

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Seventh Sunday of Easter — May 8, 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:

5/07/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe Kersch (Kay Kersch & Family) AND
+Eleanor O'Connor (Joann & Thomas Lambert)
5/12/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Brian Buckley (Peaches Turner)
5/14/16 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/Servers

5/07/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill /Servers-Mike, Matt
5/14/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget /Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

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 \$ 509.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory will be closed Thursday, May 12th through Monday, May 16th.

The month of **May**, that month particularly dedicated to Mary the Mother of God, and the month in which Mother's Day is observed in our beloved country. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers and Grandmothers.

Mother's Day— Special day in MAY

Every individual knows the joy that fills the heart when one is able to present some gift to his or her mother. It is a sign of real trust and confidence in our loved mothers that all over the country people are remembering the occasion of Mother's Day in some form or another. For many, the loved mother is already in eternity and the gift or remembrance is made without any eternal sign. For others, the loved mother may still be living, and the gift can be presented personally.

Will you be an angel to someone in need? Each day at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet we meet individuals and families who need an angel -- veterans who have lost their homes, single mothers who seek warm clothes for their children, and seniors who are forced to choose between paying rent and buying food. Thankfully, we have found someone who is so special and generous... that he is almost like an angel on earth. This anonymous donor wants to team up with you to continue to help our struggling neighbors. For every dollar you donate, our special angel will match it – up to \$50,000. Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help. Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to: Catholic Charities Angel Fund, 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432 Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling Claudia at 815-724-1140. Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. Together we are doing God's work – and changing and saving lives! If you can't send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.

FAMILY—Like branches on a tree,
we grow in different directions
—Yet Our Roots Remain As One!

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Weekend of May 7/8

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gos-pel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spir-it who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confi-dence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?



Standing around. We do a lot of that, don't we? Standing a round, looking about, wondering what to do next. Two Bible stories told this Ascension Day bring this up. The first reading (Acts 1:1-11) has the apostles standing around, looking up as Jesus goes to heaven. Two white garment clad strangers have to tell them: What are you doing? Go, do your work. In the Gospel (Luke 24:46-53), the disciples come off better. Jesus is taken up to heaven and, without being told, they (1) give Jesus homage, (2) return in joy, and (3) continually praise God. So:

- How can everything I do this week acknowledge and venerate Jesus?
- How can I joyfully do what I do?
- How can my praise of God bring others to Christ?

