

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 1, 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:

4/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Suzanne Eich (Monica Ruder)
 5/05/16 Thurs. 8:30am Parishioners
 5/07/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe Kersch (Kay Kersch & Family) AND
 +Eleanor O'Connor (Joann & Thomas Lambert)

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

4/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Children/Servers-Miles, Jackson Elsie
 5/07/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill /Servers-Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:

General Intention: That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 651.00
 Catholic Home Mission \$ 190.00
 Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all who attended the CCW Spring Brunch last weekend.

We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary Church. If you haven't already done so, please register with Fr. Stanley after Mass. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the vestibule or on our parish website. Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help **strengthen the Church at home** and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

The final weekend for our Doors of Mercy video session will take place on Sunday, May 1 at St. Lawrence Parish Hall 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. The forum is a video viewing not a small group discussion. As we reach the pinnacle of God's plan of mercy in the coming of the promised Savior, Jesus, we should stand in awe of everything that happened to pave the way for His arrival. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He opened the most glorious doors of mercy possible. He opened the doors to heaven and eternal life! With the Divine Mercy message and devotion, Jesus reaches out to us through a humble, Polish nun, St. Faustina. God's plan of mercy has taken many twists and turns, and now, at a time in history when the world and the devil are trying more than ever to tear us from Christ, St. Faustina turns our gaze back to Him; to trust in Jesus and His abundant mercy.

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
 PLEDGE REPORT

Monthly pledge payments for the CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached goal in paid pledges, 65% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

PARISH GOAL: \$ 2,071.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$ 2,515.00
AMOUNT PAID: \$ 2,515.00
REMAINING BALANCE: \$ 0.00
REBATE AMOUNT: \$ 289.00

Weekend of April 30/May 1, 2016

In today's Gospel we listen to some of the last words Jesus spoke on the night before his death, but they are words that prepared his disciples for his physical departure from them forty days after his resurrection. Jesus speaks of coming back with his Father so that they can make their home in the disciples who love them. Our notion of the Triune God is one who is prepared to come and live within each of us. But God waits

A small boy, visiting New York City for the first time, rode in an elevator to the top of the Empire State Building. As they whizzed past the 62nd floor, he gulped and said to his father: "Daddy, does God know we're coming?"



No greater burden! You just have to love the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (15:1-2, 22-29 – go ahead, read the whole chapter). It describes the dissention and debate in Antioch, the knock-down, drag-out fight among good people. Who should do what? How should you behave? What should you believe? Sound familiar? Not un-similar to our own day is it! A delegation goes to Jerusalem; Paul and Peter "have it out", they talk, debate, ponder. Then the whole Church, all of them decide what is right. Unity in the dead and risen Lord is uppermost. Place no greater burden to unity at the Lord's table. Here are fundamentals for debate:

- Believe in the Trinity and the power of Christ to save.
- Behave as lovers.
- Do the works of mercy placing no undue burden.

