

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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:

9/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Hoffman Family)  
9/28/17 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy  
9/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat & Alice Masching (Masching 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

9/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Jane  
9/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K.

## 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 \$ 490.00



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. This 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!

CCD 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!

September, 2017 Report from St. Mary's Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met in June and finalized our 2018 budget which began on July 1, 2017. The committee meets several times a year with Father Stanley and Lin Hopwood to carefully monitor St. Mary's income and expenses. As of June 30, 2017 our parish had a total overall deficit of \$2,721.85. **As you are aware utility and insurance costs continue to rise and our church income must as well.** Last year utilities for our building and our 20% of the rectory were \$4,300.50. The October 8 "Maintenance Collection", along with one other "Maintenance Collection" during the spring will help toward our expenditures. A fundraising project was also discussed as a possibility at our meeting. We are asking each of our parishioners to donate as generously as possible to the two Maintenance Collections since this money is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick. Thank you for your support; it is the reason our church continues to be an important fixture in our community.

Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan  
St. Mary's Finance Committee

**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.

2017 Public Square Rosary Rally- Please join us in praying for our nation Where: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Main Street, Herscher, Illinois When: Saturday – October 14, 2017 Rosary will begin at 12:00 Noon (Please bring a lawn chair) For more information, please call: Janet Andrzejewski at 815-426-6239 (In case of inclement weather, we gather in the Church hall)

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of September 23/24, 2017** -From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

