



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

SEPT. 24, 2017
TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
Parish: 765-932-2588 ✘ School: 765-932-3639 ✘ www.stmaryrush.org

This weekend, the St Mary Parish will formally recognize those adults who have begun the **RCIA** process to learn more about the Catholic Christian Faith and discern joining Full Communion in the Church with the **Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome**. We are excited to have six adults currently learning more about the Faith. Many of them are no strangers to Christ or the parish, and all have been attending St Mary Sunday Masses for months, or even years. We are glad the Holy Spirit is working in their hearts and blessed to help facilitate their growth in relationship to Christ and the Church. As part of the welcome, each person will be given a new Catholic Study Bible, which will be used in their formation classes and personal prayer, as well as a wall Crucifix. Welcome, and know of the prayers of the greater parish family for you as you continue on this journey.

I recently read the following op-ed piece online. It is primarily directed at Catholic persons returning home to the Faith. But I found it made me stop, consider, and pray about my own relationship with Christ and the Church... and I've never left. I thought I would share it. "A friend in Ireland writes: 'I keep seeing people who seem to have converted mainly because the Church teaches things that match their ideological outlook, whereas when I came back it was a case of doing so because I thought the Church had historical authority to teach things even if they sounded mad or were inconvenient.' Conversion is an act of humility. It involves a renunciation of sovereignty, the idea that 'I know best.' It involves trust - in Jesus Christ, and in His Church, and in the successor of St. Peter - even when they challenge my preconceptions. This doesn't mean agreeing with everything a pope says or does: Complaining about popes is nothing new; and anyway, Francis is the first to invite criticism. But it does mean respecting the office founded by Jesus Christ, and trusting that the Holy Spirit guides its current occupant. That, surely, is a big part of why people become Catholic in the first place." (Austen Ivereigh, August 9, 2017 <<https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2017/08/09/pope-francis-convert-problem>>) In an age of 'liberal freedom,' it is good to remember that freedom, as Catholics understand it is not "freedom from restraints" but "**freedom for excellence and holiness.**" True freedom is the God-given ability to know, to discern, and to choose the True, Good, and Beautiful. May we indeed be free as Christ desires.

I am excited that we have two baptisms this weekend. **Tate Busald**, son of Cory & Amber Busald will be baptized after the 7:30a Mass, and **Cora Amos**, daughter of Greg & Rachel Amos, will be baptized after the 10a Mass today. Welcome to the family of the Church. Know of our prayers for you as you grow in life and grow in faith.

Congratulations to parishioners **Mr. & Mrs. Joe (Kirstie Ryckman) Siefert** who were married here at St Mary Saturday, Sept 23. Congratulations to parishioners **Mr. & Mrs. Doug (Audrey Neuman) Wicker** who were married here at St Mary last Saturday, Sept 16. Both are lovely couples. The greater parish family wishes you long and happy marriages full of life and love. Please continue to pray for and actively support happy, healthy, holy marriages

Next week, St Mary's will host our **second 'Summer' Mission Appeal**. We will have Sister Consolata Ojemeh with us. She is a member of the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a second collection. Please be generous.

St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Class Today, September 24, in the school. Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming at the 7:30a.m. Mass TODAY, Sunday, September 24. Please welcome Catechumen: Dillon Nolan and Megan Lower. Candidates: Carl Harcourt, Jessica Ripberger, Dana Valdez, Clayton Lower.



Our Condolences to Sherri Kirschner and family at the death of Sherri's father-in-law, Edwin Kirschner.



LIGHTS OUT! When using any of the parish buildings, please make sure ALL lights are off when you leave. This includes the church, school and rectory conference room. Thank you!

St. Mary Youth Group

September 24 - Meeting - 4 to 6p.m. (SMS)



Cora Ellen Amos, daughter of Greg and Rachel Amos, and Tate Wyatt Busald, son of Cory and Amber Busald, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Hayden Rose Kessler, daughter of Darren and Kayla Kessler, will be baptized next weekend. Welcome, Tate, Cora and Hayden!



Please Remember in Prayers:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Ralph Becraft, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Barbara Ann Bitner, Patricia Bright, Don Burkhart, Mary Busald, T.J. Cartwright, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Tyler Craft, Jim Craven, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Link Fraley, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Jim Griggs, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Deborah Jarvis, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Martha Knecht, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve Lempke, Steve Link, Michael Lombardo, James McGinnis, Sherry McIntire, Judy McKay, Tom Meyer, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Jo-Clare & Chris Moody, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Paul Niehoff, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Steve Roberts, Debra Sater, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Tiffany & Maggie Shields, Cathy Smith, Molly Spaeth, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Dawn Moran Trent, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dean Williams, Glenn Wood, Ron Zimmer.

For those proudly serving our country:

William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Ian McKnight, Mitchell McKnight, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: Bob Jenkins, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Mary Busald, Katie Carpenter, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Ann Gilliam, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Edna Wehr.

Those who have passed away: Craig Solmon, Marjorie Niehoff, Elverna Comer, Betty Shanahan, Fredric Patterson, Erwin Kirschner.



Saturday, September 30, 2017
Indiana Convention Center † Indianapolis
For more information or to register, go to
www.indianacatholicmen.com
or call 317-331-1328

Sunday Collection
September 17, 2017



Adults (144 Envelopes +14 Loose Checks)	\$	6,661.00
Youth (0 Envelopes)	\$	0.00
Loose	\$	607.02
Total	\$	7,268.02
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$	-8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$	-731.98 ☹
Sunday 9/17/17	\$	7,268.02
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	190.00
Votive Candles	\$	17.00
Food Pantry	\$	56.00
TOTAL 9/17/17	\$	7,531.02

Mass Attendance - 9/17/17 - 616

HIGH-5 DAYS - FALL 2017: Sponsored by Chapter M of P.E.O.

Sept. 25 RCHS 7:30a.m. (2)E;(1)W;(1)S
 Sept. 26 BRMS 7:30a.m. E Door



October Birthdays:
 October 13: Martha Blankman
 October 13: Bob Muckerheide

Parent-Child Session: Kindergarten to Sixth Grade
 Sunday, October 1 from 8:40-9:50a.m.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale, benefitting the St. Mary School PTA, will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E ST RD 44) on Friday, September 29 from 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, September 30 from 9a.m.-1p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, September 28 from 9a.m.-6p.m. at the CONSERVATION CLUB. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale may also bring those items to the CONSERVATION CLUB on Thursday. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions. Thank you.



St. Mary Catholic School & Preschool
 Mark your place in history—order a personalized paver today! All orders due by September 29, 2017. Contact St Mary Catholic School for an order form.

Mass Schedule: September 25 - October 1

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Clarence & Frances Meer
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Bob & Kathy Gries
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Marjorie Niehoff
Friday	8:30a.m.	Dorine Rosfeld (Sodality)
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Donna Becraft
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Myron Rosfeld
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Parish



September 24 - Session 5
 October 1 - Session 6
 St. Mary School Gym



Adult Faith Opportunity
BIBLE STUDY
 Revelations: Kingdom Yet to Come

Sept. 27 Rev 12-13: the God, the Bad, the Ugly
 Oct. 4 Rev 14-15: Praising the Lamb
 Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.
 Bring your Bible & Catechism



“He humbled Himself and became obedient...” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Contact Father Gries at 765-932-2588 or

HELP IS NEEDED! Catholic Charities Disaster Response, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, has been asked by The Indiana Department of Homeland Security to assist in preparation to receive evacuees from both Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Disaster Case Managers, who could be available to volunteer for this task, need to be trained on October 4, 2017 from 9a.m.-4p.m. at the O’Meara Catholic Center. Contact Jane Crady at 317-642-7322 or jacci@tds.net, if you can help.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179

Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790 - 765-663-2444

Parish Council - Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council - Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission - Chair: Susan Spaeth

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.*

Abortion Alternatives

Birthline Mon.-Fri. 317-635-4808

Option Helpline 24/7 1-800-712-HELP

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to stop by the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.

Ministry Schedules

Servers – September 30 & Oct. 1

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Emma Tressler, Macy Hoeing
Megan Alexander
Sun. 7:30a.m. Nicholas Amos, Glen Harpring,
Bradley Krieger
10:00a.m. Isabella Pavey, Eliza Snow,
Savanah Snow

Lectors - September 30 & Oct. 1

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Jonathon Blankman
Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing
10:00a.m. Aaron Snow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Denise Small, Bob Dwenger,
Barb Musgrave
Sun. 7:30a.m. Gary Nigh,
Ken & Nancy Schroeder
10:00a.m. Jason Pavey, Kim L. Yager,
Denise Hoeing

Ushers for October, 2017

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Phil Shanahan & Darren Hoeing
Sun. 7:30a.m. Dan Shanahan & John Pavey
10:00a.m. Mike & Denise Hoeing

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Sept. 25 Monica Neuman Oct. 2 Jerry Rudolf

Money Counters

Sept. 25 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum,
Linda Shanahan, Margie Liggett

Food Pantry Volunteers:

Sept. 25 (Restock) Dave Moeller & Laura Ash
Sept. 27 Lori Ernstes, Denise Hoeing,
Michelle Amos

September is Stock the Food Pantry Month

With school starting and families paying book fees, etc., the food pantry is extra busy during the month of September. Items needed are:

16 oz. Jar Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti & Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Cereal & Oatmeal	Pork & Beans
Canned Fruits & Vegetables	Bread
Flour	Tuna Helper
Canned Tuna	Canned Soups
Sugar	Powdered Milk
Hot Dogs	Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent	Toothpaste
Paper Towels	Dish Soap
Bar Soap	Eggs

Call Susan Hoeing (561-1040) with any questions.