

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 21, 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:

5/20/17 Sat. 5:30pm Suzanne Eich (David Ruder & Family)
5/25/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Ina Ruth Lockner (Rosemary Brooks)
5/27/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Todd Gereaux & Mary Kay O'Brien)

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

5/20/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K.
5/27/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

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 4/30 \$480.00



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!

Welcome Fr. Raphael Makori. (*US Representative for MCP*) A Mission Priest from the Catholic Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania, E. Africa.

Almost any rainbow finds a place to start, In a rain-stained heaven or a tear-stained Heart!

Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be here for a Corporate Mass. Please come and support them.

Concerned about an older adult or person with a disability?

Grundy County/Kankakee County: Do you have concerns about the safety of an older adult (60 or older) or a person with a disability (18 - 59)? Concerns may include: abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, self-neglect. Calls of concern about people who are not taking care of themselves or who are living in an unsafe environment can be made confidentially to Catholic Charities, 815-933-7791, or to the 24 hour adult protective services hotline, 1-866-800-1409.

Catholic Charities provides trained and caring professionals to help determine the services most needed to stop neglect and abuse; protect the person who has suffered abuse and/or neglect; and assist the individual in the healing process. Intervention for the abuser is also provided. Abuse isn't always intentional and it can happen in any home.

Our CCD pupils were asked to draw a picture of their favorite scene from the Bible. One little boy presented the teacher with a drawing of a sports car with a bearded man in the front seat and a woman in the back. "Now, just what Bible story is this picture supposed to illustrate?" asked the puzzled teacher. "That," replied the boy, "is a picture of God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Paradise!"

Congratulations to all our graduates, Grade School, High School, College, etc. Congratulations and well done! As you begin the next step, on your journey of life, may we suggest a little formula to help you to be the best person you can be? **First and foremost, keep the faith.** There will be many pressures on you in the future to abandon your faith. Try to remain focused on the key idea: Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, and He is due respect and obedience. His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount will transform your life. Follow Him for He is **the Way, the Truth and the Light.** In order to remain spiritually alive, always turn to the Lord who said, **Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart.** When you accept Jesus as Lord, you are challenged to give witness to Christ in four ways: 1) Through Worship and Holy Communion. 2) Through the Recognition of Legitimate Authority. 3) Through Stewardship. 4) Through a Loving Relationship. Pray for the grace to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. This isn't easy, but with God's help it is possible. May the Lord be your strength and your joy.

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 20/21, 2017 -Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.

