



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2015
OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE

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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

Baptism

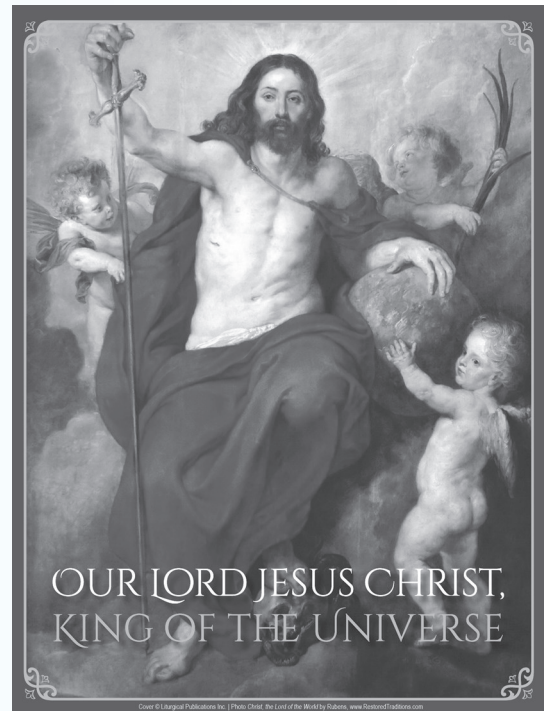
Call the parish office for scheduling.

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.*



Given the national civil celebration of **Thanksgiving Day**, this coming Thursday, I thought a few words on Thanksgiving from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, might be appropriate.

“Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church, which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for His glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head” (CCC 2637). “Every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always

present in it: ‘Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you’ (I Thes 5:18), and ‘Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving’ (Col 4:2)” (CCC 2638).

Every time and place is the perfect time and place to show gratitude and give thanks. Above all are times when the Church is gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. There we show our gratitude to God for all the blessings He has first given and bestowed, which are truly all. Flowing from blessings received, we show our gratitude to our neighbor with whom we give and receive all God’s good blessings. None of us stands alone. We each benefit from another – from God, from family, from parish, from neighbors. Sometimes these benefits are profound, as in the blessings of life and livelihood provided by parents, and others lesser so. And yet, giving thanks, being grateful, expressing gratitude is always appropriate, is always a recognition of blessings received from beyond ourselves... not just with the coming National civil celebration. Enjoy your Thanksgiving... and thank God and those in your life for the blessings you’ve received. We will have **Mass on**

Thanksgiving Day at 8:30a!

St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: November 23 - 29

Monday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Ruth Coon
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Frances Owens
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Zelda Patterson
Friday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Marie Anderson

K of C Pork Chop Dinner: Saturday, November 21, 5-7:30p.m.



The Parish Office will be closing at noon on November 25 and remain closed on November 26 and 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Prayer List: Paris, France and United Catholic Appeal success.



“CHOIR PRACTICE” Thursday nights in church from 7-8p.m.. Practicing for Midnight Mass. New members are always welcome. For questions, call Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958.



Items in food pantry bags, each week, include:

16 oz. jar peanut butter	Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti & Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Cereal or Oatmeal	Pork & Beans
Dish Soap	Toilet Paper
Bar Soap	Laundry Detergent

Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Hamburger or Tuna Helper
Canned Soup

Bread
Toothpaste
Canned Tuna

Items that will be in the Christmas hygiene baskets include:

4-Roll Packs Toilet Paper/ Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes/ 2-Roll Pack of Paper Towel/ Deodorant/ Shampoo/ Kleenex/ Bar Soap/ Liquid Hand Soap/ Laundry Detergent/ Floss/ Hand Sanitizer/ General Purpose Cleaner/ Toilet Cleaner/ Bleach

Please support local families in need, by donating any of these items throughout the month of November and at the Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 8:30a.m. All monetary donations will go to Pastoral Care, to help families with utilities and rent. *1 pound packages of hamburger and sausage are desperately needed. Please contact Susan Hoeing if you can donate and to schedule a delivery date and time.*



Liturgical Roles

Thanksgiving - November 26

Servers: Tyler, Nicholas & Jacob Amos

Lector: Debbie Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Kim L. Yager, Jane Ariens, Barb Musgrave

Servers – November 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30p.m. Danny Corn, Samantha Spaeth, Will Thoman
Sun. 7:30a.m. Addison Ballenger, Adam Neuman, Keith Neuman
10:00a.m. Gus Haley, Matthew Komlanc, Sam Barada

Lectors – November 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30p.m. Tom Giesting
Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing
10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– November 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30p.m. Steve Richards, Denise Small, Mary Ann Beard
Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Jerry Rudolf
10:00a.m. Steve Ariens, Steve Pavey, Kevin Spilman

Ushers for November 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Teo & Emmanuel Ordas
Sun. 7:30a.m. Doug Krieger & Ed Harpring
10:00a.m. Rob Ash & Doug Osborne

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 23 Joan Meo Nov. 30 Janet Pike

Money Counters

Nov. 23 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery, Royanna Eck
Nov. 30 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider



The Giving Tree

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool

is bringing back the tradition of the St. Mary Giving Tree. This weekend there are gift tags inside baskets in the back of church. Please take a gift tag and purchase the item indicated on it. Collection boxes will be out the weekend of December 6, or items can be returned to the school any time prior to December 7. All items should be unwrapped with the gift tag attached. Cash donation gift cards will be used for Kroger and Walmart, to purchase socks, gloves or small necessity items. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity this Christmas Season! If you have any questions, please call the school office (932-3639).

Sunday Collection
November 15, 2015



Adults (83 Envelopes +13 Loose Checks)	\$ 16,638.92
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 403.05
Total	\$ 17,044.97
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +9,544.97 ☺
Sunday 11/15/15	\$ 17,044.97
Regular Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,495.66
Votive Candles	\$ 24.00
Human Development	\$ 5.00
Cemetery	\$ 185.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 505.00
TOTAL 11/15/15	\$ 20,479.63

Mass Attendance - 11/15/15 - 613

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, November 22. Topic: The Eucharist. Please keep Catechumens: Jordon Lightner, Cody Smith, Tammy Smith, Alexis Query, Bree Huskins and Kaitlyn Dawson and Candidates: Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Sherry Owen in your prayers.

Religious Education -Preschool-6th: TODAY, Nov. 22. No class on November 29 (Thanksgiving).

REMINDER! 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Training will be November 24 after the 6:30p.m. Mass. Please plan to attend Mass. Following Mass, we will do the training in the church. If you have any questions, contact me at jkuntz@stmaryrush.org.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY, November 22, 2015, from 5:30-7:45p.m.

Youth Group: TODAY, November 22, at 4:00p.m.

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

No School: November 25, 26 & 27. Thanksgiving Break.

Homemade Holiday Cookie and Candy Trays: To place your order or if you have any questions, call Theresa Komlanc at 932-3639. Orders are due by Monday, December 7th.

Gift Cards: Large selection available in the school office. Great for gift giving or everyday shopping.

Christmas Program: Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30p.m. Dress rehearsal at 1:00p.m.



St. Mary Catholic School is looking for a part-time music teacher, starting second semester, for Thursday and Friday afternoons. Needed, also, is someone to play for the children's Masses on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact Sherri Kirschner at 765-932-3639 or skirschner@stmaryrush.org.



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

Dec. 02	Messianic Fulfillment I
Dec. 09	Messianic Fulfillment II
Dec. 16	Messianic Fulfillment III
Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6	Break
Jan. 13	The Church I
Jan. 20	The Church II
Jan. 27	The Church III

Come to one, come to all. Bring your Bible & Catechism!



Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2015-2016 United Catholic Appeal
Please mail your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank You.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pledge Cards</u>	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
11/12/15	38	\$ 7,105
Goal	435	\$14,255
% of Goal	9%	50%



Keep filling those baby bottles. Return your filled bottles the weekend of December 5/6. The monies collected help purchase diapers, formula, baby wipes, clothing, etc. for the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. Rush County families are referred to this center.



Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers are needed! Please register to ring the bell at www.registertoring.com or call 932-5138.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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

"Save the Date"
St. Mary Parish Mission
January 30, 2016 - February 3, 2016