



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

1ST SUNDY OF LENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
Parish: 765-932-2588 ✘ School: 765-932-3639 ✘ [www.stmaryrush.org](http://www.stmaryrush.org)

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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.*



FIRST SUNDAY of LENT  
**TEMPTATION**



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines **Fasting** as: "Refraining from food and drink as an expression of interior penance, in imitation of the fast of Jesus for forty days in the desert. Fasting is an ascetical practice recommended in Scripture and the writings of the Church Fathers; it is sometimes prescribed by the precepts of the Church, especially during the liturgical season of Lent."

Per the prescriptions of the Church, fasting means that we eat only one full meal on the fast day. Two other lesser meals, not equating to a full meal are permitted if necessary. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 3)** are days of obliged fasting for persons between 18 and 60 years of age. Pregnant women and the infirmed are exempt. In remembrance of Jesus' Passion upon the Cross, persons older than 14 are expected to abstain from all meat on Fridays of Lent (Fridays of the entire year is laudable.) These practices are meant to raise our hearts and minds to the saving act of our Lord Jesus. It is one small way to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. It is also a small way to be in solidarity with the Body of Christ throughout the world who hunger and thirst every day(Cf. Mt 25:35).

**St Mary Catholic School** is hosting an **Open House today** – Sunday, February 22 from 11:00a-12:30p. This is an opportunity for all potential new students and their families to tour the facilities, meet the faculty and other school families, and have any questions answered. If you know anyone that would be interested in SMS, please invite them. We welcome any and all inquiries! One need not be Catholic to attend SMS. St Mary Catholic School is an "A" rated school, which serves students three years old through grade six. We are fully accredited. We do accept Indiana State School Choice Scholarships (i.e., vouchers) for those who qualify. For more information, contact the school office at 765-932-3639 or email [skirschner@stmaryrush.org](mailto:skirschner@stmaryrush.org). Visit the school website at <http://www.stmaryrush.org/home>

A warm welcome to the members of the FFA who are joining us for "**Church with the President**" at 10a Mass. FFA President Devin Lux is the son of Kyle and Scarlett Lux. Thank you for your leadership. St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## Mass Schedule: February 23– March 1

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| <b>Monday</b>    |           | No Mass  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30p.m.  | Mary Jane Lawhead  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30a.m.  | Michelle Good<br><i>Stations of the Cross</i>            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:30a.m.  | Sondra Zeller  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30a.m.  | Charles & Margaret Pavey<br><i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
|                  | 6:30p.m.  | Carl Busald  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5:30p.m.  | Carl Busald  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 7:30a.m.  | St. Mary and St. Rose                                    |
|                  | 10:00a.m. | David Craven   |

Due to the number of families scheduled for photo sessions, Lifetouch granted us another day for photos: Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Please call the parish office (932-2588), to schedule a session. Please use the 5th Street school entrance. Photos are being taken in the gym.



Our Sympathy to: the family and friends of Mary Jane (Schroeder) Lawhead who passed away recently.

Condolences to: the family and friends of Mary Jo (Coffin) Eddy, who recently passed away. Services were held in Columbus, Indiana, with burial at Calvary Cemetery.

Fr. Burkhart Scholarship Applications are available, in the parish office, during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2015/2016. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

Calvary Cemetery Clean-up Day: March 21, 2015 at 9a.m. Items, that you wish to keep, must be removed by March 15, 2015.

Easter Flower donations are being accepted. Envelopes may be found on the tables in the church vestibules. Place envelope in the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Light is On for You!** The opportunity for individual confession is being made available in each of the parishes (or cluster of parishes) throughout the archdiocese on Wednesday, **March 4**, from **6:30-8:00 pm**. Go to this link to find several resources about confession: <http://www.archindy.org/thelightison/>. Come celebrate God's forgiveness and make a new beginning with his grace!



**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.**

## Liturgical Roles

Servers - Stations of the Cross - February 27

6:30p.m. Macy and Nicholas Hoeing

Servers – February 28 & March 1

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

Sun. 7:30a.m. Addison Ballenger,  
Cody & Tristan Carmony

10:00a.m. Gus Haley, Savannah Snow,  
Olivia Yager

Lectors – February 28 & March 1

Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn

Sun. 7:30a.m. John Williams

10:00a.m. Ann Curtis

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– February 28 & March 1

Sat. 5:30p.m. Denise Small, Julia Jessup,  
Susan Hoeing

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

10:00a.m. Jason Pavey, Theresa Komlanc,  
Mary Beth Burklow

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. 23 Janet Pike March 2 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Feb. 23 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,  
Mary Schneider

Mar. 2 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,  
Diana Leising



**MEET THE RCIA  
CANDIDATES  
AND  
CATECHUMENS**

My name is Marcy Westphal, I am a mother to three amazing girls (Savannah, Isabell and Madalyn) and wife to my husband of 10 years Daniel. I have always had faith and Jesus in my life, mostly through Baptist and non denominational churches. It wasn't until my girls started to attend St. Mary school that I thought of converting. My husband is Catholic and we have chosen to raise our children in this faith. Now that they are older and partake in communion, I want to be able to receive that with them, uniting our family even more. I am excited to be on this journey and know that this is the right path for me. I look forward to being able to join my family in partaking in the Eucharist and continuing to learn the Catholic faith.

**Sunday Collection**  
February 15, 2015



|                                   |    |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Adults (Envelopes + Loose Checks) | \$ |                 |
| Youth (Envelopes)                 | \$ |                 |
| Loose                             | \$ |                 |
| Total                             | \$ |                 |
| Weekly Budget (2014/2015)         | \$ | <u>7,300.00</u> |
| Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)         | \$ | ⊕               |
|                                   |    |                 |
| Sunday 2/15/15                    | \$ |                 |
| Regular Maintenance               | \$ |                 |
| Preserving Our Heritage           | \$ |                 |
| Votive Candles                    | \$ |                 |
| Criterion                         | \$ |                 |
| Energy Costs                      | \$ |                 |
| Missions                          | \$ |                 |
| Ash Wednesday                     | \$ |                 |
| Lighthouse CD's                   | \$ |                 |
| Food Pantry                       | \$ |                 |
| TOTAL 2/15/15                     | \$ |                 |

Mass Attendance - Weekend of February 15, 2015 - 495

**-Religious Education News-**

First Communion, for sixteen children of St. Mary Parish, will be on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at the 10:00a.m. Mass.

Confirmation: May 9, 2015 at St. Andrew, Richmond, IN.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class, today, February 22. Topic: Commandments 9 & 10. Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton. 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: TODAY, February 22, 2015.

Youth Group: February 22, 2015 at 4:00p.m.

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.



Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rush County - "Bowl For Kids Sake" Sunday, March 8 from noon - 6:00p.m. at the Rushville Bowl. Register online at [www.bbbsrushcounty.com](http://www.bbbsrushcounty.com) or by calling 765-932-5449.



<https://40daysforlife.com>  
<http://www.40daysindy.org/>



Father Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, the study on the Eucharist, as source and summit of the Christian life, will be presented during the Sunday Morning Religious Education time for any Interested adults. The presentations will take place, in the school multipurpose room, following the 7:30a.m. Mass on February 22, March 1 & 8, April 12, 19 and 26. The series will examine three important aspects of the inexhaustibly rich Sacrament : the *Eucharist* as a **Sacred Meal**, as **Sacrifice** and as **Real Presence**. More information can be found on the tables in the church vestibules, or by contacting Terri Nigh.

**-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.

Open House, at St. Mary Catholic School, for potential new students and their families, TODAY, February 22 from 11:00a.m.-12:20p.m.

St. Mary PTA Scholarship: Applications are available at RCHS or on the table in the north vestibule in church. Applicants must be a St. Mary School Alumni who attended St. Mary School from first to sixth grade. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2015.

Mark Your Calendar! The St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 25, 2015.

**Is Your Marriage Hurting in anyway?**

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring. Then, please consider Retrouvaille – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins April 17, 18, 19, 2015. For more information, call (513) 922-6045 or internet address is [cincyretrovaille.org](http://cincyretrovaille.org).



Food Pantry Item of the Month:  
Hamburger Helper and Peanut Butter.