



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

FEBRUARY 14, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY
OF
LENT

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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

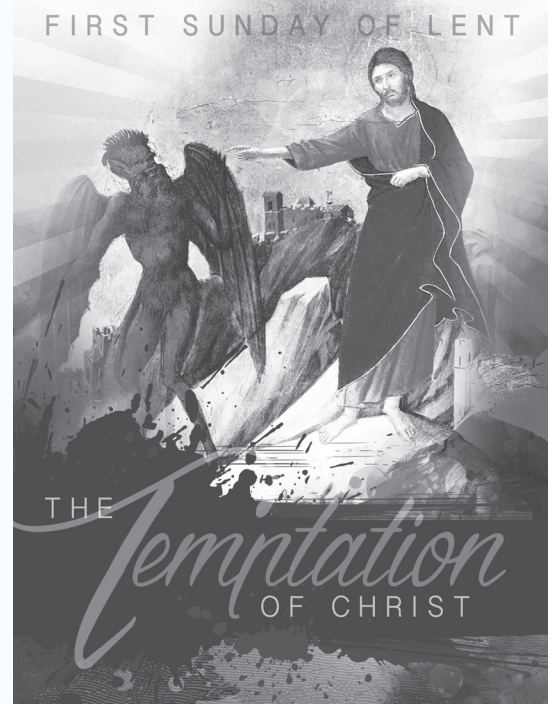
Call the parish office for scheduling.

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.*



“**Lent** is a time of conversion and a time to deepen one's faith, demonstrating and sharing it through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy,” Pope Francis recently stated in his annual address in advance of the start of the Holy Season of Lent. “Faith”, says the pope, “finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit. Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, welcoming strangers, offering instruction, giving comfort”... “on such things will we be judged,” (Cf. Mt 25:31-46) the pope wrote in the message, which was released at the Vatican on January 26.

Particularly during the **Year of Mercy**, he said, Catholics are called to recognize their own need for God's mercy, the greatness of God's love seen in the death and resurrection of Christ, and the obligation to assist others by communicating God's love and mercy through words and deeds. “The root of all sin” is thinking that one is god, something often expressed in a total preoccupation for accumulating money and power, the pope wrote. And just as individuals can be tempted to think they have no need of God, social and political systems can run the same risk, ignoring both God and the real needs of human beings.

“Love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness,” Pope Francis wrote. It is the only response to the longings “that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches... The danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is hell.” But through acts of mercy and charity, “by touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need.”

“In the **corporal works of mercy** we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited.” “In the **spiritual works of mercy** – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness.” In the Christian life, Pope Francis said, “the corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated.” (CNS)

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

Mass Schedule: February 15 - 21

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Bill Figueroa
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Bob & Betty Owens
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Mary Aldridge
Friday	8:30a.m.	Ruth Coon
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Myrtha Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Joe & Myrtha Moran
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose

Liturgical Ministers Morning of Reflection: The session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 20, 2016** at St. Gabriel, Connersville, beginning with Mass at 9a.m. and concluding at 12:30p.m.

Food Pantry: Pork & Beans or Spaghetti-o's/Ravioli are the items of the month, for February. For special deliveries or questions, contact Susan Hoeing, 765-561-1040.

Are You Registered with St. Mary? If you do not have parish contribution envelopes and if you are not receiving the weekly Archdiocesan newspaper, the Criterion, there is a good chance we do not have you in our parish system. Please drop by the parish office, during regular business hours, to register.

Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 7p.m., in the church. Call Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958 with any questions.



We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, food, support and love during this difficult time. Your thoughts and kind words are appreciated. We cannot thank you enough for all you have done and will continue to do to help us. Love, Christie, Kisha, Joe, Niki and Hillary.

Mowing Bids are now being accepted for the mowing of the church Church and school grounds for 2016. Bids must be submitted to the parish office by noon on February 26, 2016.



Paul Leising and all of the sick and suffering in our parish and community.

K of C Chicken Fry: February 13, 2016 from 5-8p.m. A portion of the proceeds donated to Gus Haley's Eagle Scout Project - A grotto at Calvary Cemetery.



Our Sympathy to Jeanie Leising and Terri Nigh and families at the recent death of their brother, Herb Saxon.

Our Condolences to Jean and Ken Stanley at the death of Jean's mother, Maxine Bradburn.

Our Sympathy to Cathy and Mark McCallister and family at the death of Cathy's mother, Goldie VanLue.

Liturgical Roles

Servers – February 20 & 21

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Savannah & Isabell Westphal, Samantha Spaeth
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Addison Ballenger, Adam Leising, Adam Neuman
	10:00a.m.	Hayden Walls, Clara & Sofia Kemple

Lectors - February 20 & 21

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr
Sun.	7:30a.m.	John Williams
	10:00a.m.	Steve Sickbert

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– February 20 & 21

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Shelly Bostic, Mary Ann Beard, Tom Giesting
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Holly Bess, Gary Nigh, Tom Giesting
	10:00a.m.	Laura Ash, Amaranta Kemple, Kevin Spilman

Ushers for February 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bob Meer & John Meyer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Brian Hill & Mary Hill
	10:00a.m.	David & Brayton Schultz

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 15	Monica Neuman
Feb. 22	Bob Dwenger & Jeanie Hedrick

Money Counters

Feb. 16 (Tuesday)	Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider
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Cisco Jesus Valdez and Javier Dane Valdez, children of Francisco and Dana (Booth) Valdez, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on February 20, 2016. Welcome, Cisco and Javier!

Order a Brick in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One: Cost of each brick is \$50.00. Order forms can be found in the racks on the information tables in the church vestibules.

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, is providing a Lenten program by Dr. Susan Yanos, on Thursday evenings during Lent, beginning February 18 and ending March 17 from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the Parish Center.

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference: March 19, 2016. Registration: www.indianacatholicwomen.com

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region.

DVD's and CD's of the Father of Mercy Mission presented here at St. Mary are available online at www.fathersofmercy.com.

Sunday Collection
February 7, 2016



Adults (147 Envelopes + 16 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,614.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 530.69
Total	\$ 8,148.69
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +648.69 ☺
Sunday 2/7/16	\$ 8,148.69
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 230.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,148.00
Votive Candles	\$ 42.00
Criterion	\$ 620.00
Father's of Mercy	\$ 2,316.00
Propagation of Faith/Missions	\$ 170.00
Food Pantry	\$ 435.00
TOTAL 2/7/16	\$ 14,109.69

Mass Attendance - 2/7/16 - 689



**MEET THIS WEEK'S
RCIA
CATECHUMEN**

NIKI CAIN

My name is Niki Cain, the daughter of Roger and Christie Cain. I opened an in-home daycare over three years ago.

St. Mary's Church and its members have influenced me since I was a young girl. My parents decided to enroll my sisters and me into St. Mary School and throughout the years, I have seen fist-hand incredible examples of what it means to be a Catholic. My father exemplified Christian values, and though he never explicitly encouraged me to be Catholic, his strong faith and actions showed me why I want to join the church. Oracio Leon also supports my decision and encourages me as I progress through RCIA classes.

The members of the church have celebrated my good fortune and have consoled me through my sorrows. Their kindness and dedication to their faith have further supported my decision to join the Catholic church.

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.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

- Feb. 17 Introduction to Matthew
- Feb. 24 Mt 1 - Jesus: Son of David, Son of Abraham
- Mar. 2 Mt 2 - King in Exile
- Mar. 9 Mt 3 - John: Forerunner to the King
- Mar. 16 Mt 4 - Tempting of the King
- Mar. 23 Holy Week/Spring Break/**No Class**
- Mar. 30 Mt 5 - Bar is Raised by the King
- Apr. 6 Mt 6 - Personal Piety
- Apr. 13 Mt 7 - Choices in the Kingdom
- Apr. 20 Mt 8 - King's Power Demonstrated
- Apr. 27 Mt 9 - New Wine, New Wineskins

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No Class, TODAY, February 14 (Great Americans Day. Please keep Catechumens: Niki Cain, Jordon Lightner, Cody Smith, Tammy Smith, Alexis Query, Bree Huskins and Kaitlyn Dawson and Candidates: Darren Kessler, Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Sherry Owen in your prayers.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: No Class TODAY, February 14 (Great Americans Day).

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, February 21, 2016.

Youth Group - February 21, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

ADULT CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Saturday, March 5, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m., at Christ the King. If you are an adult who has been baptized Catholic and never confirmed, we invite you to attend a day retreat in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Continental breakfast and a catered lunch are included. Cost is free! Forms can be found on the information tables in church. Questions? Please call 317-255-3666 or email cflaten @ctk-indy.org

ST. MARY ADULT SOCIAL
Adult Euchre/Card Party/ Pitch-in
Saturday, February 27, 2016 - After 5:30p.m. Mass
St. Mary Catholic School
Please bring your own drinks and a food item to share.
Free will offering or nonperishable item for the Food Pantry.
Greg and Theresa Alexander - 817-345-1537
Eric and Lisa Wagoner - 812-593-0790