

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—April 9, 2017

## Parish Staff:

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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:

4/08/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Fr. Matthew Mazzuchelli (Joseph King & Emma King)

4/13/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Daily Mass

**Holy Thursday 6:00pm Mass—in South Wilmington all 3 parishes**

4/14/17 **Good Friday Service—5:30pm**

4/15/17 **Sat. 5:30pm Holy Saturday for 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

4/08/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget

4/14/17 Good Friday- 5:30pm Lector—Jane

4/15/17 Holy Saturday 5:30pm Lector—Mary K.

## Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:

**General Intention:** Young People. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 508.00

Thank you for your generosity!



There will be no daily Mass on Thursday morning. Please come to Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington.

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!

Confessions will be heard after Mass today, Saturday, April 8th. The Rectory office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**Aspect of PALM – Symbol of JESUS** -Palm branches have long been associated with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The palm is the symbol of victory, conquest, and kingship. As a symbol for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and Servant-King, the palm has added significance; for the palm, of all trees, is the servant tree. The palm offers shade for the weary. It is the source of food for the hungry. From it man obtains sugar, resin, and oil. Its branches are used for the weaving of baskets and for the thatching of roofs. The lofty palm suggests mastery and service. – E.T. Clapp.

**Legend of EASTER LILY** – A lovely legend tells why lilies are associated with Eastertide, When Jesus arose from the dead and left the tomb on that eventful morning of the Resurrection, he left a long train of Easter lilies, for, according to this charming legend, wherever the foot of the Lord of Life touched the soil an Easter lily bloomed. THIS IS TRUE in a larger sense than the legend puts it. Wherever Jesus has gone, wherever pious souls have carried Him, every beautiful and good blessing has followed Him! – Anon.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 8/9, 2017** -We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we remember Christ's passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we "emptied" ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of Christ and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross.



## Easter Mass Schedule

April 13-Holy Thurs.-6pm -St. Lawrence-All 3 Parishes

April 14-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord

3pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington

3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman

5:30pm-St. Mary-Reddick

April 15-Holy Saturday

7:30pm-Blessing of Easter Baskets-St. Lawrence

8:00pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence

5:00pm-Blessing of Easter Baskets-St. Mary

5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick

April 16-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord

8:00am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman

10:00am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence

## Recipe for an Egg-cellent Easter

1 1/2 Cups family time, 1 Cup jelly beans, 3/4 Cup Love, 1 dozen colored eggs, 1 bouquet of special wishes, 1 Easter basket. Add all ingredients together in the basket. Sprinkle in lots of fun and plenty of family time. Mix together and enjoy!