

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 17, 2024

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
 Thurs.—No Mass January-March

## 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!

## Lent Confession Schedule

Sat., March 16th after 5:30pm Mass  
 St. Mary's, Reddick

Tues., March 19th after 6:30pm Mass  
 St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)

Wed., March 20th after 5:00pm Stations of Cross  
 Sacred Heart, Kinsman

**Preparing for EASTER – LENT** During these Lenten days we should very carefully keep our life pure, and at the same time atone for the shortcomings of other times. We should busy ourselves with fervent prayer, spiritual reading, contrition of heart, and self-denial; bring sacrifices freely and beyond our usual obligation to our loving God in the joy of the Holy Spirit; and thus, while we abstain somewhat from food and drink, from sleep, talking and jesting, we await the holy feast of Easter with a joy and desire that the spirit of God awakens in us. – St. Benedict.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Braidwood, Illinois **Christ's Passover Reflection and Prayer Wednesday, March 27, 2024 6:30pm in Fr. White Hall**. We will explore the connection between the Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His Apostles, and how it relates to Mass and the Holy Eucharist today. For questions or to volunteer please call (815) 600-3718. \*This is a sampling of food items share at the Last Supper. Sandwiches will be available right after his event. Free will donation.

**Community East Egg Hunt** – Saturday, March 23, 2024-The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Reddick Community Auxiliary, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. at the Reddick Fire Protection grounds (formally Reddick Grade School). Children will be divided into three age groups: 0-3, 4-7, 8 and up. Please park on the EAST side of the building, and bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. There is no charge for this event.

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus **Lenten Fish Fries** at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. Friday, March 22. They will be serving from 5 till 7. The Menu Fried Pollock, Baked Cod, Fried Shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce. Prices are Adults -\$13.00 Grade schoolers - \$6.00, Pre-schooler - Free

## Mass Intentions:

3/16/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Tim Richie (Mark & Sue Richie & Family)  
 3/21/24 Thurs. No Mass  
 3/23/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Friends)

**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

3/16/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Mary Kay  
 3/23/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: General Intention: For the new martyrs.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 915.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 400.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 175.00
Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.	

## Prayers for Sick

Debbie Turner, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen



**Our condolences** to Ray, family and friends on the passing of Heidi Ehrhardt. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May Heidi's soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace! Amen.

**Stations of the Cross** –Next Wednesday, March 20th is the last Stations of the Cross this LENT. Won't you join for 45 minutes of your time at 7 PM in South Wilmington?

**Word of Life**—"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

**Confessions**.....Have you been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a long time? Are you worried about coming back because you don't know if the "formula" for confession has changed? Are you embarrassed to tell the priest how long it has been since you have received this sacrament? Rest easy! Things are the same and the priest will welcome you back with open arms! Confessions will be heard **Today, March 16<sup>th</sup>** after Mass.



## Holy Week Mass Schedule

March 28 Holy Thurs.-6pm-St. Lawrence All Parishes  
 March 29-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord  
 3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman  
 5pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington  
 March 30-Holy Saturday  
 5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick  
 8pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence  
 March 31-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord  
 8am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman  
 10am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence