

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27, 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:

11/26/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
12/01/22 Thurs. 8:30am +Marion King (Monica & Michelle Ruder)  
12/03/22 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

11/26/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
12/03/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:** *General Intention:* For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 575.00  
CCHD \$ 200.00  
Your Offering is most appreciated!

### Prayers for Sick

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

### December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule

7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
9:00am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
12-1pm- Hour of Grace-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

St. Mary's will be collecting new or slightly used mittens, scarves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities in Kankakee for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

**Christmas Flowers**—St. Mary's Altar & Rosary is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please put your donations in a white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers in C/O Ruth Schott" This is a great way to remember your loved ones during the Christmas Season. Please include a list of those you want flowers in memory of and who the flowers are donated by. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary. If any questions, please contact Ruth Schott at 815-421-4094. Thank you!

**2023 Offering envelopes** are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the first few envelopes. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

*"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!" -Psalm 27:13-14*

**ADVENT begins anew**-Advent begins the Church's new year of grace. Advent invites us to begin anew our new journey in the grace of Christ. For that reason, spiritual writers tell us that the spiritual life is a series of new beginnings. Advent invites us to a period of meditation, of examination. It is our time of preparing for the coming of Christ. But Christ comes in many ways. He will come, to be sure, on Christmas morn. But He will also come whenever the grace of God is stirred up in our hearts. For this reason Advent should be a time of more frequent and fervent meditation and examination. Through such means we will be more concerned with spiritual than temporal matters. In such a way the grace of God will be able to work more effectively in our souls. Advent is our time of spiritual rebirth. By opening the eyes of our soul through prayer and meditation, we will be better able to see the birth of Christ on Christmas morn! -Fr. Vincent A Yzermans

**Saturday, December 10 – Winter Carnival**-The Reddick Community Auxiliary is sponsoring a Winter Carnival at the Reddick Fire Station Community Hall on Main Street, Reddick. The family event will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Carnival will kick off with Santa's arrival! Activities include a visit with Santa, raffles, games, crafts, prizes, and entertainment.

**Word of Life**- "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities" The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

**First Sunday of Advent – 27 November 2022** Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44. **Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown.** We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the "end time", the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today! Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance? Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity? I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_

