

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 16, 2018

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

12/15/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Clement & Edith Riordan (Rosemary Brooks)

**12/20/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass**

12/22/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Ryan Vincent Hogan (Dan & Melinda Hogan)

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

12/15/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget

12/22/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda



## Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: General Intention:

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 616.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 105.00
Retired Religious	\$ 195.00

Thank you!

## Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt  
Juanita Arias  
Mike Zermeno

During the months of December, January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

**Religious give thanks.** "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

## Advent Confession Schedule

Tues., Dec. 18 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Wed., Dec. 19 7:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Sat., Dec. 22 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick

A visiting Priest is coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on December 18th.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

Midnight-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

**Short meditation for ADVENT-Cultivating SOUL** -The grass in meadowlands has to be mown every year, and some cases even at every recurring season. The ground needs to be ploughed up, fertilized, and freed from weeds. And just so must work be carried on in our souls; evil tendencies must be carefully corrected. Do not imagine that it is always a serious fault that leads to the worst sins. The greatest faults are often the result of neglect of little things: a small satisfaction indulged in, a moment of weakness yielded to, a consent to do a thing which is in itself lawful but immortified, a pleasure, not sinful, but ill-advised here and now... All these things recur unheeded, and, little by little, the soul is blinded, grace loses its power, passion increases and finally triumphs.

It's hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on Sunday

## Third Sunday of Advent – 16 December 2018

**God comes. What shall we do?** God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways – be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.

- ◆ Read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of 2018 on the call to holiness in today's world. Here is a link: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)
- ◆ How will I be holy, be the "saint next door"?
- ◆ What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?

