

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm  
Thurs.— No Mass January—February

## 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:

2/20/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Blanche Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)  
2/25/21 Thurs. No Mass  
2/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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

2/20/21 Sat.. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget  
2/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:** *General Intention:* Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 800.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt and Donna Masching

To donate **online please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)** and select Donate (green button) then select Universal Offertory Giving. To be of assistance, the Diocese has set up a universal offertory fund for any Diocese of Joliet parish. All monies will be directed to the parish of your choice. Thank you for supporting our parish.

**Stations of the Cross**—are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. We will not be having Stations of the Cross in person this Lent. However, we encourage you to participate in this devotion at your home. Especially during Lent.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**St. Mary's March 7 Utility Collection**—St. Mary's second collection for the 2020-2021 budget year is scheduled for March 7. (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.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. We thank all our parishioners who generously donated during the fall, 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

**Pledge your gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).** Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$3200 goal. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

The Lenten Season begins on **Ash Wednesday** and concludes when the Triduum Fast begins with the Church's celebration of the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**. **Fast and Abstinence Regulations** 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**. 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. 3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. 5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

**The 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)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Healing within Marriage from an Abortion" [respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](http://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage)

**First Sunday of Lent – 21 February 2021** Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:12-15. **It's Okay to Be Tempted.** True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God's ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice. Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent? What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom? How can I work for justice?

