

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord, May 29, 2022

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
Thurs.—8:30am 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:

5/28/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Clifford Steichen (Friends)  
6/02/22 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendants  
6/04/22 Sat. 5:30pm 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

5/28/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill  
6/04/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of June:** *General Intention:* For families. We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 780.00  
Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

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

The **Parish Office will be closed** for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. The Parish Office will also be closed June 1-8th. Have a Safe & Happy Memorial Day!

**Memorial Day** – Celebrate with Prayer – This month we celebrate Memorial Day, a time when we remember all those who have gone before us and have begun the final stage of their journey, home to God. It is a time when we remember the necessity of continual prayer for our departed loved ones. It is also a time to remember those who have and are giving their lives in defense of our great country. Give thanks to God this Memorial Day for all the Blessings He has given us and pray for His constant protection of our beloved country. What better way can we give thanks to God than by celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Eternal Sacrifice which makes possible for us our salvation.

**Memorial Day Mass**-Mount Olivet Cemetery-35235 South Cemetery Road – Braidwood. Mass at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30th, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood. Mass will be held near the Altar and cross by the main entrance. Please bring your own chair if you wish to sit during the service, which will be held rain or shine.

**Eucharistic Adoration—June 1 from 11am – 1pm** at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex. Adoration is held on every **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**. Adoration is a way to be present with the Lord and focus on actively listening to His word through prayer. While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His body, blood, soul and divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. We adore and receive the Eucharist in communion at Mass, which is the most beautiful act of worship that we have as Catholics. We have Jesus truly present in all of the tabernacles around the world. We can continue to adore Him in the Eucharist after Mass in a quiet time of prayer and contemplation on Who we have just received. Being in the presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

## Please join us in the Celebration of Life for Lucille A Christensen

2-4-24 to 3-27-21 97 years old. Saturday, June 11, 2022 Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm at St. Mary's in Reddick. Following the Mass an open house will be held and refreshments/supper will be served in St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for all family & friends.



**The Knights of Columbus #1574 — Casino Night**-Come out for a night of fun while helping out a great cause! All guests are able to win "funny money" throughout the night; the Top 10 Winners take home cash prizes!! 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200, 4th-\$150, 5th-\$100, 6th-10th \$50. May 28th 5pm-9pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 each and includes unlimited food/drinks plus \$25 in "funny money" to get you started! Games include: Blackjack, Slot Machines, Texas Hold'em, Five Card Draw, etc. Proceeds to benefit St. Lawrence Church and Refugee Relief in Ukraine! Contact John Guistat at (815) 593-5827 or email at john.guistat@kofc.org for tickets. Tickets also available at the door for \$25.

**Word of Life**-“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

**The Ascension of the Lord – Thursday, 26 May 2022 – or Sunday, 29 May 2022** Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 1:17-23. **OR** Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23. Luke 24:46-53. **Befriending God.** Saint Luke addresses Theophilus at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. “Friend of God” is an apt translation of this Greek name. In addressing him, he is addressing each of us. We are called to witness to God in Christ as only a friend can do. How, as a friend, will I witness to Christ? How, as a friend, will I live the Christian life? How, as a friend, will I “teach” others, perhaps more by what I do than by what I say?

