



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

MARCH 20, 2016  
PALM  
SUNDAY

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179  
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## Our St. Mary Prayer Line

765-663-2444

## Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

## Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

## School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

## Baptism

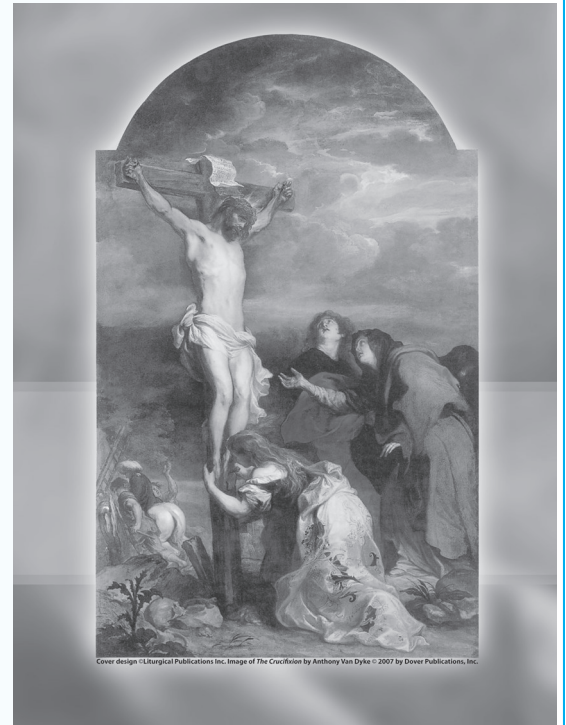
Call the parish office for scheduling.

## 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



**“The Master has need of it** (i.e., the colt)” (Lk 19:31). With these simple words, the owner of the previously unused colt allows Jesus’ disciples to walk off with it. Think of that. If someone came to you and asked for your car, your cell phone, your credit card, and the only reason given was “The Master has need of it,” would you hand it over? Probably not... I wouldn’t. I might want a bit more explanation. Who is the “Master?” By what authority? Why should I listen? When will I get it back? Questions, explanations, haggling, wrangling... we are slow to respond. We put up a fight. We put up barriers and obstacles. We look after our interest first; and in so doing, we can get in the way of helping the Master.

What in your heart, your life, your world does the Master have need of? Obviously, at the objective level, nothing. God *needs* nothing of us. God is complete, perfect, and whole in and of Himself. And yet, God works out His divine plan in and through us incomplete, imperfect, and broken human persons. He needs us, because He wants us. He needs us because He loves us. He wants to use us to build His kingdom, to spread His Holy Word, to find the lost, to bind up the wounded, to provide for the less fortunate. The Master does have need of you – the you He created, He endowed, He blessed.

How do you respond? Where are you responding? Be specific, be concrete, be exact, for if you can’t be, you probably aren’t being used by the Master. You probably are resisting the request, “The Master has need of you.” Today, with Palm Sunday, we hail Jesus as “the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” We sing Hosanna in the highest. We gather to Jesus in this triumphal entry... for what Jesus can do for us. But where are when He carries His Cross? It is then that the Master has need of you.

This Holy Week, enter into the great mystery and unfolding of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday). Set aside unnecessary work. Make Jesus and the Gospel and the Saving Work of His Redemption your focus, your priority, your reason for life... for it is this that we celebrate that gives us true life.

RCIA Members – we pray for you as you draw near to this great Mystery, to this new life, to the Family of God, to our family. We are excited for you. We rejoice in you. May you and we become “us,” and may we answer with all that we are when the request is made “The Master has need of it.”

St Mary, Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

## Mass Schedule: March 21 - 27

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Jim & Helen Ewing
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
<b>Friday</b>	3:00p.m.	Good Friday Service
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30p.m.	Andy & Trudy Ariens
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Merlin Herbert and Marilyn King



Mel Gibson's The Passion of Christ Movie will be shown TODAY, Palm Sunday, March 20 at 3p.m. in the school multipurpose room.

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.



Our Sympathy to Wayman and Marge Mahan and family at the death of Marge's sister, Marie Olinger. Our Condolences to Jerry and Joann Herbert at the death of Joann's brother, Bill Merrell.

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.

Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPI), our bulletin publisher, will have Nik Alexander, our bulletin representative, visiting our Church the week of March 28, 2016 to service our bulletin. To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact Nik Alexander directly at 812-240-8545. Keep in mind our advertising sponsors make the bulletin possible.

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



<b>March 22</b>	-	No 6:30p.m. Mass
<b>March 23</b>	-	Mass 8:30a.m.
<b>March 24</b>	-	Holy Thursday Service 6:30p.m.
<b>March 25</b>	-	Good Friday Service 3:00p.m.
<b>March 26</b>	-	Easter Vigil Mass 8:30p.m.
<b>March 27</b>	-	Easter Mass 7:30a.m. & 10a.m.



The parish office will be closed on Good Friday.

## Liturgical Roles

March 24 at 6:30p.m. (Holy Thursday)

Servers - Sofia & Clara Kemple, Gus Haley, Mitchell Cowan, Jonathan & Katie Ripberger

Lector - Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - Jane Ariens (Choir), Amaranta Kemple, Barb Musgrave, Denise Small

Ushers - Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer

March 25 at 3:00p.m. (Good Friday)

Servers - Danny Corn, Gus Haley, Mitchell Cowan, Macy & Nick Hoeing

Lectors - John & Jonathon Blankman

Extra-Ordinary Minister - Tom Giesting (only 1 needed)

Ushers - Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer

Servers – March 26 & 27

Sat. 8:30p.m. Mitchell Cowan, Gus Haley, Ereena Moore, Will, Katie & Anne Thoman

Sun. 7:30a.m. Adam Leising, Glen Harpring, Addison Ballenger

10:00a.m. Clara & Sofia Kemple, Hayden Wall

Lectors - March 26 & 27

Sat. 8:30p.m. Mary Beth Burklow, Cecilia Orr, Ruth Houk

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– March 26 & 27

Sat. 8:30p.m. Jerry Rudolf, Denise Small, Monica Neuman

Sun. 7:30a.m. Carol Yager, Regenia Ripberger, Gary Nigh

10:00a.m. Jane Ariens (Choir), Shelly Bostic, Amaranta Kemple, Debbie Banks

Ushers March 26 (Holy Saturday)

8:30p.m. Joe Chance & Volunteer

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. 21 Monica Neuman

Mar. 28 Bob Dwenger & Jeanie Hedrick

Money Counters

Mar. 21 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising

Mar. 28 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey, Debbie Williams



St. Mary Youth Group is selling St. Mary T-Shirts. \$15.00 each. Place your order after Mass or by contacting Debbie Banks (317-402-8108) or rushvillebridal@yahoo.com.

**Sunday Collection**  
**March 13, 2016**



**Due to early submission date of the bulletin to the printer, the March 13, 2016 collection figures will be in the March 27, 2016 bulletin.**

This weekend, we are taking up a second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. This collection is an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa and support pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Projects include support for migrants and communications efforts, building of new churches, and formation for priests and religious. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.



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.

**-Religious Education News-**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No class March 20 and 27 (Holy Week and Easter). 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.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: No class March 20 and 27 (Holy Week and Easter).

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th, April 10, 2016. Youth Group at 4:00p.m. April 10, 2016.

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.



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

*Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*

- Mar. 23 Holy Week/Spring Break/**No Class**
- Mar. 30 Mt 5 - Bar is Raised by the King
- Apr. 6 Mt 6 - Personal Piety



**MEET THIS  
WEEK'S  
RCIA  
CATECHUMEN**

**Kaitlyn  
Dawson**

I was born and raised in Connersville, Indiana. I was a member of Living Waters Assembly of God's Youth Group and a member of Community Christian Pentecostal Church in Connersville. I graduated from Connersville High School in 2015.

I have always been a church-goer and always loved my Pentecostal roots. I met Ryan Neuman and his family two years ago and Ryan encouraged me to come to his church Mass. Being raised in a Pentecostal Church my entire life, I was a little scared to see how a Catholic Church would be. After attending a few Masses, I couldn't stop. I felt so much love, family and togetherness in the Church. It was then I realized I wanted to be a part of the Church family and I couldn't be happier with my decision.

Favorite Saint: St. Anne

Favorite Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:6

Favorite Hobby: Writing

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.

St. Mary Catholic School is looking to add to their sub list. No teaching experience is required. Contact the school office for additional information.

Mark Your Calendar! St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2016. This is an event to support St. Mary School. Enjoy a catered meal, live and silent auctions, plus many more activities.