St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

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:

9/25/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners

9/30/21 Thurs. No Mass

10/2/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Edward Masching (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

9/25/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary K. 10/2/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of September: General Intention: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection

Amounts will be posted in the bulletin next weekend.

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

Welcome Back Fr. Stan! We hope you had a great time visiting your family and did a little relaxing too! We are glad you are back at our parishes. We all missed you!!

Eucharistic Adoration- Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex every $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ Wednesday of the month beginning Wednesday, October $\mathbf{6}^{th}$ from $\mathbf{11am} - \mathbf{1pm}$. Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration.

Fr. Stan will be attending the Priest Convocation Sept. 27-30 with all Priests in the Diocese of Joliet.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 29th. Lin will be attending a meeting at the Diocese. Thank you!

"Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love." — St. Juliana of Norwich

St. Mary's Fall Utility Collection-The Finance Committee for St. Mary's met in May to finalize the 2021-2022 budget for our church. The new budget year began on July 1. The good news is that even with the effects of the COVID pandemic, our church was able to achieve our budget last year! Without the generous contributions from our parishioners throughout the year and during our two utility collections, this may not have occurred. If you would like a copy of the 2020-2021 Financial Report, it is available upon request by calling Lin at the parish office. During the weekend of October 10, we will have our first utility collection for the new budget year. (A green envelope is included in your box for this collection.) Last year utilities for our building and 20% of the rectory were \$6,690.00. The money from this collection and the second collection in March is used to defray our utility expenses. Thank you to all of our parishioners who have donated generously to the two utility collections in the past! These collections directly benefit St. Mary's of Reddick. Thank you for your support! Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan, and Tom O'Brien, St. Mary's Finance Committee

Butter Braid/ Cookie Dough Fundraiser-The Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) of the Volunteer Firefighter's Association is having their annual butter braid and cookie fundraiser. The RCA hosts a variety of community events such as the Reddick Halloween party, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Santa's annual visit, holiday baskets of food and toys for area families, support for Herscher's PTA, a free summer movie event, support for the Reddick volunteer firefighters, and a number of other activities. The selection this year is as follows: Butter Braids – Apple, Bavarian Crème, Blueberry and Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Four Cheese and Herb, Strawberry and Cream Cheese Cookies – Classic Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal Medley, Peanut Butter Perfection, Snickerdoodle, Sweet Macadamia Nut, Triple Chocolate Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls, Cake Rolls – Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin Cake, Red Velvet. Cost: \$16.00 (All to be delivered before Thanksgiving!) Please contact one of the following members if you are interested in ordering: Rosemary Brooks, Jane Arends, Kelli Joyce, Gayle Joyce or call 815-365-4489 to place an order. Thank you for supporting our organization!

Word of Life-"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26 Sept 2021 Numbers 11:25-29. Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14. James 5:1-6. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. **The More the Merrier.** Who cares if other Christians are also doing the good things that Catholics do? Or other believers? Or even non-believers? The kingdom of heaven is not an exclusive club. By God's design, everyone belongs. Jesus says: "Whoever is not against us is for us." What good can I affirm that someone else is doing this week? How can I foster others to do good work? How can I help others to care for "little ones"?

