

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Third Sunday of Easter—April 30, 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:

4/29/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Bill O'Brien & Family)
5/04/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Sandra Hertz (Don & Norma O'Brien)
5/06/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe Kersch (Kay Kersch & 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

4/29/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget
5/06/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda

Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:

General Intention: Christians in Africa. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 695.00

Thank you for your generosity!



The rectory & office are currently undergoing remodeling. If you need to meet with Fr. Stan or the secretary, please call the Rectory number 815-237-2230 for an appointment. We will be glad to meet with you. Thank you!

The Rectory will be closed on Wednesday, May 3rd. Lin will be attending a meeting at the Diocese.

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LINES TO A FIRST COMMUNICANT—Today a Guest is coming, Who will fill your souls with love, for we all know that Jesus is coming from above. Coming into your very heart, close inside of you, Where you can talk to Him, and tell your secrets, too. I know how happy you must be upon this Special Day: May God keep you close to Him, and forever bless your way.

Daily prayer to St. Joseph, (May 1) - The Worker

Glorious Saint Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace: to work in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labor, the gifts I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work, above all, with a pure intention and with a spirit of detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. ALL FOR JESUS, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Blessed Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

On Monday, May 1st at 3:00pm, Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at Immaculate Conception (110 S. School St.) in Braidwood in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Elbow Benders 55th Annual Spaghetti Supper—Saturday, May 6th 2017 at St. Lawrence Parish Hall in South Wilmington. Serving from 5 to 9 pm. All you can Eat & Drink. (Spaghetti and Beer). Donation: Adults \$6. Child Portion available. Carry outs available at door 5-6:30pm. Proceeds benefit area youth baseball & softball.

A Sunday School visitor asked the children what he should talk about, and got an immediate answer "talk about three minutes."

Third Sunday of Easter Weekend of April 29/30, 2017

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

