



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173

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## Staff

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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

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179  
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## Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

## Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

## Board of Education

Chair: Jim Cowan

## Baptism

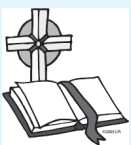
Call the parish office for scheduling.

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Perhaps you've already noticed, but the parish recent received a **Baby Grand Piano**. It was donated to the parish including installation by some generous parishioners. It has a lovely sound and is a great addition to our liturgies here at the parish. Thank you and Thank you!

Speaking of additions to the church... you may also have noticed that a partition rope has shown up on the steps up to the balcony. Please consider the **balcony closed** for Masses. Having done Mass attendance counts now (as part of the *Connected in the Spirit* process) for 4 months, the most we typically run at a weekend Mass is about 300. There is space for 375 on the floor of the church. I am concerned about the safety of traffic up and down the very steep stairs. I am also noticing that the balcony is becoming a new 'back, back row' of church. On those rare occasions when the church attendance truly demands the extra seating, the ushers or I will let down the partition. Otherwise, if you are not an organist, choir member, or cantor, please find a seat in the pews on the floor. When sitting in a pew on the floor, please move in to accommodate your fellow parishioners. When we gather, we are all family!

The *Connected in the Spirit* Strategic Planning Process continues to progress. The Task Force Meeting held on Thursday, January 8 was a huge success (except for the cold). The Core Team members would like to thank those who participated. We felt like we got a good range of clear, concise, high-quality input from the participating individuals of our parish. The results of the evaluation are posted on the parish website. The next step of the CIS process is to start working with the other Core Teams in our Cohort assignment. St Mary's has been put into a cohort with St Rose (Knightstown), St Anne (New Castle), and St Elizabeth (Cambridge City). The initial meeting and training for that is Thursday, February 26 at St Gabriel (Connersville). Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we progress.

**Pictorial Directory** pictures start this week. Please remember your appointment time and bring your smile! Participation was so high, we had to add an additional night for picture taking. I appreciate your commitment to the parish and your desire to be included in this directory. Thanks to the team. St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## Mass Schedule: February 9—15

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Pat Osting
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Barbara VanHuss
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Charles & Thada Ariens
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Betty Spaeth
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Bud Harpring
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Joe & Myrtha Moran
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose

Thank you to the families that have signed up for a photo session. These families will receive a free 8x10 or sheet of wallets, along with a free directory. Spots are still available for Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Please call the parish office (932-2588) to schedule.



Scout Sunday, celebrating the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, will be observed on Sunday, February 8th at the 10a.m. Mass. Thank you to St. Mary School for being the chartering organization for both Cub Scout Pack 33 and Boy Scout Troop 33.

Holy Communion is taken to the elderly, sick and home-bound, each week. Please let us know, if you or a loved one wish to receive Communion at home. Call the parish office.



Our Sympathy to Dave and Sandy Moeller at the death of Sandy's sister, Susie Downing. Susie resided in Florida.



Rosie Joyner  
The success of "Connected in the Spirit"



Susan Hoeing and Rita Corn filling bags for the Food Pantry's weekly clients.

The St. Mary Food Pantry items for the month of February are Hamburger Helper and SpaghettiO's. Thank you for your continued support of the pantry.

(Photo courtesy of the Rushville Republican).

## Liturgical Roles

Servers – February 14 & 15

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Alex Spaeth, Ereena Moore, Jonathan Ripberger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Adam Leising, Glen Harpring, Addison Ballenger
	10:00a.m.	Michael & Shaun Fudge, Emma Lux

Lectors – February 14 & 15

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Tom Giesting
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Alan Leising
	10:00a.m.	Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– 14 & 15

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Rita Corn, Bob Dwenger, Mary Ann Beard
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Susie Odum, Gary Nigh, Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Amaranta Kemple, Kevin & Debbie Banks

Ushers for February 2015

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Phil Shanahan & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bruce Fenimore & Volunteer
	10:00a.m.	Rob Ash & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 9 Jerry Rudolf Feb. 16 Joan Meo

Money Counters

Feb. 9 Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Barb Tush, Gary Nigh



**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**Adult Euchre/Card Party/Pitch In**  
**February 28, 2015 - After 5:30 Mass**  
**St. Mary School**  
**Multipurpose Room**  
**Please bring your own drinks and a**  
**"Hot" food item.**

The St. Mary Choir has resumed practice, on Thursdays at 7:00p.m., in the church. They are practicing for the 6:30p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18, 2015. New members are always welcome! While practice is typically on Thursday nights, this can vary, so please contact Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958, for verification.

**Knights of Columbus Valentines Day**  
**Spaghetti Dinner and Dance**  
**February 14, 2015**

**All you can eat spaghetti, salad and bread served from 6:30-7:30p.m.**  
**Live Band (Sweetwater) from 8:00-11:00p.m.**  
**Tickets are \$20 single or \$30 couple.**  
**Oliver Winery will be offering tasting of some of their products.**  
**Call the Knights of Columbus at 932-2777.**  
**Proceeds benefit Gibault School for Boys.**

**Sunday Collection**  
February 1, 2015



Adults (145 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,545.00
Youth (5 Envelopes)	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 402.00
Total	\$ 7,952.00
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +652.00 ☺

Sunday 2/1/15	\$ 7,952.00
Regular Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 3,088.78
Votive Candles	\$ 147.00
Criterion	\$ 880.00
Energy Costs	\$ 181.00
Missions	\$ 190.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>632.00</u>
TOTAL 2/1/15	\$ 13,105.78

Mass Attendance - Weekend of February 1, 2015 - 606

**Year-to-Date (7/1/14 - 11/30/14)**

Revenue	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Sunday	212,492	198,000	396,000
School/Other	390,615	325,382	603,250
Total	603,107	523,382	999,250
Expenses			
Total	500,119	481,910	954,520
Net Total	102,988	41,472	44,730

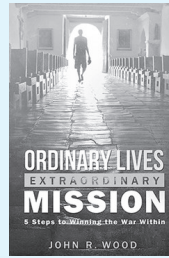
"No Preserving Our Heritage revenue or construction expenses included in the above numbers."

**-Religious Education News-**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, February 8 - Topic: Commandments 5 & 6. RCIA Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton. RCIA Candidates: Joe Hoffman, Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley. Please keep these Catechumens and Candidates in prayer. High School Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation: February 8, 2015. Please keep our five young Confirmation candidates in prayer, as they attend retreat on February 7. Youth Group: February 8, 2015 at 4:00p.m.

**-Youth Group News-**

**The St. Mary's Youth Group** will be going to Perfect North Slopes on Sunday, February 15, for tubing, from 2-4p.m. The group will leave the parking lot at noon and return before 6p.m. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited. You do not need to have previously attended a Youth Group meeting. Reservations MUST be made in advance, to receive group pricing and guarantee transportation. Tickets and transportation will be \$25 a person. Please pick up permission slips in the back of church and return them to the church office with your payment. If you have any questions, call Debbie Banks at 317-402-8108 or email to [rushvillebridal@yahoo.com](mailto:rushvillebridal@yahoo.com).



**ADULT FAITH CLASS**  
**Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission**

by John R. Wood  
Led by Fr. Jeremy M. Gries  
Wednesday Evening from 7-8:30p.m.  
Multipurpose Room

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**-St. Mary Catholic School News-**

The annual Spring Rummage Sale benefitting the St. Mary School PTA will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E. St. Rd. 44) on Friday, March 6 from 8:30a.m. - 5:30p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 8:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, March 5 from 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.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 (765-561-0226) with any questions. Thank you.

**Part Time Business Manager**

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**Part Time Bookkeeper**

**For Applications Write or Call**

Fr. Steve Schafflein

Search Committee

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Franklin, IN 46131

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**WALK AND EXERCISE WITH JESUS -**

The St. Mary School gym is open, Sunday Morning, during Religious Education, to anyone who would like to walk and pray the Rosary.

**NOTICE:** When Rush County is under a red or orange weather alert, Sunday Morning Religious Education, RCIA and Confirmation classes will be canceled. Go to [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com) weather/alerts or tune into channel 6, 8 or 13 for status updates.