



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

FEBRUARY 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Parish Office Hours

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765-663-2444

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

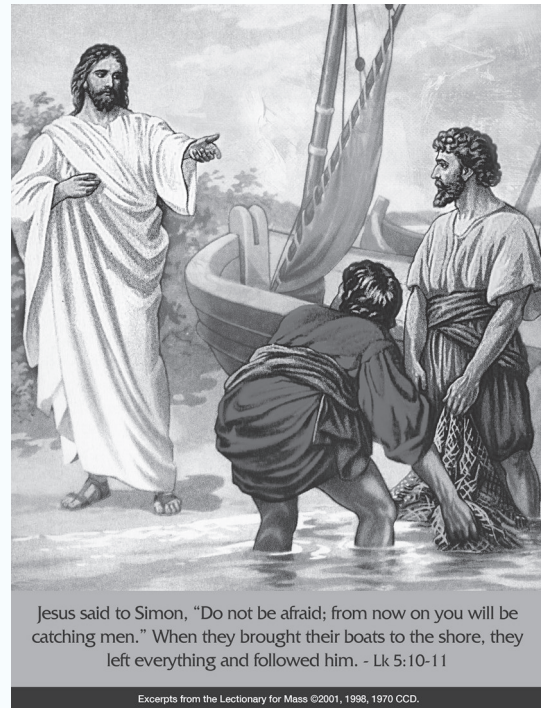
Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.
Tuesday.....6:00p.m.6:25p.m.

Marriage Engaged couples must meet with the Pastor to complete initial marriage paperwork at least 9 months before the anticipated wedding date *and prior to making any other arrangements concerning the wedding. No date may be considered reserved until initial meeting and necessary paperwork have been completed. Call the parish office for an appointment.*



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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I pray all were spiritually uplifted by the Fr George McInnis' passionate preaching of the **Parish Mission**. Now is the time to put some of his spiritual advice into practice in our everyday lives... hard but not impossible, seemingly heavy but of Christ's light yoke, costly but of heavenly benefit. God is never outdone in generosity. As we turn to Him more deeply and passionately, His response will amaze us. Two key features of the Mission were the use of the Sacrament of Confession – to experience in our own lives the real and tangible mercy of the Father, and Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration – worshipping Jesus Christ truly present in Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Developing a greater devotion to both of these Sacraments will foster our personal and communal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, **Catholic Schools Week** concludes. This annual celebration highlights the great benefits and blessings of Catholic, faith-filled, educational institutions which strive to form the whole person – body, mind, and soul – for God's glory. St Mary Catholic School and Preschool is a true blessing to the parish and the greater Rush County Community. Thousands of children – many of you – have benefited from this parish ministry over the last 148 years. In a special way, I would like to thank Mrs. Sherri Kirschner, principal, for her dedication and decisive leadership of the school and staff. She has done great things in her first year and a half here at St Mary's and laid the groundwork for tremendous accomplishments moving forward. Thank you also to our devoted teachers and staff, who work long hours for little pay to educate minds and witness to souls of Christ's love for them. St Mary School is beginning registration for the 2016-17 school year for children age 3-years old to 6th grade. If you are interested, please call the school at 765-932-3639 or visit the website: <http://www.stmaryrush.org/home>

This Sunday, the local BSA troop celebrates **Scout Sunday** by providing some of the liturgical ministries at the 10a Mass. One aspect of the Boy Scout Law is that a scout is reverent. This, in part, means that a scout recognizes his innate relationship to God in his inward thought and outward action. May this Sunday remind you to be reverent every day.

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

Mass Schedule: February 1 - 7

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Ruth Jenkins
Wednesday	7:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	8:30a.m.	Charles & Margaret Pavey
	6:30p.m.	Jim & Helen Ewing
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Tom & Henrietta Land
Friday	8:30a.m.	Fred & Anna Hahn family
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Charles & Thada Ariens

Liturgical Ministers Morning of Reflection: Liturgical Ministers (lectors, servers, musicians/cantors, extraordinary ministers and ministers-to-the-sick) in the Connersville Deanery are invited to attend a morning of reflection and an opportunity to grow spiritually in your love of Christ and the Church through deeper participation in the Mass and liturgical ministry. The session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 20, 2016 at** St. Gabriel, Connersville, beginning with Mass at 9a.m. and concluding at 12:30p.m. **Please RSVP**, to the parish office (932-2588 or dspaeth@stmaryrush.org) by **noon on February 12, 2016**, with your name and your desired break-out session.

Pork & Beans or Spaghetti-o's/Ravioli are the items of the month, for February. For special deliveries or questions, contact Susan Hoeing, 765-561-1040.

In Sympathy Our Sympathy to Carol Sue Barnes at the death of her husband, Jimmy Barnes



February Birthdays - Homebound & Nursing Homes
February 8, 2016 - Edna Wehr
February 12, 2016 - Dorine Rosfeld

Are You Registered with St. Mary? If you do not have parish contribution envelopes and if you are not receiving the weekly Archdiocesan newspaper, the "Criterion" there is a good chance we do not have you in our parish system. Please drop by the parish office, during regular business hours, to register.



Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 7p.m., in the church, for the Lenten and Easter season. Call Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958 with questions. Practice dates and times are subject to change. New members are always welcome!

K of C Chicken Fry
February 13, 2016 from 5-8p.m.
A Portion of the Proceeds donated to Gus Haley's
Eagle Scout Project -
Grotto at Calvary Cemetery

Liturgical Roles

Servers - February 10 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

7:00a.m. Gus Haley and Mitchell Cowan
8:30a.m. School Servers
6:30p.m. Jonathan Ripberger, Nicholas Amos,
Clara Kemple

Lectors - February 10 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

7:00a.m. Ruth Houk
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Donna Smith

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - February 10 (Ash Wed.)

7:00a.m. Susie Odum, Denise Small, Steve Pavey
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Barb Musgrave, Amaranta Kemple, Rita Corn

Servers - February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m. Danny Corn, Ereena Moore,
Will Thoman
Sun. 7:30a.m. Tyler, Nicholas, Jacob Amos
10:00a.m. Hallie & Alexis Fenimore, Ben Grote

Lectors - February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m. Lou Starkey
Sun. 7:30a.m. Ruth Houk
10:00a.m. Debi Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m. Denise Small, Barb Musgrave,
Steve Richards
Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken & Nancy Schroeder,
Carol Yager
10:00a.m. Denise A. Hoeing, Susan Hoeing,
Annette Niehoff

Ushers for February 2016

Sat. 5:30p.m. Bob Meer & John Meyer
Sun. 7:30a.m. Brian Hill & Mary Hill
10:00a.m. David & Brayton Schultz

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 8 Janet Pike February 15 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Feb. 8 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery,
Royanna Eck
Feb. 16 (Tuesday) Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan,
Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation **today** helps **restore the church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous. You can place your special envelope in the regular collection. If you forgot your envelope this weekend, please bring it next weekend. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

**Sunday Collection
January 31, 2016**



Adults (144 Envelopes +18 Loose Checks)	\$ 11,232.11
Youth (1 Envelope)	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 246.30
Total	\$ 11,479.41
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +3,979.41 ☺
Sunday 1/31/16	\$ 11,479.41
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 125.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,885.78
Votive Candles	\$ 35.00
Criterion	\$ 220.00
Food Pantry	\$ 320.00
TOTAL 1/31/16	\$ 14,065.19

Mass Attendance - 1/31/16 - 603



**MEET THIS WEEK'S
RCIA CATECHUMEN
Alexis Query**

I currently live in Shirley, where my parents and I raise cattle. I graduated last May from Western Kentucky University with an agriculture degree. I am engaged to Evan Gordon and we will be getting married this August. Currently, I work part-time in retail, but I am actively searching for a career in my field.

What event helped you realize God was calling you to join the Catholic Church? For the past three years, I've attended on and off with Evan and his family. Once I was home for good last summer, I've attended regularly. I felt that something was missing from my life and without attending with Evan and his family, I'm not sure I would have realized God's calling.

What has surprised you most about your journey? I was surprised by all the history and rich tradition of the Catholic Church.

Favorite Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:6

Favorite Hobby(s): I really enjoy spending time on the farm, being outside, and I like going to stock shows.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

Birthline	Mon.-Fri.	317-635-4808
Option Helpline	24/7	1-800-712-HELP



Faith Opportunity
BIBLE STUDY
Led by Fr. Jeremy Gries
Wednesday Evenings
7:00-8:15p.m.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

- Feb. 17 Introduction to Matthew
- Feb. 24 Mt 1 - Jesus: Son of David, Son of Abraham
- Mar. 2 Mt 2 - King in Exile
- Mar. 9 Mt 3 - John: Forerunner to the King
- Mar. 16 Mt 4 - Tempting of the King
- Mar. 23 Holy Week/Spring Break/**No Class**
- Mar. 30 Mt 5 - Bar is Raised by the King
- Apr. 6 Mt 6 - Personal Piety
- Apr. 13 Mt 7 - Choices in the Kingdom
- Apr. 20 Mt 8 - King's Power Demonstrated
- Apr. 27 Mt 9 - New Wine, New Wineskins

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, February 7. Topic: Commandments 7 & 8 Please keep Catechumans: Niki Cain, Jordon Lightner, Cody Smith, Tammy Smith, Alexis Query, Bree Huskins and Kaitlyn Dawson and Candidates: Darren Kessler, Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Sherry Owen in your prayers.

Rite of Sending (RCIA): February 7, 2016 at 10a.m. Mass.

Rite of Election (RCIA): February 7, 2016 at 2p.m.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: Class TODAY, February 7, 2016. No Class February 14 (President's Day)
High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY, February 7, 2016.

Youth Group - Today, February 7, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

ADULT CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Saturday, March 5, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m., at Christ the King. If you are an adult who has been baptized Catholic and never confirmed, we invite you to attend a day retreat in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Continental breakfast and a catered lunch are included. Cost is free! Forms can be found on the information tables in church. Questions? Please call 317-255-3666 or email cflaten @ctk-indy.org

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, is providing a Lenten program by Dr. Susan Yanos, on Thursday evenings during Lent, beginning February 18 and ending March 17 from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the Parish Center. The title of the program is: "Praying the Psalms: Opening to Mercy when the Heart Cries for Justice."

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference: March 19, 2016.
Registration: www.indianacatholicwomen.com