

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 10, 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:

7/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Kenneth P. O'Connor (William O'Brien Family)
7/14/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Dorothy Schnell (Monica Ruder)
7/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm + Suzanne Eich (Rosemary Brooks)

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

7/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie
7/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers—Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of July:

General Intention: That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 563.00
Peter's Pence \$ 30.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory will be closed on July 11th, 12th and 14th.

Can't get rid of Commandments

Coming down the road...Father McGuire saw one of his parishioners sitting beside the road, a hammer in his hand, patiently breaking large pieces of rock into smaller pieces. "Father," said his parishioner, "these stones are just like the Commandments. You can keep on breaking them, but you can't get rid of them."

St. Lawrence Church is having a Lucky Duck Derby during Party in the Park on Sunday, July 31st. The Derby is held at the East Brooklyn Bridge. The Ducks will race down the creek and the first Duck to cross the finish line will win \$500. What a Lucky Duck!! Lucky Duck tickets are available for \$5 each. Someone will be here from St. Lawrence next weekend if you would like to purchase a Duck ticket.

On **Monday, July 11th** at 4-6pm Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need. Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. If you know anyone in need, please inform them.


If you would like to put something in the bulletin please call the rectory 815-237-2230 or please put your announcement in an envelope and mark "Rectory Office" on the outside.

Short prayer for our Children—Vacation Time

May their Guardian Angels watch over our boys and girls during the summer vacation, and keep them from all physical and spiritual harm. Amen.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 9/10, 2016

Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?



Mercy has a face. Some hospitals in our region have a corps of volunteers called Good Samaritans. They do all manner of kindness so that the sick can get the care, the treatment they need. Mercy has the face of real live people, those who (1) love God, (2) love self, and (3) love the other by being the neighbor. We hear Moses, in the fifth book (Deuteronomy) for God's Chosen People, say to them – and now to us today: this command to love like God is not too mysterious or remote.

- Who needs my acts of love today – perhaps even beyond my close circle of family and friends?
- Who needs a ride to church, to doctor, to grocery that I can give?
- How can I manifest the mystery of mercy by being a face of mercy?

