

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Ascension of the Lord—May 28, 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:

5/27/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Todd Gereaux & Mary Kay O'Brien)
6/01/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Gerald Fritz (Monica Ruder & Family)
6/03/17 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

5/27/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector–Bill
6/03/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector–Bridget

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 \$647.00



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!

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

Welcome Knights of Columbus Council #1574.

REMEMBER, God doesn't take a vacation from us, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS!!!

Memorial Day Mass – A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 29th at 10AM at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood. (Weather permitting.) All are welcome to attend. Please bring a lawn chair. This is a time and place to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom and those in our families. Coffee and rolls will be served in Fr. White Hall following Mass. If rain is threatening, Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEENAGERS

1. Stop and think before you drink.
2. Don't let your parents down. They brought you up.
3. Be humble enough to obey. You will be giving orders yourself some day.
4. At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking-AT THE FIRST MOMENT! Ditch dirty thoughts or they'll ditch you.
5. Don't show off when driving. If you want to race, go to Indianapolis.
6. Choose a date who would make a good mate. Don't go steady, unless you're ready (to march down the aisle to the altar).
7. Go to church faithfully. The creator gives us the week. Give Him back an hour.
8. Choose your companions carefully. You are what they are.
9. Avoid "following the crowd". Be an engine, not a caboose.
10. Or even better-keep the original Ten Commandments. Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own!

For MEMORIAL DAY—GOD OF ALL NATIONS

God of all nations: We pray for all the peoples of Thy earth. For those who are consumed in mutual hatred and bitterness, For those who make bloody war upon their neighbors, For those who tyrannously oppress, For those who groan under cruelty and subjection. We pray Thee for all those who bear rule and responsibility, For child races and dying races, For outcast tribes, the backward and down-trodden, For the ignorant, wretched, and enslaved. We beseech Thee, teach mankind to live together in peace, No man exploiting the weak, no man hating the strong, Each race working out its own destiny, unfettered, self-respecting, fearless. Teach us to be worthy of freedom, free from social wrong. Free from individual oppression and contempt, Pure of heart and hand, despising none, defrauding none, giving to all men in all the dealings of life— The honor we owe to those who are Thy children, whatever their color, their race, or their caste.



Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension -In today's Gospel, Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

