



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent.

On December 8, 2018, the Feast of our Patroness, Mary under the title Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Charles Thompson issued a decree modifying the official boundaries of our parish. Historically, St. Mary's boundaries have included all of Rush county except for Ripley Township, which was part of St. Rose Parish in Knightstown. When St. Rose parish became part of St. Ann in New Castle, Fr. Jeremy Gries and Fr. John Hall (pastor of St. Ann) petitioned the Archdiocese to amend the boundaries of these parishes, so that St. Mary would encompass all of Rush County and St. Ann would encompass only Henry County. As of December 8, St. Mary's official boundaries now cover all of Rush County, including Ripley township.

We can now officially say that we are the Catholic Church in Rush County.

This may bring up the question, what is the significance of parish boundaries? Canon Law, the official law of the Catholic Church, assures that each person has the right to spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral care by assuring that their area is served by a parish and a pastor/administrator within that parish. This pastor/administrator is entrusted with the care of the souls of all those dwelling within the parish boundaries, even those who are not Catholic. Part of this responsibility is assuring that any parishioner (legally considered to be a Catholic living within the parish boundary) is properly prepared to receive the Sacraments. If a Catholic seeks to receive a Sacrament which requires preparation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Marriage, or Holy Orders) at a parish other than the parish whose boundaries they live within, the person's legal Pastor must give his permission, assuring that proper instruction has been given and that to his best knowledge nothing is keeping this parishioner from receiving the Sacrament. Now assuring that this legal requirement is followed between St. Mary and St. Ann will be as simple as knowing the county of residence rather than needing to also know the township.

Legalities aside, our parish has officially grown! While I know many of you living in Ripley township have been faithful and beloved parishioners for years, I can now *legally* say: welcome to St. Mary Parish!

Fr. James Brockmeier



Mass Time Change: Mass on Thursday, December 27 will be at 6:30p.m. instead of 8:30a.m.



The Parish Office will be closed December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019. In case of an emergency - anointing of the sick, please call 765-268-0739.

The Children's Choir will be singing on December 24 at the 4p.m. Mass. All children are welcome. Practice will begin at 3p.m. Please contact Anna Jo Richards with any questions.

ONLINE GIVING: Attention Wells Fargo Customers donating to St. Mary Church: Don't forget you need to update your Online Giving account with your new Flagstar routing and account number or credit/debit card number. Go to the link on the St. Mary website. Need assistance? Technical Support 800-348-2886, Option 2, Mon.-Fri. 8-6p.m.; After hours: 260-224-1761, 6-9:30p.m.

New Adult Faith Opportunity!
Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother
Wednesdays at 7pm
Cost: \$25 for the book

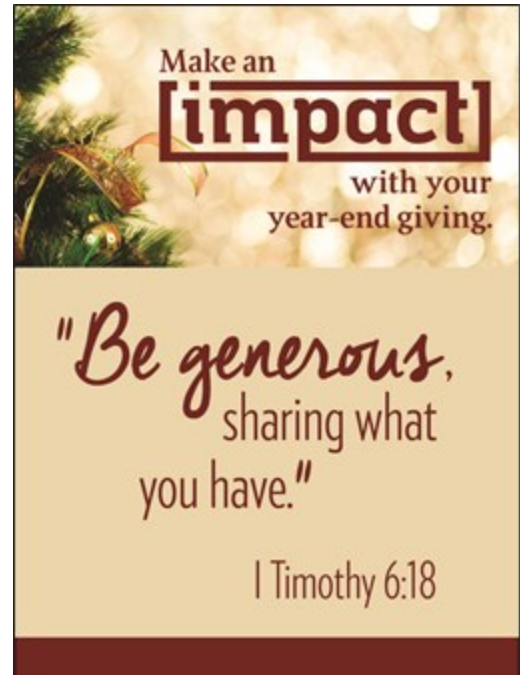
Pledge cards for the [Archdiocese of Indianapolis United Catholic Appeal](#) are still being accepted. Please place your completed cards in the collection basket or mail directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL
Christ Our Hope

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pledge Cards</u>	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
12/6/18	131	\$26,639
Goal	429	\$25,615
% of Goal	31%	104%



Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to St. Mary Parish. Please continue to be generous, as you remember all of your blessings this holiday season. Contributions for the 2018 tax year must be dated on or before December 31, 2018. Contributions dated January 1, 2019 will be reflected on 2019 contribution statements.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic School. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your preferred appointment!

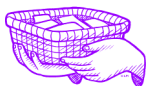


Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are at all church entrances. Fill out the envelope and drop it into the regular Sunday collection. Thank you!

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.

Sunday Offerings
December 16, 2018



Due to the holiday bulletin deadlines, the December 16, 2018 Sunday Offering totals will be in a future bulletin.

Preserving Our Heritage 12/10/18 \$ 480,313.50

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people who cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ADVENT REFLECTION: Dear Lord, we know from your word that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. And yet, Jesus came not to be served but to serve. May the purple I see this advent remind me to repent of my sin and let the humble King of Kings reign in my heart. Amen.



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Mass Schedule: Dec. 24 - 30

Monday	4:00p.m.	+ Tom Tush
	6:30p.m.	St. Mary Parish
	Midnight	+Alfred Blankman
		+Virgil McKay
Tuesday	9:00a.m.	+Fritz & Zelda
		Patterson
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	6:30p.m.	+William Shanahan
Friday	8:30a.m.	+Dale Haley
Saturday	5:30p.m.	+Donna Becraft
Sunday	7:30a.m.	+Gene Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	+St. Mary Parish

Mass on Thursday, Dec. 27 is at 6:30p.m.

Archdiocesan Senior Retreat-February 15-18, 2019

The Office of Youth Ministry is offering a Senior Retreat during President's Day Weekend for high school seniors at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa. Register today to join us for a powerful weekend of self-discovery and prayer that will provide you the tools you need for life after graduation. It is going to be a weekend that you won't want to miss. Visit www.archindyym.com/senior-retreat for additional information. Register online before February 1st.

Come to the Burg! Sister's Christmas Tours:

December 27 from 6:00-8:00p.m. Join the sisters of Oldenburg for their Christmas tours! Enjoy a tour of the Sisters of St. Francis' Convent and view our nature Christmas Tree and beautiful creches. Listen to tunes from the Chime Choir and share in our holiday refreshments! Info: 812-934-2475. www.OldenburgFranciscans.org. Facebook: Franciscan Sister of Oldenburg.



December Food Pantry Items Needed:
Spaghetti and Sauce. Monetary donations are also accepted. Thank you!



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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: Doug Krieger

School Commission - Chair: Theresa Alexander

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-TALK (8255)

Ministry Schedules

Servers - December 24 & 25

Mon. 4:00p.m. Danny Corn, Edgar Fernandez,
1 more needed

6:30p.m. Gabby, Sam & Eli Pavey

Midnight Nick, Jacob, Tyler Amos,
Emma Tressler, Richard Barnes

Tues. 9:00a.m. Katie & Anne Thoman

Lectors - December 24 & 25

Mon. 4:00p.m. Ann Curtis

6:30p.m. Regenia Ripberger

Midnight John & Jonathon Blankman

Tues. 9:00a.m. Lori Hoeing

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 24 & 25

Mon. 4:00p.m. Rita Corn, Steve Richards,
Kevin Dolan

6:30p.m. Jane Ariens, Jason Pavey, Laura Ash

Midnight Debbie Banks, Mary Beth Burklow
2 more needed including 1 for choir

Tues. 9:00a.m. 3 needed

Ushers - December 24 & 25

Mon. 4:00p.m. Denny & Doug Corn

6:30p.m. Rob Ash & Tom Ripberger

Midnight Joe Chance & Doug Osborne

Tues. 9:00a.m. Volunteers

Ushers for December 2018

Sat. 5:30p.m. Doug Osborne & Steve Schwering

Sun. 7:30a.m. Kevin Dolan & John Niehoff

10:00a.m. Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner

Servers - December 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Megan Alexander & Evan Moore

Sun. 7:30a.m. Nick, Tyler, Jacob Amos

10:00a.m. Richard Barnes, Abby Hill,
Alexis Fenimore

Lectors - December 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Cecilia Orr

Sun. 7:30a.m. Tom Giesting

10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Bob Dwenger, Julia Jessup,
Barb Musgrave

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken & Nancy Schroeder,
Doug Krieger

10:00a.m. Mary B. Burklow, Laura Ash,
Denise Hoeing

Ministers to the Sick:

Dec. 24 Janet Pike Dec. 31 Monica Neuman

Money Counters:

Dec. 26 N. Newbold, L. Hinton, D. Leising, D. Land

Food Pantry Volunteers:

Dec. 24 NO Restock Dec. 26 NO Pantry

Jan. 2 Lori Ernstes, Steve Pavey, Annette Niehoff