



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

MARCH 8, 2015

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



THIRD SUNDAY of LENT
LIVING WATER



You may have noticed some new symbols in the church building. They were recently completed and installed by Weberding's Wood Carving Shop. I thought a little explanation might be helpful, especially after a few comments/questions by parishioners.



ihS –In the Latin-speaking Christianity of medieval Western Europe, the most common monogram for Jesus Christ became "IHS", denoting the first three letters of the Greek name of Jesus, ΙΗΣΟΥΣ, iota-eta-sigma. "IHS" is sometimes interpreted as meaning *Jesus Hominum Salvator* ("Jesus, Saviour of men" in Latin) or connected with *In Hoc Signo* ("In This Sign, you will conquer" from Constantine the Great, c. 313). Saint Bernardino of Siena, who promoted the *Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus* on January 3rd, further popularized the use of the three letters in the 15th century.



AM – The interlaced "AM" stand for *Ave Maria*, Latin for Hail Mary. Located on the St. Mary Shrine on the north side of the church.

SJ – The interlaced "SJ" stands for Saint Joseph or the Latin Sancte Joseph. Located on the St. Joseph Shrine on the south side of the church.



While the insignias were not necessary, they do help dress up the shrines. They were largely paid for by a memorial gift from the late Dorothy Dusing. May she rest in peace.

This Lent there are extra opportunities for you to experience God's Grace and Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our **Parish Lenten Penance Service** will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7p. Three priests will join me that night. Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8p, we will have "**The Light is On for You.**" Standard Confessions times remain on Saturday from 4:30-5:20p and Tuesdays from 6:00-6:25p.

"Repent and believe in the Gospel." St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: March 9 - 15

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Mary Jo (Coffin) Eddy
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Mary Wesling
	9:15a.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Henrietta Land
	7:00p.m.	<i>Penance Service</i>
Friday	8:30a.m.	Richard Busald
	6:30p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Don Weiler
	10:00a.m.	Marvin & Mildred Hoeing

*Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions -
March 10 & 11. Please use the 5th Street
school entrance.*



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 can be found on the tables in the church vestibules. Place envelope in the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Boxed or bagged spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned peaches, canned pears.

Food Pantry: During the month of February, 45 families were served through the St. Mary Food Pantry. The families included 98 adults and 70 children, for a total of 168 people.

Pastoral Care: The month of February, 3 families were assisted with utilities for a total of \$375.00

The St. Mary Choir will be practicing every Tuesday, in March, after Mass, in preparation for Holy Week.

2015 Fall Festival: A chairperson is needed for Kid's Games. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Alexander or the parish office. Thank you, Jeanine Yager, for your many years of stewardship, as chairperson of the Kid's Games.

It's time, once again, to create those beautiful things for us to sell at our 2015 Fall Festival. The Auction Committee would greatly appreciate your efforts. Any questions can be directed to Mary Schneider (932-5397) or Toni Schultz (561-4525).

St. Mary welcomes Maria Mazariegos and her children, Alyzon and Jonathon Buezo, to our parish family.



Joseph Spaeth, son of Mike and Karen Spaeth, and Jessica Hughett, daughter of Trent Hughett and Rhonda Smith, will be united in marriage on March 14, 2015 at 2:30p.m.



Liturgical Roles

Stations of the Cross - March 13

6:30p.m. Leila Amos and Ereena Moore

Servers - March 14 & 15

Sat. 5:30p.m. Samantha Spaeth, Ereena Moore,
Jonathan Ripberger

Sun. 7:30a.m. Glen Harpring, Addison Ballenger,
Tyler Amos

10:00a.m. Michael & Shaun Fudge, Sam Barada

Lectors - March 14 & 15

Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers- March 14 & 15

Sat. 5:30p.m. Bob Dwenger, Mary Ann Beard,
Shelly Bostic

Sun. 7:30a.m. Susie Odum, Gary Nigh,
Regenia Ripberger

10:00a.m. Amaranta Kemple, Debbie Banks,
Laura Ash

Ushers for March 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ed Harpring & Volunteer

10:00a.m. Joe Chance & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

March 9 Marilyn Schroeder & Jeanie Hedrick

March 16 Jerry Rudolf

Money Counters

March 9 Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Barbara Tush,
Gary Nigh

March 16 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager,
Jeanine Yager



**MEET THIS WEEK'S
RCIA
CANDIDATE**

I am Evelyn Sammons. I live north of Rushville with my husband, Wayne. About 40 years ago we moved from the northwest part of the county to Rushville. We met several neighbors and friends that were members of St. Mary. That was my first introduction to the church. About 20 years later our son married and joined St. Mary; 10 years ago, our daughter did the same. I began attending Mass with my son, daughter and grandchildren. I grew up in a Methodist home, but I am ready to change to partake in Communion. I enjoy my family and seven grandchildren, my husband's antique tractor pulling, gardening and cross-stitch. I am a 4-H leader. St. Mary is a welcoming and friendly place to worship.

Sunday Collection
March 1, 2015



Adults (118 Envelopes +15 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,541.00
Youth (1 Envelopes)	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 313.00
Total	\$ 6,855.00
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -445.00 ☹
Sunday 3/1/15	\$ 6,855.00
Regular Maintenance	\$ 175.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,786.78
Votive Candles	\$ 14.00
Criterion	\$ 100.00
Energy Costs	\$ 5.00
Missions	\$ 50.52
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00
Sodality Dues	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 80.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>463.00</u>
TOTAL 3/1/15	\$ 9,569.30

Mass Attendance - Weekend of March 1, 2015 - 472

-Religious Education News-

First Communion Morning Reflection: Saturday, March 14 from 8:30a.m. - 12 noon. Breakfast, prayer, First Communion station activities for children and parents and the distribution of First Communion banner kits. The morning will begin in the school multipurpose room.

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class, today, March 8. Topic: Jesus Taught Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

High School Confirmation Preparation Classes - March 15

Youth Group will meet on March 15 at 4:00p.m. to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We have plenty of eggs from last year, but any donation of candy will be greatly appreciated.

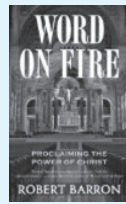
-St. Mary Catholic School News-

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.



<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 March 8, April 12, 19 and 26.

Remember as you pray:

Ann Ernestes-Allen, David Bedel, Sister Eileen Rose Bonner, Evelina 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, Rosie Joyner, Aidan Kuhn, Quinn Mohler, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Marilyn Niehoff, Jacob Ping, Paul Rosfeld, Ken Saxon, David Schultz, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Aaron Snow, Anita Sopher, David Starkey, Tyler Tompkins, Mark VanNatta, Rudy Wesling, Ron Wilson, Glenn Woods.

For those proudly serving our country: Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn and Kody Griffin.

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

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

Flatrock River Lodge: Dorothy Jarman, Dorothy Snyder and Louise Childers, Kathleen Ruddick

Those who have passed away: Mary Jane Lawhead, Mary Jo (Coffin) Eddy, Susie Downing, Barbara VanHuss, Sondra Zeller, Joy Spinney, Dave Fort.

RCIA Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton.

RCIA Candidates: Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley.

The success of "Connected in the Spirit".

Pictorial Directory Group Pictures - March 8

- 8:30a.m. Lectors (Church)
- 8:40a.m. Cantors (Church)
- 8:50a.m. Ushers (Church)
- 9:00a.m. Servers (Church)
- 9:10a.m. Musicians (Church. Bring instruments)
- 9:15a.m. Extraordinary Ministers (Church)
- 9:25a.m. Ministers-to-the-Sick (Church)
- 9:30a.m. Money Counters (Rectory)
- 9:40a.m. Environmentalists/Sacristy (Rectory)
- 9:50a.m. RE Catechists (Rectory)
- 11:00a.m. Food Pantry (Church)

