



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY
OF
LENT

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.**



3rd Sunday of Lent 1st Scrutiny

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" *Jn 4:28-29*

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"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil" (Lk 4:1). Lent is a particular way we Christians participate in these temptations, so a few encouraging words on temptations by some of the great Church Fathers:

"If in Christ we have been tempted, in Him we overcome the Devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of His victory? See yourself as tempted in Him, and see yourself as victorious in Him. He could have kept the Devil away from Himself, but if He had not been tempted, He could not teach you how to triumph over temptation." ~ St

Augustine

"To be tempted is not a sin. Rather, it's an opportunity for exercising virtue. So temptation can be greatly to our benefit." ~ St Albert the Great

"As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm; as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle, and the hero in adversity: so is the Christian tried in temptation." ~ St Basil the Great

"Whatever good is to be attained, struggle is necessary. So don't fear temptations, but rejoice in them, for they lead to achievement. God helps and protects you." ~ St Barsanuphius of Gaza

"It is necessary that temptations should happen. For who will be crowned except the one who will have lawfully fought? And how will a man fight if there is no one to attack him?" ~ St Bernard of Clairvaux

"In your strife with the Devil, you have for spectators the angels and the Lord of angels." ~ St Ephraem of Syria

God assist you in your Lenten temptations... Be encouraged!

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

Mass Schedule: February 29 - March 6

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Ken Schneider
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	John & Bertha Wesling
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Fr. Ken Ciano
Friday	8:30a.m.	Joe & Clemma Conroy
	7:00p.m.	<i>Reading of the Passion</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Esther Goss



Calvary Cemetery Clean-Up Day: Saturday, March 19, 2016, beginning at 9a.m. **Items you wish to keep must be removed by March 14, 2016.** Please contact Steve Wagner, with any questions.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, during Lent, at 7p.m. Friday, March 4, will be the Reading of the Passion.

St. Mary Penance Service: March 10, 2016, at 7:00p.m.

Food Pantry: Pork & Beans and Macaroni & Cheese are the items of the month, for March. 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.

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.

K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 4 2016. Proceeds to benefit the Boy Scouts. Carry outs are available.

Elections: Nominations for openings for the Parish Council and the School Commission are now being accepted. Forms are located on the table in the north vestibule of the church. You will be contacted, personally, to confirm your nomination. The nomination boxes will be available, until noon, on February 28, 2016.

Fr. Burkhart Scholarship: Applications are available in the parish office during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2016/2017. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

St. Mary PTA Scholarship: Applications are available at RCHS or on the table in the north vestibule in church. Applicants must be a St. Mary School Alumni who attended St. Mary School from 1st through 6th grade. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2016.

Liturgical Roles

March 4, Reading of the Passion (No Servers) Servers – March 5 & 6

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Alex Spaeth, Jonathan Ripberger, John Alexander
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Nick Amos, Glen Harpring, Grant Hill
	10:00a.m.	Matthew Komlanc, Richard Barnes, Savannah Snow

Lectors - March 5 & 6

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Donna Smith
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers – March 5 & 6

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Alan Niehoff, Shelly Bostic, Julia Jessup
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Jerry Rudolf, Doug Krieger, Holly Bess
	10:00a.m.	Kim L. Yager, Ruth Houk, Theresa Komlanc

Ushers for March 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Elbert Gordon & Dave Risselman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bob Bridges & Mark McCallister
	10:00a.m.	Jim Cowan & Greg Koors

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 29 Jeanie Spaeth Mar. 7 Joan Meo

Money Counters

Feb. 29 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey,
Debby Williams
Mar. 7 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery,
Royanna Eck

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, February 28. Topic: God Calls Us to Pray. 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.
First Scrutiny & Presentation of the Creed for Catechumens.
Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: TODAY, February 28.
High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, March 6, 2016 and Youth Group at 4:00p.m.

Adult Confirmation: If you are an adult who has been baptized Catholic and never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father Gries, for information

First Communion: May 1 at the 10:00a.m. Mass.

Confirmation: May 7 at 2p.m., St. Gabriel, Connersville.



Wendal Witsman - March 27, 2016

Sunday Collection
February 21, 2016



Adults (122 Envelopes + 7 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,173.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 507.79
Total	\$ 6,684.79
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ <u>-7,500.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -815.21 ☹
Sunday 2/21/16	\$ 6,684.79
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 250.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 224.00
Votive Candles	\$ 26.00
Criterion	\$ 555.00
Propagation of Faith/Missions	\$ 465.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>270.00</u>
TOTAL 2/21/16	\$ 8,574.79

Mass Attendance - 2/21/16 - 601



**MEET THIS
WEEK'S
RCIA
CANDIDATE**

Mike Moore

My name is Mike Moore. I am a 1970 Graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School.

I served as a firefighter on the Franklin Fire Department from 1974-2001 completing 27 years of service. I ended my career with the fire department serving as the Assistant Fire Chief. I then went to work for Midwest Graphics in Indianapolis delivering printing plates and cutting dyes.

I met and married Char (Heiden) Moore, a pianist at St. Mary. After attending St. Mary Catholic Church for two years, I made the decision to take the RCIA class to become a member, so I can share in the fullness and completeness of the Sacraments of the Church.

In my spare time, I enjoy fishing and spending time with my family.

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

- Mar. 2 Mt 2 - King in Exile
- Mar. 9 Mt 3 - John: Forerunner to the King
- Mar. 16 Mt 4 - Tempting of the King

Remember as you pray:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, David Bedel, Marie Bever, Mary Busald, Colette Concannon, Katy Curtis, Erin Doyle, Jeff Ernstes, Bud & Carol Ann Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Jeanne Hedrick, Florence Herbert, Dick Joyner, Jeff Krieger, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve, Christi Ann & Abby Link, James and Mary McGinnis, Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Marilyn Niehoff, Paul Niehoff, Steve Oesterling, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Roger Roberson, Dave Roberts, Steve Schneider, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cathy Smith, Anita Sopher, David Starkey, Rudy Wesling, Ron Wilson, CarolAnn Woelfel, Glenn Woods.

For those proudly serving our country: Garrett Hadler, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

For those of our parish who are homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Kathryn Smiley, Martha Todd.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Marjorie Niehoff, Ginny Northam, Ann Parish, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Louise Childers, Ann Gillian, Jacki Hess, Dorothy Jarman, Nellie Rice, Norman and Dorothy Snyder, Ruth Stuckey, Edna Wehr, Wendal Witsman.

Those who have passed away: Herb Saxon, Jimmy Barnes, Maxine Bradburn, Goldie VanLue, Kristopher Washmuth.

Easter Flower Donations are being accepted. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the church vestibules.

E6 Catholic Men's Conference: March 5, 2016 - 9a.m.-3:30p.m. East Central High School, St. Leon, IN. Register online at www.e6catholicmensconference.com. Speakers include Archbishop Tobin and Fr. Jonathan Meyer.

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference: March 19, 2016 at Marriott Indianapolis Downtown. Registration information may be found at www.indianacatholicwomen.com or call 317-373-2125.

Mark Your Calendar! (1) St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2016. (2) PTA