



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

FEBRUARY 21, 2016  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
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512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
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## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179  
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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

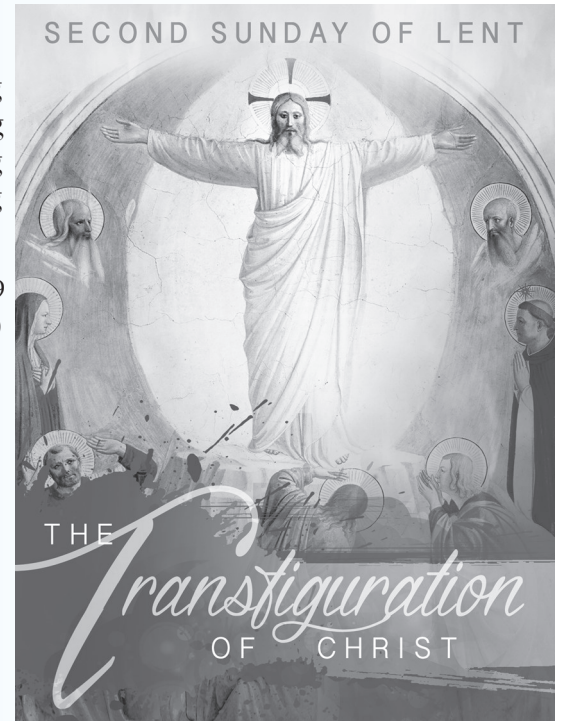
Call the parish office for scheduling.

## 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.**



Yesterday, Saturday, February 20, a large group of liturgical ministers from all the parishes in the Connersville Deanery gathered at St Gabriel for a **Liturgy Morning of Reflection**. We had Mass and a keynote address by Fr. Pat Beidelman, the Director of the Secretariat on Worship and Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He spoke on the intimate and necessary connection between sacred Liturgy and the Mission of the Church for evangelization and service to others. When we gather to pray the Mass, we can sometimes forget that we do this for others, not just ourselves. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that the “*Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, His brethren*” (CCC 1397).

The Liturgy Morning of Reflection was less about ‘how-to’ (although some of that was discussed!) and more about ‘why we do.’ This opportunity was meant to foster within the various liturgical ministers the important spiritual aspects of needed and necessary duties of the liturgy. Many people participate in every Mass to make it flow smoothly – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Hospitality, Liturgical Musicians and Cantors, Servers, and Ushers, to name some of the more visible. But the labors of those people should be less about “production” and more about prayer. Those labors are meant to draw all – priest, layperson, volunteer, congregant – into the sacred mystery of our salvation – the saving sacrifice of Christ, His suffering, death, and resurrection re-presented anew at each Mass. It is easy to “go through the motions” and forget the all-important why behind the work. Hopefully, the Mass, talks, and breakout sessions enriched the Catholic Faith lives of all involved. Personally, it was enlivening to see the interest and zeal of so many for Christ in the Mass.

This multi-parish, deanery-wide function resulted from conversations begun during the *Connected in the Spirit* process. While some of the work of that process has been difficult to accept due to the need to merge parishes and combine resources, the Morning of Reflection is a sign of some of the good things that can happen when we work together beyond parish bounds as the greater Church.

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

### Mass Schedule: February 22 - 28

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Joy Spinney
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Donna Becraft
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Mary Jane Lawhead
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Ken Saxon
	7:00p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Edwin & Loretta Nobbe
	10:00a.m.	Roger Cain

Food Pantry: 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.

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. Call Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958 with any questions.

Mowing Bids are now being accepted for the mowing of the church and school grounds for 2016. Bids must be submitted to the parish office by noon on February 26, 2016.

Order a Brick in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One: Cost of each brick is \$50.00. Order forms can be found in the racks on the information tables in the church vestibules.

DVD's and CD's of the Father of Mercy Mission presented here at St. Mary are available online at [www.fathersofmercy.com](http://www.fathersofmercy.com).

K of C Fish Fry: Friday, February 26, 2016. Proceeds to benefit the Fraternal Order of Police. Carry outs are available.

Elections: Nominations for openings for the Parish Council and the School Commission are now being accepted. If you would like to run for election to serve on either of these, please fill out a form located on the table in the north vestibule of the church and drop it into the appropriate box. You will be contacted, personally, to confirm your nomination. The nomination boxes will be available, until noon, on February 28, 2016.

Fr. Burkhardt Scholarship Applications are available, in the parish office, during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2016/2017. Deadline is April 1, 2016.



Our Sympathy to Gary and Terri Nigh at the recent death of their nephew, Kristopher Washmuth. May he rest in peace.

## Liturgical Roles

### Stations of the Cross - February 26

7:00p.m. Clara & Sofia Kemple, John Alexander

### Servers - February 27 & 28

Sat. 5:30p.m. Will, Katie & Anne Thoman

Sun. 7:30a.m. Tyler, Nicholas & Jacob Amos

10:00a.m. Gabby Pavey, Sam Barada,  
Nick Komlanc

### Lectors - February 27 & 28

Sat. 5:30p.m. John Blankman

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Tessa Hoeing

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers - February 27 & 28

Sat. 5:30p.m. Barb Musgrave, Steve Richards,  
Mary Ann Beard

Sun. 7:30a.m. Susie Odum, Regenia Ripberger,  
Doug Krieger

10:00a.m. Kevin and Debbie Banks, Jason Pavey

### 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. 22 Bob Dwenger & Jeanie Hedrick

Feb. 29 Jeanie Spaeth

### Money Counters

Feb. 22 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,  
Diana Leising

Feb. 29 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey,  
Debby Williams

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, is providing a Lenten program by Dr. Susan Yanos, on Thursday evenings during Lent, from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the Parish Center.

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference: March 19, 2016 at Marriott Indianapolis Downtown. Registration information may be found at [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com) or call 317-373-2125.

### ST. MARY ADULT SOCIAL

#### Adult Euchre/Card Party/ Pitch-in

Saturday, February 27, 2016 - After 5:30p.m. Mass

St. Mary Catholic School

Please bring your own drinks and a food item to share.

Free will offering or nonperishable item for the Food Pantry.

Greg and Theresa Alexander - 817-345-1537

Eric and Lisa Wagoner - 812-593-0790

Mark Your Calendar! (1) St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2016. (2) PTA Rummage Sale - April 1 & 2, 2016.

**Sunday Collection**  
**February 14, 2016**



Adults (109 Envelopes + 12 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,700.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 348.22
Total	\$ 8,050.22
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +550.22 ☺
Sunday 2/14/16	\$ 8,050.22
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 425.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,945.16
Votive Candles	\$ 28.00
Criterion	\$ 620.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 395.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,333.50
Food Pantry	\$ 222.00
<b>TOTAL 2/14/16</b>	<b>\$ 13,018.88</b>

Mass Attendance - 2/14/16 - 562



**MEET THIS  
WEEK'S  
RCIA  
CATECHUMEN**

**Cody Smith**

My name is Cody Smith. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I am the son of Gary and Tammy Smith. I have three sisters and three nieces.

I enjoy outdoor activities. I play the saxophone in the middle school band. After high school, I would like to attend Purdue University and major in agriculture.

I go to church to learn more about the Lord Jesus Christ and God. I am joining the Catholic Church to further my knowledge about Jesus and God.

My grandma, Judy Smith, has taught me a lot about the Catholic Church.

My mother, Tammy Smith, is also in the RCIA class.

**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. 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

**-Religious Education News-**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, February 21. Topic: Commandments 9 & 10. Please keep Catechumens: 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.

Penitential Rite for Candidates Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Darren Kessler, today, February 21.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: TODAY, February 21.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY February 21, 2016.

Youth Group - TODAY, February 21, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

Adult Confirmation: If you are an adult who has been baptized Catholic and never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father Gries, for information

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](mailto:cflaten@ctk-indy.org)



Fr. George McInnis, Fathers of Mercy, preaching at the recent parish mission. Thank you, Father McInnis.