



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH 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.**



4th Sunday of Lent 2nd Scrutiny

Jesus answered, "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." *Jn 9:4-5*

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During Pope Francis' General Audience on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, he had some challenging words regarding the full meaning and effect of a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

"We read in the Book of Leviticus: And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property" and each of you shall return to his family... In this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his property" (25:10.13). According to these dispositions, if someone was constrained to sell his land or his house, during the jubilee he could repossess it; and if someone had contracted debts and, unable to pay them, was constrained to put himself at the service of the creditor, he could return free to his family and regain all his property. It was a sort of "general amnesty," which permitted all to return to their original situation, with the cancellation of all debts, the restitution of land, and the possibility to enjoy freedom again as members of the People of God. A "holy" people, where prescriptions such as that of the jubilee served to combat poverty and inequality, guaranteeing a worthy life for all and a fair distribution of the land on which to dwell and from which to draw sustenance...With the jubilee, whoever had become poor had again what was necessary to live, and whoever had become rich restored to the poor man what he had taken from him. The aim was a society based in equality and solidarity, where liberty, land and money became a good for all and not only for some, as happens now.

If I'm not mistaken ... more or less, the numbers aren't certain, but 80% of the riches of humanity are in the hands of less than 20% of the population. It is a jubilee – and I say this recalling the history of our salvation – to be converted, so that our heart becomes larger, more generous, more a child of God, with more love. I'll tell you something: if this desire, **if the jubilee doesn't reach pockets, it isn't a jubilee.** Have you understood? And this is in the Bible!... In fact, the jubilee had the function of helping the people to live a concrete fraternity, made up of mutual help. We can say that the biblical jubilee was a "jubilee of mercy," because it was lived in the sincere search for the good of the needy brother." (<https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-giving-of-our-riches-to-share-with-the-poor/>)

As I said... challenging words! *St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries*

Mass Schedule: March 7 - 13

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Fr. Ken Ciano
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Ruth Jenkins
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Becky Ernstes Allen
Friday	8:30a.m.	Herb Saxon
	7:00p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Marie Anderson
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose

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.** Contact Steve Wagner, with any questions.

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.

K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 19, 2016.

Fr. Burkhardt 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.

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

Prayer List: Pam Hauser, Tony Laird, Karen Taff



St. Mary Food Pantry has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmer and parishioner, Tom Ripberger. The donation will help provide food for those in need in Rush County.

Asked why he chose the St. Mary Food Pantry, Tom said, "I felt the food pantry provided for many families outside of our own church family. As a farmer, I know the importance of growing and providing food and hope this money will help the food pantry reach those families in need." Pictured accepting the donation are Susan Hoeing, Tom Ripberger and Father Gries.

Liturgical Roles

Servers March 11 - Macy & Nick Hoeing

Servers - March 12 & 13

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Macy & Nick Hoeing, Sophie Wesling
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Adam Neuman, Keith Neuman, Addison Ballenger
	10:00a.m.	Gabby Pavey, Michael & Shaun Fudge

Lectors - March 12 & 13

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ruth Houk
	10:00a.m.	Debi Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - March 12 & 13

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Mary Ann Beard, Rita Corn, Tom Giesting
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Susie Odum, Gary Nigh, Ken Schroeder
	10:00a.m.	Jason Pavey, Stephen Ariens, Sarah Niedenthal

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

Mar. 7 Joan Meo Mar. 14 Janet Pike

Money Counters

Mar. 7 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery, Royanna Eck
 Mar. 14 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, March 6. Topic: Jesus Taught Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer. 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 prayer.

Second Scrutiny: for Catechumens TODAY, March 6.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: TODAY, March 6.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY, March 6, 2016.

Youth Group at 4:00p.m. Group will be filling eggs for the Easter egg hunt on March 26.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Youth Group, will begin at 10a.m. on March 26 on the grounds of St. Mary. Donations of candy are being accepted. Please bring candy to the parish office before March 10.



**Sunday Collection
February 28, 2016**



Adults (139 Envelopes + 18 Loose Checks)	\$ 12,088.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 319.75
Total	\$ 12,412.75
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +4,912.75 ☺

Sunday 2/28/16	\$ 12,412.75
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 240.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 613.78
Votive Candles	\$ 78.00
Criterion	\$ 160.00
Propagation of Faith/Missions	\$ 440.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Food Pantry	\$ 205.00
TOTAL 2/28/16	\$ 14,209.53

Mass Attendance - 2/28/16 - 638

Year-to-Date (7/1/15-1/31/16)

Revenue	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Sunday	265,667	239,167	410,000
School/Other *	485,853	352,644	598,500
Total	751,520	591,811	1,008,500
Expenses			
Total **	898,191	616,536	1,020,175
Net Total	(\$146,671)	(24,725)	(11,675)

* Includes \$44,775 in Extraordinary Income - Estate Bequest

** Includes \$270,098 in Extraordinary Expense - School Restroom Renovation



The Annual Spring Rummage Sale benefitting the St. Mary's School PTA will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E St Rd 44) on Friday, April 1 from 8:30a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, April 2 from 8:30a.m.-1p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for the sale items will be on Thursday, March 31 from 9a.m.-6p.m.

at the CONSERVATION CLUB. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale can also bring those items to the Conservation Club on Thursday or Friday morning. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions. Thank you.

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.



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

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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**



**MEET THIS WEEK'S
RCIA
CANDIDATE**

Kevin Dolan

I was born in Connorsville and baptized at St. Gabriel. I am fortunate to have been raised in

Rushville and graduate from Rushville High School.

I have a son Eric, his wife Tiffany and grandbaby Zaedyn.

I retired from the US Army and National Guard with over 25 years of service. My current position is as a Warehouse Team Leader for Valeo. In my spare time, I like to scuba dive, shoot at gun ranges, ride motorcycles and play golf-at least that is what most people call it.

Many times over the years, I have felt God's presence to "come home." Since February 2015, I have attended Mass and decided I need to learn more about being Catholic and God. Since attending Mass and RCIA class, I have felt at peace with a lot of issues and blessed to be alive. Most importantly, I greatly admire and respect our Catholic faith, traditions and structure.

Prior to her death, my maternal grandmother was the most influential and faithful Catholic that I ever met. I believe that she is sitting to the right of Jesus consulting with Him on who should and shouldn't be allowed into heaven.

Favorite Saint: St. Augustine of Hippo

Favorite Scripture Passage: Psalm 27

St. Mary Catholic School is looking to add to their sub list. No teaching experience required. A little patience and a desire to help students succeed are necessary. Contact the school office for additional information.

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