

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 19, 2017

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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:

2/18/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners & +Ryan Hogan-8th Anniv.
(Dan & Melinda Hogan Family)

2/23/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass

2/25/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt, Scott & Linda Hamende)

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

2/18/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers-Volunteers

2/25/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K./Servers-Volunteers

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

General Intention: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 717.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

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

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

Brothers and Sisters,

One of the noblest forms of witness that we Catholics give in our contemporary society is to stand up for the dignity of human beings as children of God. We feel a special commitment to the most vulnerable and the most innocent of all: children in the womb. Of course, unborn children depend primarily upon the care of their mothers. But legal protection is also important, something that has been lacking in the United States for over forty-four years. A bill has been introduced in the Illinois legislature—House Bill 40—which has two destructive purposes: (1) to thwart any future decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse or limit Roe vs. Wade; and (2) to allow for the use of public money to fund the taking of innocent human lives through abortion in the state's Medicaid and health insurance programs. It is essential that people who believe in the protection of human life in the womb contact their proper state legislators and express their **opposition** to House Bill 40. You can find your state legislators by visiting www.ilcatholic.org and clicking on 'Find Your Legislator' or by calling the Catholic Conference at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200 and asking for help. For additional thoughts on HB40, I invite you to read my op-ed which appeared in papers throughout the diocese at <http://tinyurl.com/h8ssy32>. Thank you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

Please Reflect on God's Gifts to You! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

This week, you are asked to review the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report that you received with your bulletin today. The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over 10 months to support the good works of the Diocese.



A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our Diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you take the time to review the Opening Report and see all the work enabled by the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. We are all "Held in God's Hands" and he has given you all that you have. We can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who have not received the mailing, we will conduct our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend process at all Masses next weekend. After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$2,278 in paid pledges, 70% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time, February 19th-In his life among us, and especially in his passion and death, Christ presents to us a radically different vision of life than the one the world calls us to embrace. But His Resurrection calls us to a life marked by forgiveness and mercy.

