

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Reddick, IL

Second Sunday of Lent — February 21, 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:

2/20/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Phyllis Buza (Dan & Melinda Hogan)
2/25/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
2/27/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Scott & Linda Hamende Sr. And Ray & Heidi Erhardt)

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

2/20/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K./Servers-Mike, Matt
2/27/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill/Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

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 \$ 404.00
Eastern Europe (Ash Wed)\$ 238.00

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich and Heidi Ehrhardt.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

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 year's CMAA "Chosen by God's Grace." *You can make a real difference!*

If you have not made your contribution to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so. This weekend we will conduct our Follow-Up Weekend to give everyone an opportunity to participate. You can also participate by going online to www.jolietdioceseappeal.org, or by mailing in your gift. 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.

Lent—These are ways of living Lent with and for Christ: Complimenting rather than criticizing people; being patient in difficult situations; keeping your hand off the horn in congested traffic; being pleasant in crowds; giving a full days work in school or to the company; going out of your way to make people happy; being cheerful at meals; having a headache without acting like a martyr; not seeking excuses for your mistakes; disagreeing without being disagreeable; letting another have his way; squeezing in extra prayers during the day and making it to church for the Lenten services.

"God grant you the ASSURANCE you need that He is with you ALWAYS!"

The Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, February 23rd.

Second Sunday in Lent Weekend of February 20/21, 2016 -In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?



Look at the night sky; don't pitch a tent.
So many stars! Too many to count. That is the un-numberable number of Abram's descendants – of which each of us is a part. God promised then, and promises still today in covenantal love and mercy to care for us, protect us, and be our only God. This Lent, let us go looking for descendant stars, people born of Abraham and Sarah and loved by God. Let us go looking for those who need embracing. Let us go looking for those who need some special care, some covenantal kindness, many kind words. Let us look. Then let us act.

