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:

10/9/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Daniel Ryan (Mark & Sue Richie)
10/14/21 Thurs. 8:30 am +Arnold Fritz (Elsie Fritz)
+Verneal Fritz (Norman & Sharon Riordan)
10/16/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners AND
+Kazimierz Drewniak (Children)

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

10/9/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane 10/16/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of October: General Intention: Missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 689.00 Maintenance Collection \$ 500.00 Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

The Braidwood KC's will be having their **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** at all Masses the weekend of October 16-17. Benefitting young intellectually challenged and/or disabled children. Any and all donations welcomed.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day!

2021 Public Square Rosary Rally-Please join us in praying for world peace and conversion of hearts. Where: St. Margaret Mary Church, Main Street, Herscher, IL When: Sat., Oct. 16, 2021 Rosary will begin at 12:00 noon. Please bring a lawn chair. (in case of inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall) For more information, please contact Jackie Eberle at 815-421-4048.

Just a quick note: Our CCD class along with the help from some other kids will be making **cards for the Veterans** at the homes in the area for Veterans Day this year. All parishioners are welcome to take part in this and it's appreciated. Please return all cards by Sunday, October 31st.

Undy Sunday-Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested, but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty. We are helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting NEW underwear, undershirts, socks, and diapers for children and adults living in low-income households. Collection will be held through **OCTOBER**17th. All donations will be gratefully accepted, but we are focusing on the following specific items this year: toddler girl's underwear sizes 2T-3T, newborn diapers for boys, sports bras (all sizes). Please bring donations to the back of our Church. If you'd prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

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

Word of Life-"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 October 2021 Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30. Living for Eternal Life. Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to "inherit eternal life." All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going – impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face for ever. What gets in my way of gaining eternal life – things, attitudes, behaviors? What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need? How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

