



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

NOVEMBER 30,  
2014  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

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

Monday-Wednesday...8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.  
Thursday.....9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.  
Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon

## Our St. Mary Prayer Line

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## Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

## Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

## Board of Education

Chair: Jim Cowan

## 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 the necessary paperwork have been completed. Call the parish office for an appointment.*



## FROM THE PASTOR

**Do you follow the ways of the world or the ways of Christ and the Church?** I'm not just being facetious or flippant. I'm not even being a Grinch or a Scrooge. Today, Advent begins – the season of waiting, patience, preparation, for the most precious of births, our Lord Jesus. That is something worth celebrating, worth giving gifts over, worth singing about. But something is lost when we don't first prayerfully prepare, when we don't wait... when we don't allow things to happen in their proper time.

And so, which way do you follow – the world or Christ and the Church? All around us, Christmas music is blaring, Santa's are ho-hoing, sales and shoppers are flurrying, Christmas trees and even Crèche scenes are up in full display, Black Friday could not be held back and gobbled up Thanksgiving, and the primary push behind all this seems largely disconnected from the simple coming of a child Savior in utter poverty to save our souls. The way of the world says happiness is found in the perfect gift or item. The way of the world is impatience. The way of the world is to have what I want and now. But this is not Christ's way. This is not the way of the Church that would have us live in peace and joy and love, that would have us celebrate, when at last the proper time arrives... during the actual season of Christmas!

No woman would want a premature birth for her child, even with the difficulties and challenges of a pregnancy to endure. Even with the temptation to impatience. There is a need to wait. Have you ever noticed how a pregnant woman moves around slower, not faster, as the due date arrives? The body is teaching the heart, mind, and soul the last needed lesson. This should be our mode. As we walk with Mary, laden with child. **I challenge you – and myself – to commit to a prayerful praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary each day of Advent** in patient, proper, prayerful preparation for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. (Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple). As Advent begins, let's walk with Mary to Christmas, not run ahead of her.

St Mary, Expectant Mother of God, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## Mass Schedule: December 1–7

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Deceased Members K of C
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Bob Schroeder
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Bob Eder
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Ralph Muckerheide
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Edward Neuman
	10:00a.m.	Jeff & Lisa Smith family

Listed below are items the Food Pantry will be including in Christmas hygiene baskets. Please leave donations at church entrances.

4-roll packs of bath tissue	toothpaste
2-roll packs of paper towels	toothbrushes
facial tissue (e.g. Kleenex)	floss
shampoo	deodorant
bar soap	toilet bowl cleaner
liquid hand soap	laundry detergent
hand sanitizer	dish soap
general purpose cleaners	bleach

Items always needed for the Food Pantry:

Peanut Butter	Sugar
Mac and Cheese	Spaghetti's
Boxes of Spaghetti	Pork and Beans
Jars Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Vegetables
Cereal and Oatmeal	Ramen Noodles
Canned Fruit	Hamburger Helper
Cans of Tuna	Tuna Helper
Toilet Paper	Bars of Soap
Dish Soap	Toothpaste



Condolences to: Nelson and Brenda Houston at the recent death of Nelson's mother, Virginia Houston.  
Sympathy to: Mike and Denise Hoeing and family at the death of Denise's mother, Barbara Gettingter.

December Birthdays-St. Mary Homebound

December 7—Kathryn Smiley
December 11—Dorothy Snyder
December 16—Elverna Comer
December 24—Martha Todd

The Rush County Chorale, under the direction of David Doyle, will be presenting its' Christmas concerts, this year, here at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Please come to celebrate and contemplate in song, God's Word Made Flesh - Incarnate Love. The concerts will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 7:30p.m. and Sunday, December 7 at 2:30p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 each and are available at the door, from Debbie Bruce or Carolyn Sorber or from any Chorale member.

## Liturgical Roles

Servers – December 6 - 7

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Jonathan Ripberger, John Alexander, Ashleigh Spaeth
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Cody & Tristan Carmony, Adam Leising
	10:00a.m.	Nick Komlanc, Ben & Matthew Grote

Lectors – December 6 - 7

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Lou Starkey
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Lori Hoeing
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers – December 6 - 7

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Barb Musgrave, Bob Dwenger, Julia Jessup
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Carol Yager, Regenia Ripberger, Holly Bess
	10:00a.m.	Tom Giesting, Annette Niehoff, Kim L. Yager

Ushers for December 2014

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Mike Mahan & Volunteer
	10:00a.m.	David & Brayton Schultz

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Dec. 1	Jerry Rudolf
Dec. 8	Joan Meo

Money Counters

Dec. 1.	Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors April Yager, Jeanine Yager
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Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule: December 24 at 4:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and midnight here at St. Mary; 9:00p.m. at St. Rose. December 25 at 9:00a.m. here at St. Mary. December 31 at 4:30p.m. and January 1 at 9:00a.m. at St. Mary.

Extraordinary Ministers, Servers, Lectors and Ushers are needed for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. If you are available to minister to the parish, please call the parish office or e-mail [dspaeth@stmaryrush.org](mailto:dspaeth@stmaryrush.org).



The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel, Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "it's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or honor our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

**Sunday Collection**  
November 23, 2014



The November 23 collection details will appear, along with the November 30 collection details, in the December 7 bulletin, due to the Thanksgiving holiday bulletin submission deadline to LPi.

**Year-to-Date (7/1/14 - 10/31/14)**

Revenue	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Sunday	127,455	132,000	396,000
School/Other	510,200	273,004	603,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>637,655</b>	<b>405,004</b>	<b>999,250</b>
Expenses			
Total	313,965	324,373	954,520
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>323,690</b>	<b>80,631</b>	<b>44,730</b>

“No Preserving Our Heritage revenue or construction expenses included in the above numbers.”

Mass Attendance: Weekend of November 15/16 - 588



Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are on the tables, at each church entrance. Please fill out completely and drop into the regular Sunday collection.

**-Adult Faith Class-**

“Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission”, led by Fr. Gries, will begin on January 7, 2015. Watch future bulletins, for more information.

**-St. Mary Catholic School-**

St. Mary Catholic School Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00p.m. with a dress rehearsal at 1:30p.m.

**-Religious Education-**

Sunday Morning Religious Education, No Class November 30, (Thanksgiving Break). Next class December 7, 2014. First Reconciliation - December 11 at 6:30p.m.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No Class November 30 (Thanksgiving Break). Next class. December 7- Topic: The Eucharist Source and Summit of Christian Life. Please keep Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton and Candidates: Joe Hoffman, Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley in your prayers.

High School Religious Education and Confirmation Prep: Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors - December 7 at 5:30p.m.

Youth Group - Christmas Party and Live Nativity - December 6 at 4:30p.m.



Parish Penance Service and First Reconciliation - Thursday, December 11 at 6:30p.m.



**St. Mary Catholic School**

St. Mary School magnets are available, at the church entrances. Please feel free to take as many as you like and display them, to show support for our school, throughout the community.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**Catholic Education since 1868**

*Congratulations, SMS, on earning an “A” from the Indiana State Board of Education!*

**Remember as you pray:**

Ann Ernestes-Allen, Marie Beaver, Marcia Brooks, Becky Brown, Mary Busald, Spencer Comer, Colette Concannon, Katy Curtis, Erin Doyle, Catherine Duncan, Jim Ewing, Bud & Carol Ann Garland, Lucille Hahn, Stephanie Hasecuster, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Aidan Kuhn, Donna Land, Henrietta Land, Mary Jane Lawhead, Paul Leising, Robin Leising, Quinn Mohler, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Christy Muzquiz, Marilyn Niehoff, Jacob Ping, Ken Saxon, David Schultz, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Diane (Wolter) Shaw, Jenny Smith, Aaron Snow, Mark VanNatta, Rudy Wesling, Ron Wilson, Glenn Woods, Sondra Zeller, Sheila Zwickey.

For those proudly serving our country: Travis Pecor and Derek Sickbert.

For those of our parish who are homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Ruth Coon, Jackie Hess, Kathleen Ruddick, Dee Salzman, Kathryn Smiley, Martha Todd.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Willa Mae Wagner, Ginny Northam, Ann Parish, Dorothy Snyder.

Flatrock River Lodge: Dorothy Jarman, Judy Meyer and Louise Childers.

Those who have passed away: Kenny Schneider, Beverly Beyerlein, William Carpenter, Josephine Wesling, Virginia Houston and Barbara Gettinger.



**Archdiocese of Indianapolis**  
**2014-2015 United Catholic Appeal**

Please mail your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank You.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pledge Cards</u>	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
11/20/14	89	\$15,100
<b>Goal</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>\$14,255</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>106%</b>