

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 24, 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:

- 7/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Kim Schott (Hoffman Family)
- 7/28/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Roger Wagner (Rosemary Brooks)
- 7/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe Hamende (Scott & Linda Hamende Sr. AND Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

- 7/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget /Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie
- 7/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /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 \$ 542.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Simple PATH

The fruit of silence is PRAYER. The fruit of Prayer is FAITH. The fruit of Faith is LOVE. The fruit of Love is SERVICE. The fruit of Service is PEACE.

“God doesn't always choose to flatten the mountain...but He has promised to help you climb it!”

St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington will hold their annual “Ice Cream Social” on Sunday, August 14, at 11:00 at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Polish Sausage, BBQ and hot dog meals will be available followed by numerous homemade desserts of all kinds. All food will be served at very affordable, family friendly prices. There will be Games and Bingo after lunch. Also, our famous quilt raffle drawing will be held. (We will bring back our traditional procession to the hall this year after the 10:00 am mass.) The St. Lawrence Parish family would like to extend an invitation to all the community for an afternoon of celebration and fun. Everyone is welcome!

Jesus tells us that all we have to do is ask and we will receive, seek and we will find, knock and the door will be open to us. Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016 or December 9-11, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.


TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Call 1-800-MASS-TIMES (1-800-627-7846) or log on to www.masstimes.org to find a church and Mass times at your destination. 22,000 parishes and missions are in the database to provide travelers with times of Masses and other worship services as well as church location, telephone number and handicapped accessibility.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Weekend of July 23/24, 2016**

Today's Gospel parable speaks to generosity. In the deep of night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable that a friend would deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity and what our response should be to that generosity.

We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary Church. If you haven't already done so, please register with Fr. Stanley after Mass.



Ask. Seek. Knock. Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask ... and ask again ... and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that – reread of his persistence in Genesis 18:20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11:1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today as well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, fewer actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

