

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, February 24, 2019

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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:

2/23/19 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

2/28/19 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass

3/2/19 Sat. 5:30pm +Joe & Betty Kelly (Ruth Schott)

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

2/23/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.

3/2/19 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of February: *General Intention:* Human Trafficking. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 670.00
Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt
Juanita Arias
Mike Zermeno

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!

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

Mass & Ashes Schedule for March 6th, Ash Wednesday

7:30am—St. Lawrence (S. Wilmington) and 7:00pm (S. Wilmington)

8:30am-Sacred Heart-(Kinsman)

5:30pm-St. Mary (Reddick)

St. Mary's March 10 Collection -St. Mary's second collection for the 2018-2019 budget year is scheduled for March 10. (A green envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) **The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick.** During the previous budget year, the utility costs for our building and 20% of the rectory were \$4,863.68. It is our goal to help offset the rising utility costs by conducting a fall and spring collection. We thank all of our parishioners who generously donated during the fall collection, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your support.

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

Essex Lions Club will host breakfast on Sunday, February 24th 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.



Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference! The opening report for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeals helps us offer *Signs of Hope* of God's work here on earth. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. As you will read in the opening report, gifts to the CMAA make a difference to members of our parish as well as our friends and neighbors and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet last month and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$2800. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA and making the most generous pledge possible.

Word of Life--"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)." "Healing within Marriage from an Abortion" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23/24

In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

