



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

MARCH 22, 2015

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

School Commission

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.



Hey Father, did you notice that someone covered the statues in church? Yes, per the permitted practices of the Church. The 5th week of Lent until the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday of the Easter Vigil) is known as Passiontide. It is during these last days of Lent that we are to keep our hearts and souls united to the Lord in His Passion in a special way. The crosses are covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

So why do we veil statues? Statues are veiled to help us realize what it would be like NOT to have the fruits of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. If our Lord had not died and rose from the grave; there would be no saints, no images of the Passion, no images of the Sacred Heart. Because we see them so often, these images become "normal" and taken for granted. We veil them in order to emphasize how good they are. By taking them away for a short while, we appreciate their goodness anew.

The veiling of statues is just one more way we are undergoing a progressive fast during Lent.

- We fast from the *Alleluia* beginning on Ash Wednesday.
- We fast from the *Gloria* during Lent except for Solemnities.
- We fast from viewing the Crucifix and statues at the start of Passiontide.
- We fast from the Sanctus bells and the Church bell from the *Gloria* of Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil
- We fast from Holy Water during the Triduum
- Finally, we are deprived of the Lord Himself in the Blessed Sacrament (we process the Eucharist out of the Church at the Holy Thursday Service) and the celebration of Holy Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday (the only day of the year when there is no Mass).

All of this is restored in glorious fashion – solemnly and progressively – during the Easter Vigil. First the statues. Then the Gloria. Then the bells. Then the Alleluia. Then the Holy Water. Finally the Holy Eucharist. So many treasures in the Sacred Liturgy that we come to appreciate more keenly during this Holy Time of year.

St. Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: March 23 - 29

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Virginia Shanahan
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	John Wesling
	9:15a.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Sue Moster
Friday	8:30a.m.	Merlin Herbert
	6:30p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Clarence & Frances Meer
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Myrtha Moran
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose

K of C Chicken Fry: TONIGHT, Saturday, March 21 from 5:00-7:30p.m. All you can eat (dine in only). Carry outs available.

Fr. Burkhardt 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.

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 Item of the Month: Boxed or bagged spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned peaches and canned pears.

Mark Your Calendar! The Senior Breakfast at the K of C is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, after the 7:30a.m. Mass. More information will be forthcoming.

2015 Fall Festival: 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.



Boy Scout Troop 33 and Cub Scout Pack 33

will be hosting a Fish Fry at the K of C, on Friday, March 27 from 4:30-7:30p.m.

Fish tails, cod, french fries, au gratin potatoes, green beans, bread, coleslaw and homemade desserts. Adults - \$8.50; Children - \$6.00.

Carry-outs are available. Please come out and support these young men. Thank You!

Catholic Charities News

The five Indiana bishops have issued a pastoral letter on poverty. The overall goal is to bring awareness to the suffering that is experienced by our fellow Hoosiers and motivate us all to take further responsibility for helping to relieve some of this suffering. Please take the time to read the letter and to respond to the survey that will be used to develop a pastoral plan to reduce poverty in Indiana - www.archindy.org.

Liturgical Roles

Stations of the Cross - March 27

6:30p.m. Macy & Nicholas Hoeing

Servers - March 28 & 29 (Palm Sunday)

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

Sun. 7:30a.m. Cody & Tristan Carmony,
Adam Leising

10:00a.m. Gus Haley, Savanah Snow,
Nick Komlanc

Lectors - March 28 & 29 (Palm Sunday)

Sat. 5:30p.m. John Blankman & Tom Giesting

Sun. 7:30a.m. Bob Bridges & Allen Leising

10:00a.m. Steve Sickbert & Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - March 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30p.m. Denise Small, Julia Jessup,
Bob Dwenger

Sun. 7:30a.m. Doug Krieger, Regenia Ripberger,
Jerry Rudolf

10:00a.m. Jason Pavey, Theresa Komlanc,
Amaranta Kemple, Jane Ariens (Choir)

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 23 Joan Meo March 30 Janet Pike

Money Counters

March 23 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,
Mary Schneider

March 30 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,
Diana Leising



MEET THIS WEEK'S

RCIA

CATECHUMEN

My name is Chris Nobbe. I was born, raised and currently live in Connersville, IN. I graduated from Purdue University in 2012. I am currently employed at Beck's Superior Hybrids as a Seed Advisor-Dealer Manager. I was raised on a small family farm and now help manage a row crop and livestock farm in Connersville. I have been attending Mass, at the church, on and off, for the last eight years. I always felt a pull toward becoming Catholic, because I believe in the faith, tradition and wholeness of the church. I am marrying Kayla Hoeing in July and I thought now was a great time to join the church and enter the Catholic faith. I have been surprised, most by how everything is structured and the rich tradition that it is based on.

Sunday Collection
March 15, 2015



Adults (134 Envelopes +13 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,269.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 295.25
Total	\$ 7,568.25
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +268.25 ☺

Sunday 3/15/15	\$ 7,568.25
Regular Maintenance	\$ 185.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 5,821.66
Votive Candles	\$ 14.00
Criterion	\$ 80.00
Energy Costs	\$ 130.00
Missions	\$ 627.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 250.00
Sodality Dues	\$ 170.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>425.00</u>
TOTAL 3/15/15	\$ 15,275.91

Mass Attendance - Weekend of March 15, 2015 - 595

-Religious Education News-

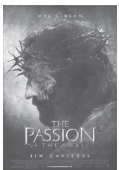
Sunday Morning Religious Education: No classes March 22, 29 and April 5 (Spring Break and Easter).

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): 3rd Scrutiny. No Class - Spring Break. Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton. Candidates: Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley. Please keep them in prayers

First Communion Dresses/Suits: Has your child outgrown his or her First Communion dress or suit? Please consider donating gently used First Communion dresses/suits to Saint Anthony in Indianapolis. Saint Anthony will loan dresses/suits to First Communion families. Clothing can be brought to the St. Mary Parish Office. Contact Meli, for more information: 317-636-4828x225.



Mel Gibson's *Passion of Christ* Movie

will be shown at 3p.m. on Sunday, March 29 in the school multipurpose room.



<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 April 12, 19 and 26.

-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 Calendars for the St. Mary Catholic School 6th Annual Green and White Gala on April 25, 2015. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, silent and live auctions and a basket raffle. We gladly welcome any auction donations. If you would like more information about tickets for the event, call Theresa Komlanc at 765-932-3639.



St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool

will be holding its Kindergarten Kick-off on Monday, April 6 from 4-6:30p.m. If you have a child entering kindergarten, in the fall, and might be interested in attending St. Mary Catholic School, stop by on the 6th for a kindergarten readiness assessment, to meet the teachers, and tour the school. If you have any questions, call 932-3639.

The Pictorial Directory Committee is in the final stages of the layout. Delivery of the directory is expected, in mid-summer.



DIVORCE AND BEYOND
to be offered in Connersville

A peer-ministry support group for all separated and divorced has been scheduled for six consecutive Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30p.m., beginning April 12 at St. Gabriel, 232 W. Ninth Street, Connersville, IN. The topics for discussion will be the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness and forgiveness. The cost of the six-week session is \$30, which includes a book. For more information or to register, please contact the Pro-Life and Family Life Office at 317-236-1586ext. 1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org. Registration forms can be obtained at www.archindy.org/plfl/ministriesdivorce.html.