



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

APRIL 12, 2015

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173

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Monday-Wednesday...8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179
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 Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon 765-663-2444

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

School Commission

Chair: Jim Cowan

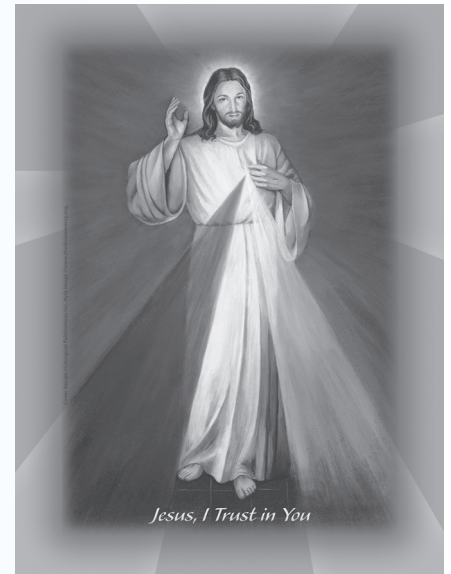
Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.

Tuesday.....6:00p.m.6:25p.m.



All the parishes of the Connersville Deanery have been participating in the *Connected in the Spirit* strategic planning process since last October. The St Mary Core Team is currently working with the Core Teams from St Anne, St Elizabeth, and St Rose in one combined Cohort or grouping. Together, these four parishes will submit a joint plan for future shared ministry - more on that below.

Some data from this study **shocks and shames** me as your pastor. It is seen in the chart below - the average percentage of St Mary's parishioners attending Mass each weekend. St Mary's is bringing down the average significantly! Of course, I want and expect nearly 100% attendance but with travel and sickness, that may not be possible. But we are 21% lower than our neighbors!!! I find this unacceptable and so should you. Haven't seen your fellow friends and parishioners at Mass lately... call and invite them home! Here is how this could affect you: our present attendance does not justify 3 Masses.

Parish	# Registered Parishioners	Avg. Weekend Attendance (Nov 2014)	Avg. % of Parishioners at Mass	Church Capacity	# Sunday Masses <u>Required</u> (per avg. attendance & church capacity)	# Sunday Masses <u>Currently Offered</u>
St Anne	350	231	66%	325	1	2
St Elizabeth	389	233	60%	215	2	2
St Rose	132	80	61%	200	1	1
St Mary	1415	567	40%	375	2	3
Total	2286	1111	49%		6	8

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St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: April 13—19

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:30a.m.	Trudy Ariens
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Edwin & Loretta Nobbe
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Victor & Marie Meyer
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose



Sodality Meeting: Thursday, April 23, following Mass, in the Rectory Conference Room. The May dinner will be discussed.



During the Month of March, 50 families were served, through the St. Mary Food Pantry, with food and toiletries. These 50 families included 116 adults and 56 children. Thank you for your continued support of this parish ministry, to the community of Rush County.

Pastoral Care assisted 4 families with rent and utilities, during the month of March. If you would like to donate to the Pastoral Care Fund, speak with Father Gries, stop by the parish office or drop your donation into the regular Sunday collection. Be sure and mark your envelope and donation "Pastoral Care". Thank you!



Our Sympathy to David Moran, David Charles Moran and Craig and Dawn Moran Trent at the recent death of Gloria Moran. Prayers to all.

IMPORTANT! 2015 Pictorial Directory

If you no longer have a phone land line and **do not** want your cell phone number listed as your home number, **you must** contact the parish office, no later than April 30, 2015.



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Liturgical Roles

Servers – April 18 /19

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ashleigh Spaeth, Ereena Moore, Jonathan Ripberger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Glen Harpring, Addison Ballenger, Cody Carmony
	10:00a.m.	Michael & Shaun Fudge, Sam Barada

Lectors – April 18/19

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Rita Corn
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bob Bridges
	10:00a.m.	Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– April 18/19

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bob Dwenger, Shelly Bostic, Denise Small
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Susie Odum, Gary Nigh, Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Kevin & Debbie Banks, Laura Ash

Ushers for April 2015

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Michael McCallister & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Mike & Blake Mahan
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Mahan & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

April 13 Marilyn Schroeder and Jeanie Hedrick
April 20 Joan Meo

Money Counters

April 13 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager,
Jeanine Yager
April 20 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,
Mary Schneider

-St. Mary Catholic School News

St. Mary Catholic School 6th Annual Green and White Gala 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 will be selling Spring Flowers, in time for Mother's Day. Watch the bulletin, for information.
8th Annual St. Mary Catholic School 5K Run/Walk: April 18 at 9a.m. Contact the school for registration information.

-Religious Education News-

First Communion: 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- April 12. Topic: Stewardship. April 19. Topic: Introduction to Apologetics.

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.

Sunday Collection
March 29, 2015



Adults (135 Envelopes + 9 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,814.00
Youth (6 Envelopes)	\$ 6.00
Loose	\$ 363.50
Total	\$ 7,183.50
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ 7,300.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -116.50 ☺

Sunday 3/29/15	\$ 7,183.50
Regular Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 6,573.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Sodality Dues	\$ 45.00
Lighthouse CD	\$ 10.00
Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
TOTAL 3/29/15	\$ 14,003.50

Mass Attendance - March 29, 2015 - 624

Sunday Collection - April 5, 2015

Adults (176 Envelopes +24 Loose Checks)	\$ 9,536.00
Youth (7 Envelopes)	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 904.60
Total	\$ 10,450.60
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ 7,300.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +3,150.60

Sunday 4/5/15	\$ 10,450.60
Regular Maintenance	\$ 165.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 9,729.00
Votive Candles	\$ 31.00
Criterion	\$ 20.00
Missions	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 130.00
Sodality Dues	\$ 30.00
Energy	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 318.05
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	\$ 1,039.00
Christmas/Solemnity/Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00
Food Pantry	\$ 435.00
TOTAL 4/5/15	\$ 22,412.65

Mass Attendance - April 5, 2015 - 789

St. Mary Catholic School will be participating in **Gardenfest**, once again this year. This fun filled event will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 9a.m.-3p.m. at the Rush County Fairgrounds. The PTA is asking for donations of baked goods, garden items, plant divisions or seedlings. Please bring your donation to St. Mary School on or before May 15. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Hoeing at 679-1863 or Anne Tressler at 561-2125.

FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOUSE

April 18 & 19, after all Masses.

Please, come take a look at our new location!
 (Garage at the northeast corner of the parking lot.)
 Pantry volunteers will be present to answer questions.

Food Pantry Items for April: Canned Soup
 Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

Remember as you pray:

Ann Ernestes-Allen, David Bedel, Marie Bever, 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, Florence Herbert, Rosie Joyner, Aidan Kuhn, Virgil & Judy McKay, Judy Meyer, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Marilyn Niehoff, Marjorie Niehoff, Steve Oesterling, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Paul Rosfeld, Faith Sadler Hankins, Ken Saxon, David Schultz, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Aaron Snow, Anita Sopher, Jessica Spaeth and baby girl, David Starkey, Tyler Tompkins, Rudy Wesling, Ron Wilson, Glenn Woods and Taylor York.

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, Dee Salzman, Kathryn Smiley, Martha Todd.

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

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

Those who have passed away: Willa Mae Wagner, Trudy Ariens and Gloria Moran.

The success of "Connected in the Spirit".



Jessica Berkemeier, Sally Farley, Chris Nobbe, Evelyn Sammons, Monte Sitton and Marcy Westphal.



April Birthday: April 24 - Louise Childers

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room, he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift, it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.