Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

General Intention: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 655.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich and Heidi Ehrhardt.

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Wednesday evenings during Lent at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington at 7:00PM. Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's will begin on March 3rd after daily Mass.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to **restore the Church and build the future.** Please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Follow-Up Process will be next weekend

If you made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, thank you!! If you have not made your contribution to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org, via mail, or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes at Mass. We will also conduct a Follow-Up Weekend process to give everyone an opportunity to participate. One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal "Chosen by God's Grace." You can make a real difference! After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$2,071 in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

"The only things you can take with you are the good things you do for others."

The Rectory will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents Day.

The Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be at St. Lawrence Church parking lot in South Wilmington on **Monday, February 29th** from **4-6pm**. Please let those in need know.

First Sunday in Lent Weekend of February 13/14, 2016—The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no "secret" disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?



Into the desert. Off we go to a less than usual place. It will look like our same neighborhood and town. But these 40 Days in the desert of Lent will feel and taste quite different. Or they should. We set off into Lent to practice these three things: praying, fasting, giving.

Easter Vigil.

- Let us pray at the font to restore our lives to baptismal purity as well as pray for those who will enter that bath this
- Let us fast from rich food and fine drink to focus on those in need and things eternal.
- Let us give up things (perhaps temporarily), give up bad behaviors (for ever!) in order to give our lives over to the dead and risen Christ.

