

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 23, 2018

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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:

9/22/18 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
9/27/18 Thurs. 8:30am +Verneal Fritz (Marcia Scanlon)
9/29/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat Masching (Norma & Ruth)

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

9/22/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
9/29/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.



Holy Father's Intention for the month of September:

General Intention: Young People in Africa. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 740.00

Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

Andrew Bergen
Heidi Ehrhardt

Welcome! 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!

Essex Lions Club will host breakfast on Sunday, September 23rd at the Essex Lions Club, 217 Paris St., from 7 am to noon. The Lions will serve biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs (any way), toast, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12 and Under 6 eat FREE.

Reddick Community Auxiliary (Formerly Reddick Lioness) Butter Braid Fundraiser-The Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) is having their annual butter braid sale! Delivery of the butter braids will be prior to the holidays. The RCA uses the profit from this fundraiser to support the Herscher District P.T.A., the Bonfield Grade School Christmas bicycle project, Christmas baskets for area families, and numerous community events for the town of Reddick. The cost per butter braid is \$14.00. This year the flavors are: Apple, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Cinnamon, Cherry, Blueberry Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cream Cheese. Caramel rolls are also available. A Double Chocolate butter braid and a Four Cheese and Herb butter braid are available for \$15.00 each. This year we are also offering five types of cookie dough: Candy Delight, Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, and Macadamia Nut for \$15.00. RCA members 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.

FURTHER WORDS FROM BISHOP CONLON REGARDING THE CHILD ABUSE SCANDAL

I am aware that the child abuse scandal continues, understandably, to upset people. There are some signs of hope. The recent meeting of officers of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with the Pope and his calling for a general meeting of the presidents of all the bishops' conferences to deal with the issue indicate a high level of concern.

People are looking for accountability. Sometimes it is hard to provide accountability for events that occurred years ago. The Illinois Attorney General's recently announced inquiry into diocesan records, with which we have agreed to assist, may help. Meanwhile, we need to keep focused on our highest priorities of trying to bring healing to those who have been hurt and preventing future abuse.

As the chief shepherd of the Diocese of Joliet I am firmly committed to the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and its "Essential Norms", most especially the reporting of all allegations of child sexual abuse to the proper civil authorities, along with the observance of other pertinent state laws, and the removal of all perpetrators from ministry. Sometimes people have their own expectations, but we have to work with objective standards.

I admit that I am discouraged that we are at this sad moment in our history. I worry about those who have been abused and those whose faith has been shaken. I rely on the Lord, through prayer, to help me and to heal our Church. I invite you to do the same. Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of September 22/23, 2018 -In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of "greatness" upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true "greatness" lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ?

