

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16  
Reddick, IL

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

## Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*  
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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

## 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:

9/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
9/21/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Brian Buckley (Mary R. Hale)  
9/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (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

9/16/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda  
9/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane

## Holy Father's Intention for the month of September:

*General Intention:* Parishes. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 600.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 298.00



We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

**Christ is our Hope** arrives in your mailbox each month, filled with educational stories about our faith, personal journeys, and news in our parishes. This magazine keeps the seven counties of our Diocese connected by sharing the Good News with each other. On behalf of Bishop Conlon, please prayerfully consider making a generous donation to this year's *Christ is our Hope* Magazine appeal. Next weekend Sept. 23/24 we will have a second collection. To make a gift online, visit the website at [www.jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://www.jolietdioceseappeal.org). Thank you for helping everyone in our Diocese to stay connected!

Religious Education will start on Wednesday, September 27th from 5-6pm. Registration Forms can be found on our website at [www.swkrcatholics.org](http://www.swkrcatholics.org) Registration will also be held on Sept. 27th. Registration Fees are \$25 per student or \$40 per family. We look forward to another wonderful year!

**Reddick Lioness Butterbraid Fundraiser** -Reddick Lioness is once again selling butterbraids for the upcoming holidays. The Lioness use profits from this project to support the P.T.A. for Herscher Unit Schools, Bonfield Grade School Christmas Bicycles, Christmas Baskets for area families, and community events for the town of Reddick. The cost per butterbraid is \$14.00. The flavors are: Apple, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Cinnamon, Cherry, Blueberry Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cream Cheese. Double chocolate and Four Cheese and Herb are available for \$15.00 each. Lioness will be taking orders through September for delivery before Thanksgiving. If you would like to place an order please contact: Rosemary Brooks, Jane Arends, Gail Joyce, or Kelli Joyce

The Diocese of Joliet invites you to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Mass with persons with disabilities with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon Sunday, October 8, 2017, 12:00 Noon Holy Family Catholic Church 600 Brook Forest Avenue Shorewood, IL "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Interpreter for the deaf will be provided. Luncheon to follow for persons with disabilities, families & friends, prepared by Joliet Chapter, Knights of Columbus. For information, please call Karen Wojnarowski at 815-221-6147.

"God does not give you what you can handle,  
God helps you handle what you are given!"

## For Widowed Men & Women

There will be a retreat/workshop

**October 28 & 29, 2017 - Batavia**

**November 11 & 12, 2017- Lemont**

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again.

Incls. overnight and meals.

Space limited – register early.

Ph: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry

1-708-354-7211

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16/17, 2017

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

