

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Second Sunday of Lent—March 12, 2017

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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:

3/11/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
3/16/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
Thurs. After 8:30am Mass— Stations of the Cross
3/18/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & Family)

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

3/11/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane
3/18/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:

General Intention: Support the Persecuted Christians. That Persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 723.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 133.00

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

The Rectory will be closed Wednesday, March 15 through Friday, March 17.

Suggestions for Lent –

Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.



St. Mary's Maintenance Collection – March 12 -St. Mary's Finance Committee had their mid-year meeting on February 15, 2017. At this time, we are on track with our budget. However, the upcoming March 12 "Maintenance Collection" is crucial in meeting our 2016-2017 budget ending June 30. The "Maintenance Collection" is designated for the care and well-being of St. Mary's Parish of Reddick. As in the past, we are asking our parishioners to donate as generously as possible to this collection.

Thank you for your continued support.
Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan
St. Mary's Finance Committee

A St. Patrick Message from Bishop Conlon—My name is Conlon – very Irish. More significantly I am Catholic, and Lent is an important season of prayer, penance and charity. If some fellow Catholics within the Diocese of Joliet feel that eating meat on St. Patrick's Day – which this year falls on a Friday – is important enough to break the rule of abstinence, they are permitted to make a conscientious decision to do so. In that case, they should substitute some other form of penance. For myself, I see no connection between honoring the patron saint and apostle of Ireland and eating corned beef.

Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

If you have not made your contribution to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so. This weekend we will conduct our Follow-Up Weekend 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 year's Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. You can also participate by going online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or by mailing in your gift. Our parish goal is \$ 2,278.00. Help us to exceed this goal in paid pledges. Our parish will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

On **Monday, March 13 at 4-6pm** Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. If you know anyone in need, please inform them. Catholic Charities will be handing coats out to those in need.

Second Sunday of Lent -March 11/12, 2017 -In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

