

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

First Sunday of Lent—March 5, 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:

3/04/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Lyle & Norma Tambling (Hoffman Family)
3/09/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Suzanne Eich (Michelle Ruder)
Thurs. After 8:30am Mass— Stations of the Cross
3/11/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.

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

3/04/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget.
3/11/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane

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 \$ 569.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Bruce Larson, Mary Lou Fox

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Your donation will help **restore the Church and build the future** in over 20 countries.

Thank you to all who came to and contributed to the Chili Supper. A good time was had by all.

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

Come to a professional, live, performance of "Faustina," the story of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. This Polish nun, canonized by Pope St. John Paul II, inspired what has become a worldwide devotion to the Divine Mercy. This presentation will be at St. Margaret Mary Church, 410 N Main St, Herscher on Friday, March 10th, at 7:00pm This tremendous Lenten opportunity is free of charge (Free will offering will be taken). Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. For more information call: 815-426-2153 or 815-426-2550.

Put on your favorite sports team jersey and join the parishioners of St. Lawrence at the 8th Annual Nite at the Races being held on March 18th at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. Admission tickets are \$10 each and this will get you \$10 of "funny money" to use throughout the night on food, raffle items, auction items or our feature event – placing a bet on your favorite horse. It will also enter you into our door prize drawing. The doors open at 5:30 pm with Italian Beef or Hot Dogs being served; a cash bar is available. The first race begins at 6:30 pm. Following the final race, there will be a live auction, draw winners of the raffle baskets, and identify the winner of the handcrafted pub table and stools. Proceeds from this event will go towards funding improvements to the Rectory and Administration Office space.

Lenten Regulations: 1) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (excluding the Solemnity of the Annunciation). 2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. **4) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.** 5) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and performance of works of charity and mercy.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls for a fast that benefits the hungry, the afflicted and the homeless. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians that he came in weakness with a message of Spirit and power. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and light of the world; their faith must shine forth.

