

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 17, 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:

- 4/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Deceased Members of the Masching Family (Don & Norma O'Brien)
- 4/21/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
- 4/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Parishioners

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

- 4/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda/Servers-Miles, Jackson & Elsie
- 4/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K./Servers-Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:

General Intention: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 388.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in prayer Sue Eich who entered Eternal Life. Our condolences to her family and friends. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

Thank you for your prayers for Heidi Erhardt, she is doing well now.

We will have a children's Mass on Saturday, April 30th at 5:30pm. Our children will be participating at this Mass and we invite all parishioners to come and support our children at this Mass.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women will meet for a Spring Brunch on Sunday, April 24th at 11:00am at the Country Mansion in Dwight. All ladies of the parish and guests are invited to attend. Any questions, please call Norma O'Brien at 815-365-2590. Thank you for your support and looking forward to seeing everyone!

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

The Doors of Mercy video journey Sunday, April 17th will be on **Abraham: Faith** followed by **Moses: Inheritance**. After the Great Flood and the division within the family of Noah, humanity continued in its rebellion against God. Abraham, though a man of great faith, was disobedient and mistrusted God. Moses also doubted God's instructions and disobeyed him. Both will discover God's boundless love and mercy for His people. Please join us on Sunday, April 17th at the St. Lawrence parish hall 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. to explore the various covenants God has made with humanity and how He used these covenants to reveal the depths of His mercy.

A vocation is like a seed that has been planted deep within our children, and we must nurture those tiny seeds.

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus is quite emphatic: "My sheep hear my voice..." Those who exercise good stewardship of their prayer lives realize that hearing or listening is fundamental to prayer. Prayer is a personal encounter with the Lord and requires dialogue. Some people never learn the art of listening. When we enter into a dialogue with someone we love we speak and we listen. Otherwise it cannot be a dialogue. This week let's think about how we pray. Do we do all the talking and then get up and do something else? Or do we sit quietly, waiting for God's voice to enter our hearts?



Smell like sheep. This is what Pope Francis says: Shepherds should smell like the sheep they shepherd. This is not a charge just to bishops and priests. It is told to all of us, too. All of us shepherd in little and big ways: in the children we bear and raise, in the students we teach, in the workers we guide, in the customers we serve, in _____.

To smell like sheep, we must be unafraid, for we are part of the one protected flock, we are all in this together (Jew and Gentile – reread Acts 13:14, 43-52). Sunday makes us one. Jesus makes us one.

- Make a list: who do I shepherd?
- How can I do this with greater love and care?

