



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

DECEMBER 20, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.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: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

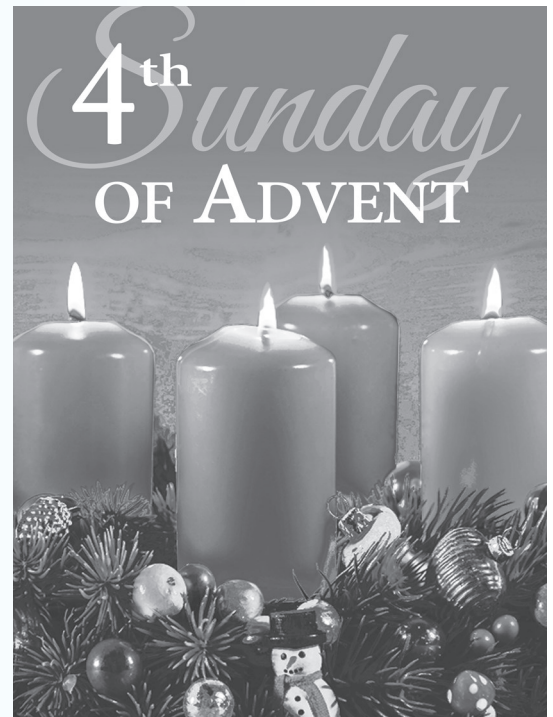
Baptism

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.*



I have to admit, I'm glad school is out. I'm not sure we could possibly have contained or controlled the children another minute! They are always excited about sleigh bells and some man in a red and white suit this time of year. As you have your children home on break, perhaps calm them for a moment to sit and read one of the **accounts of the Birth of Jesus** from the Scriptures – Matthew 1:18-2:23 or Luke 1:26-2:52. Have them identify key persons, key places, key events, and what happened? For older kids, what is different between the two accounts? They could compare what they read to your Nativity Crèche.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear of Mary's **Visitation** to Elizabeth and the joy in the Lord that they both found in that encounter. As we look to spend more time with family for the coming Holy Days of Christmas, how might our time together help us to draw closer to Christ? How might we minister to one another as Mary ministered to her older cousin Elizabeth? How might we make sure that the Holy Spirit fills our time together? And we keep Christ at the center.

For those who didn't make St Mary's **Advent Penance Service**, there is a "Last Chance" Advent Penance Service this Wednesday, December 23 at St Rose of Lima, Knightstown at 7p. What better way to prepare for Christ's holy coming than by recognizing our need as sinners for a loving, merciful, and forgiving Savior. Come visit a priest and experience joy!

On two practical matters, donations and pledges for the United Catholic Appeal (UCA) are still being accepted. We are doing great, but I'd love to see us make 40% of parishioner household participation. Also, all **donations** to the parish must be received and dated on or prior to December 31st to be included on this year's tax statements. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministries of St Mary Parish to help *form saints for Christ and the Church.*

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

Mass Schedule: December 21 - 28

Monday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Pat Osting
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Mary Aldridge
Thursday	4:00p.m.	Mary Eder
	6:00p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	Midnight	Pat Todd
Friday	9:00a.m.	Zelda Patterson
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Marvin & Mildred Hoeing
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Deceased Members Joe & Myrtha Moran family
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose



Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are on the tables at each church entrance. Please fill out the envelope and drop it into the regular Sunday collection.

The Parish Office will close at noon on December 24 and remain closed on December 25, 2015, for Christmas.

The Parish Office will close at noon on December 31 and remain closed on January 1, 2015, for New Year's.

Christmas and New Year's Worship 2015

Christmas: December 24, Mass at 4:00p.m., 6:00p.m., and 12:00 Midnight and December 25 at 9:00a.m.

New Year's: December 31, Mass at 4:30p.m. and January 1 at 9:00a.m.



Incense will be used at the 6:00p.m. Mass on December 24, Midnight Mass and the 9:00a.m. Mass on December 25.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Admonish the Sinner
- Instruct the Ignorant
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Comfort the Sorrowful
- Bear wrongs Patiently
- Forgive all Injuries
- Pray for the Living / Dead

Servers - December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

Thur. 4:00p.m. Sophie Wesling, Mitchell Cowan,
Addison Ballenger, Shaun & Michael Fudge
6:00p.m. Danny Corn, Ereena Moore,
Gabby Pavey, Leila Amos
Midnight Gus Haley, Richards Barnes, Nick Amos
Fri. 9:00a.m. Adam Leising, Katie & Anne Thoman

Lectors - December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

Thur. 4:00p.m. Ann Curtis
6:00p.m. Cecilia Orr
Midnight John & Jonathon Blankman
Fri. 9:00a.m. Allen Leising & Lou Starkey

Extra-Ordinary Ministers- December 24 & 25

Thur. 4:00p.m. Carol Yager, Kevin Spilman,
Ken & Nancy Schroeder
6:00p.m. Rita Corn, Shelly Bostic, Denise Small,
Jason Pavey, Susan Hoeing
Midnight Steve Richards, Regenia Ripberger,
Sarah Niedenthal, Rosie Chance
Fri. 9:00a.m. Susie Odum, Steve Pavey,
Stephen Ariens

Ushers - December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

Thur. 4:00p.m. Jim Cowan & Volunteer
6:00p.m. Danny & Nate Hoeing
Midnight Doug Osborne & Joe Chance
Fri. 9:00a.m. Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer

Servers - December 26 & 27

Sat. 5:30p.m. Macy Hoeing, Samantha Spaeth,
Will Thoman
Sun. 7:30a.m. Addison Ballenger,
Adam & Keith Neuman
10:00a.m. Gus Haley, Gabby Pavey, Sam Barada

Lectors - December 26 & 27

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers- December 26 & 27

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

Ushers for December 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Bruce Fenimore & Steve Schwering
Sun. 7:30a.m. Bobby Spaeth & John Niehoff
10:00a.m. Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Dec. 21 Jeanie Spaeth Dec. 28 Joan Meo

Money Counters

Dec. 21 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery,
Royanna Eck
Dec. 28 (1) Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane
Niccum, Mary Schneider
(2) Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,
Donna Land, Diana Leising

Sunday Collection



Due to the Liturgical Publishing's holiday submission schedule, the December 13, 20 and 27 collection details will appear in the January 6, 2016 bulletin.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to St. Mary Parish. Please continue to be generous, as you remember all of your blessings this holiday season. Contributions for the 2015 tax year must be dated December 31, 2015. Contributions dated January 1, 2016 will be reflected on 2016 contribution statements.


Children bring much joy to our world! From listening to their singing voices to watching them discover something new for the first time, our children epitomize the hope and joy of our lives. Knowing that so many children struggle in our own communities, we are called to impact the joy they experience. Please help support our children by taking advantage of the *Tax Credit Scholarship* offered through the *Institute of Quality Education*. This program makes scholarships available to families who want to enroll their children in a Catholic school, but find this to be a financial challenge. In return you will receive:

- A 50% Indiana State Tax Credit
- The ability to designate your gift to the Catholic School of your choice.
- The knowledge that you provide tuition assistance to a student.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary O'Brien at 317-236-1568 or e-mail her at robrien@archindy.org. You may also contact Sherri Kirschner, Principal of St. Mary School.

Parish Planning Morning for the Parish Council, Finance Council, School Commission and Parish Staff on January 9, 2016 from 8:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. Please mark you calendars!

Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN have Nursing Assistant positions available. Both shifts are 3-11p.m. They offer on the job training. If interested, call Diana Schutte at 812-934-2475.



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.

Date	Pledge Cards	Pledge Amount
11/10/14	180	\$34,275
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	41%	240%



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

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!

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

From the entire staff of St. Mary Catholic School, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, December 20. Topic: Advent or Make-up class. 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: No class December 20 & 27. Class resumes January 3, 2015.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, Next class is scheduled for January 10, from 5:30-7:45p.m.

Youth Group: January 10, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

I would like to wish all of the Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening Religious Education students, parents, catechists and volunteers a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year. Have a great holiday break. Jill Kuntz, ARE



January 11 - Betty Eder
 January 15 - Dave Roberts
 Ambassador Healthcare
 705 E. Main St., Rm. VU8
 Centerville, IN 47330

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

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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