

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 17, 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:

7/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Suzanne Eich (Rosemary Brooks)
7/21/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
7/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Kim Schott (Hoffman Family)

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

7/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane /Servers—Mike, Matt
7/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie

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 \$ 471.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory will be closed on July 19th & 21st.

You may find yourself on occasion attending Mass at a different parish in the area. Please note that you can use your envelopes in the collection and they will forward it to us just as we do when other parishes parishioners attend our Mass.


A Time of Prayer -“Listening With the Ear of the Heart” Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself. Treat **Yourself** to a Time of Prayer. **WHEN:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at **One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center** 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, IL **Sponsored By:** Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary **Presenter:** Sister Anne Jaeger, sscm **Cost:** \$5 if possible. If not, come anyway. **To Register Or For More Information:** Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by. Visit our website at www.sscm-usa.org for more information on upcoming programs at *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center*.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend the event. Couples will receive a special blessing during the liturgy and will receive an anniversary certificate after the Mass. Our celebrant will be Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Because of space limitations, there is not room for additional guests. However, if necessary, a caregiver/helper is very welcome to attend with the couple. Pre-registration is required; please contact the rectory for a registration form or register online by August 8, 2016. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.

“The shortest path to your own happiness is the roundabout way of making others happy first.”

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 16/17, 2016

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayer-ful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spirituality. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?



I am amazed by this story! Abraham, sitting at this doorway under a tree, sees three strangers approach. He runs to greet them. He sees to the bathing of their tired dusty feet. He sits them down under his tree. He feeds them. They engage in conversation. The story is a little ambiguous, but Abraham comes to know them as someone(s) divine. He responds with lavish hospitality. Perhaps my mercy work this week is wrestling with these discipleship questions:

- How will I greet and treat strangers?
- How can I, who can I literally bathe or “bathe” with kindness?
- Who will I feed dinner?

