



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

AUGUST 23, 2015  
21ST SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
Parish: 765-932-2588 ✘ School: 765-932-3639 ✘ www.stmaryrush.org

### 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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765-663-2444

### Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

### Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

### School Commission

Chair: Jim Cowan

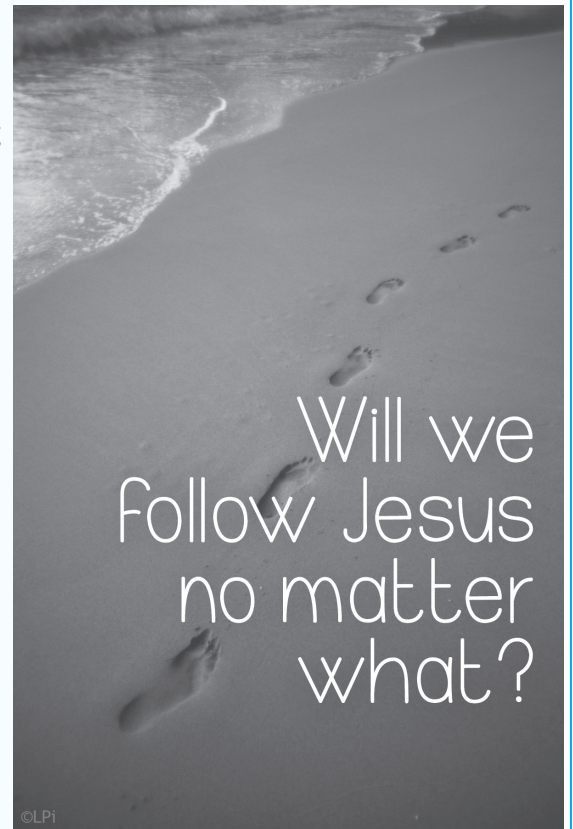
### Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.  
Tuesday.....6:00p.m.6:25p.m.

**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.*



Do you park curbside along 5<sup>th</sup> Street or Perkins Street rather than in our **parking lot**? It was recently brought to my attention that some do. Ok... I knew that already. It has, however, been recently brought to my attention by some of our neighbors, that they are left with no parking near their residences. While curbside parking is public parking, could you be a good neighbor and use the parking lot? It may be a few extra steps and thereby slow down your 'get away,' but it would also allow those who live in the neighborhood to park near their homes. For those of you who 'demand' street parking, please always use

the parish side of the street first. It's a simple way to be a good, considerate, Christian neighbor.

While I'm speaking of vehicles and driving to Mass, I'd like to put out a call for an idea. On several occasions over my last 4 years here, I've been approached or called by someone who is unable to get to church. Generally, with a little effort, I can locate someone to help them. But I am interested in building a list of people who might, on occasion, be willing and able to stop by a fellow parishioner's home prior to Mass, drive them here, and then home. Again, this is a great way to be neighborly. We are one big parish family, and sometimes members of the family must reach out and help each other. Until you've been homebound, it can be hard to imagine just how much you can miss simple things like joining together to celebrate Mass with the parish. I'm calling this potential ministry, **Wheels-to-Worship**. If you are willing to be on the list, please email or call the office with your name, number, address, and typical Mass time. If and when someone then contacts the parish looking for a ride, I would first contact you to check on your availability to assist the person in need. *St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

### Mass Schedule: August 24 - 30

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Willa Mae Wagner
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Anna Meo
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Henrietta Land
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Betty Spaeth
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Bill & Jean Moran
	10:00a.m.	Dec'd Members AJ & Marie Meyer Family



I wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and good wishes during my ongoing illness. May God bless you all. *Helen Busald*

Fall Festival Committee Packets are available, on the tables in the back of church. To help us avoid mailing costs, please pick up your packet.

Fall Festival Grand Raffle Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or from John and Debby Williams. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Kid's Games are in need of new or gently used items for prizes; small toys, school supplies, stickers, etc. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Questions should be directed to Amaranta Kemple: akemple@stmaryschool.org.

The 2016 Fall Festival Committee Lists: Please call the parish office, contact your committee chairperson or notify Debbie Pavey at 765-544-2426 or debbiepavey@gmail.com to make changes to the 2016 committee lists.

Live Auction, Country Store, and Home Cooking Booth items are needed. Contact Toni Schultz 765-561-4525 or Mary Schneider at 765-932-5397, with specific questions.

Please remember in prayer: Betty Spilman

August Birthdays: August 21 Jacqueline Hess  
August 29 Norma Conner



Just a note of gratitude for allowing us, C.Ss.Rs (Redemptorist) the opportunity to make an appeal for the support of our mission ministry in Nigeria and Brazil. The welcome, support and hospitality I experienced among the good people of St. Mary's and St. Rose could not have been better.

*Fr. Tom Danielsen*

The Pictorial Directory is here! If you had your picture taken you may pick up your free copy in the parish office. Extra copies are available for \$10.00 each.

## Liturgical Roles

### Servers – August 29 & 30

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ereena Moore, Samantha Spaeth, Matthew Komlanc
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Adam Leising, Glen Harpring, Savannah Snow
	10:00a.m.	Mitchell Cowan, Nick Komlanc, Gus Haley

### Lectors – August 29 & 30

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Tom Giesting
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Ruth Houk

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers – August 29 & 30

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Alan Niehoff, Mary Ann Beard, Bob Dwenger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Doug Krieger, Gary Nigh, Carol Yager
	10:00a.m.	Steve Pavey, Bob Spaeth, Laura Ash

### Ushers for August 2015

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Doug Corn & Dutch Tragesser
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ken Schroeder & Jim Naylor
	10:00a.m.	Gregg & Cheryl Riggs

### Ministers-to-the-Sick

Aug. 24 Monica Neuman  
Aug. 31 Marilyn Schroeder & Jeanne Hedrick

### Money Counters

Aug. 24 Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Debbie Banks  
Aug. 31 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager,  
Jeanine Yager

## -St. Mary Catholic School News-

St. Mary Catholic School is looking for someone to play the piano at the school Masses on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sherri Kirschner at school (932-3639).

St. Mary Catholic School Enrollment: There are still some openings in preschool-grade 6. However, some classes are limited. Call the school office at 932-3636, for additional information.

The 26th Annual St. Mary School Golf Open will take place on Saturday, August 29th at Antler Pointe Golf Course. Cost is \$55.00 per person/\$220.00 per 4 person team. Tee times are 8:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. Tee ad sponsorships are also available for \$50.00. Registration forms are available on the tables at the back of church. Please contact Jim & Stacey Cowan (317)727-0549 or Jason & Jamie Pavey (765)570-6079 with any questions or to register.



**Food Pantry: August items: Macaroni & Cheese and Pork & Beans.**

**Sunday Collection**  
August 16, 2015



Adults (131 Envelopes +19 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,861.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 391.50
Total	\$ 8,255.50
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ 7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +755.50 ☺
Sunday 8/16/15	\$ 8,255.50
Regular Maintenance	\$ 169.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 3,049.66
Votive Candles	\$ 39.00
Assumption	\$ 808.00
Food Pantry	\$ 177.00
TOTAL 8/16/15	\$ 12,498.16

Mass Attendance - 8/16/15 - 649

**-Religious Education News-**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes **TODAY**, August 23 at 8:30a.m. in the school multipurpose room. RCIA is a process of inquiry, instruction and preparation for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Jerry Rudolf at 812-374-8446. Religious Education for grades Preschool-6th: If you have not been in attendance, please be sure to attend this Sunday, August 23. I will be available Sunday morning, if you still need to register. The registration fee is \$50 with an additional Sacrament fee of \$35 for 2nd grade. You must register in person because parents need to fill out a registration form and receive a handbook and a class schedule. Students will need to be dropped off at 8:40a.m. and picked up at 9:50a.m., from their classrooms. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [jkuntz@stmaryrush.org](mailto:jkuntz@stmaryrush.org).

High School Religious Education, for grade 7th -11th grade, **TODAY** August 23, 2015, from 5:30-7:45p.m.

**-Youth Group News-**

The St. Mary Youth Group will host WeACT, on Sunday, August 30. WeACT (We Are the Church Together) is a county wide youth night for all churches in Rush County. Activities include fun and games, a youth praise band and a special inspirational message for youth in grades 7-12. To kick off the 2015 school year, we are adding a kickball game at 4p.m. followed by a pitch-in at 5:30 and an evening program at 6:30. For more information or to RSVP, call or text Debbie Banks at 317-402-8108.

**ABORTION ALTERNATIVES**

Birthline	Mon.-Fri.	317-635-4808
Option Helpline	24/7	1-800-712-HELP



Faith Opportunity  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
Led by Fr. Jeremy Gries  
Wednesday Evenings  
7:00-8:15p.m.

Aug. 26	Desert Wanderings
Sept. 2	Conquest & Judges I
Sept. 9	Conquest & Judges II
Sept. 23	Royal Kingdom I
Sept. 30	Royal Kingdom II
Oct. 7	Divided Kingdom I
Oct. 14	Divided Kingdom II
Nov. 4	Exile
Nov. 11	Return
Nov. 18	Maccabean Revolt

(Sessions 6 to 17 of 24, come to one, come to all)  
Bring your Bible & Catechism!

**St. Mary's Beer Fest**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015**  
**6:30-10:00p.m.**  
**St. Mary Parking Lot**



**\$10.00 a ticket—First Beer is Free!**  
**Domestic Beer & Wine**  
**Brats & Wings may be purchased**  
**(Not included with Ticket)**  
**Music by Mark's DJ (Hackler)**

**Tickets are available at Sickbert Family Eye Care, St. Mary Parish Office or from Susan Hoeing 561-1040, Eric Wagoner 561-1697 or Cindy Sickbert 561-5048.**

**Stewardship Moment**

In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?