



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

APRIL 17, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council **Finance Council** **School Commission**
Chair: Shawn Adkins Chair: Elbert Gordon Chair: Jamey Pavey

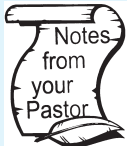
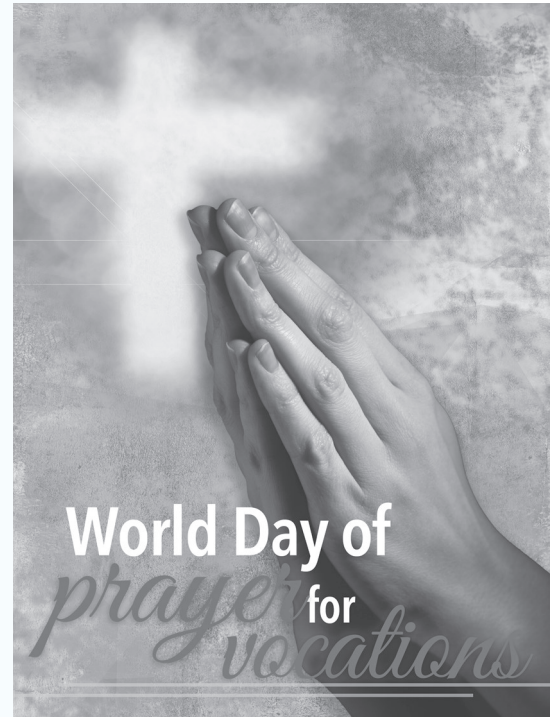
Baptism

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.**



The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!

To Him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!

Being mid-April farmers will soon be out to the fields cultivating and planting. Please know of my prayers for your bountiful harvest and your personal safety. Some important articles appeared in the April, 2016 issue of *Indiana Prairie Farmer* that are of interest to us. They relate to the tragic loss of parishioner Roger Cain back in January due to a soybean bin accident. The articles are meant to remind everyone of the inherent dangers of farming and a call to safety first.

One article entitled, *Avoid tragedy in grain bin: 5 strategies* by Tom J. Bechman, gives 5 tips to staying safe when working in and around grain storage bins. While these are probably obvious to our experienced farmers, they are worth repeating. They are easy to forget when one is busy or overly familiar with tasks. They are: 1) Never enter a structure while unloading, 2) Only enter a structure with an observer present, 3) Do not enter a bin if grain is bridged or caked on walls, 4) Ensure stored grain maintains quality, and 5) Think before you act.

While farmers may not be dealing with grain bins as much over the next few months during planting, these five tips could be modified to the task-at-hand. 1) Watch out for moving parts, augers, and PTOs on the planters and tractors (I already have enough 4-fingered farmers coming up for Holy Communion!). 2) Let others know of your work plans for the day and try to work with a partner for safety. Emergency help is hard to get when by yourself. 3) Before climbing in your equipment, do a walk around to make sure everything looks in order, and don't climb under equipment without first turning things off. 4) Keep and maintain your equipment in good working order so it will function properly. 5) **Think before you act!**

I've presided at more than 150 funerals in my 7-years of priesthood. Roger Cain's was one of the toughest. He was a fine man, a younger, hardworking family man, and a good farmer. And his accident shouldn't have happened, except things went suddenly wrong in that bin. I'd just rather **not** do any more funerals for farming accidents. I'm sure you agree. This means you need to do your part: be careful and think before you act. The rest of the parish and I will do our part: pray to God, the Creator of the fields, for your safety as you tend the land. Safe and blessed planting. St Isidore the Farmer, Pray for us.

Happy and Blessed Easter to you all. St Mary, Mother of the Risen Lord, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: April 18-24

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Louise Childers
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Pat Osting
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Ralph Muckerheide
Friday	8:30a.m.	Joe & Clemma Conroy
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Myrtha Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Bill & Jean Moran
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose



Several months ago, I wrote about being respectful of our neighbors when and where we park. The issue has continued. On April 5th, St. Mary Parish and School received a letter from Chief of Police

Craig Tucker. He stated, "I wanted to write to you to see if there is any assistance you can provide for a parking issue we have received complaint of in the area of 5th and Perkins Streets.

[Local residents] are reporting that their driveway on East 5th Street is regularly being blocked around drop off and pick up times for school and during Mass on weekends. . . .In order to help resolve this issue fairly, the City of Rushville will be painting the curb/street area in front of the driveway at this property yellow and will additionally place signage stating "Do Not Block Driveway." Hopefully, this will resolve the issue; however, it should be noted that violators will be subject to tow if they block the private driveway. *Rev. Jeremy M. Gries*

Graduation Mass: All graduating high school seniors from St. Mary are invited to the annual graduation Mass at 7:30a.m. on May 22. The Knights of Columbus is offering a breakfast, following Mass, for seniors and their immediate (parents, siblings, grandparents) family. Please call the parish office, by noon on Friday, May 6, with your reservations.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Beard, recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Congratulations to Sheldon and Mary Hoeing who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 16, 2016.

Prayer List: Jeanie Hedrick

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Mike Woods and Jacki Hess, who passed away recently.



Your support of the **Preserving Our Heritage Campaign** is very much appreciated. As we approach the end of the three year campaign, (May 1, 2016) you are asked to complete your pledge commitment. Statements with the ending date of March 31, 2016, were mailed the first week of April. If you are unclear of your pledge balance, please call the parish office.

Liturgical Roles

Servers – April 23 & 24

- Sat. 8:30p.m. Isabell & Savannah Westphal,
Alex Spaeth
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Adam Leising, Adam & Keith Neuman
10:00a.m. Clara & Sofia Kemple, Nick Komlanc

Lectors - April 23 & 24

- Sat. 8:30p.m. Debby Williams
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing
10:00a.m. Steve Sickbert

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– April 23 & 24

- Sat. 8:30p.m. Mary Ann Beard, Ruth Houk,
Shelly Bostic
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Gary Nigh, Tom Giesting,
Susie Odum
- 10:00a.m. Kevin & Debbie Banks,
Amaranta Kemple

Ushers for April 2016

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Doug Osborne & Steve Comer
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Josh Niedenthal & Bruce Carter
10:00a.m. Joe Pavey & Gary Yager

Ministers-to-the-Sick

April 18 Janet Pike April 25 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

April 18 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,
Diana Leising

April 25 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey,
Debby Williams

Food Pantry Items for April: Spaghetti and cans of sauce.



Begin to Hope Again.

**Experience Hope and Healing
After an Abortion.**

8 Week Post-Abortion Healing Group
Mondays 7p.m.-9p.m. ~ Beginning April 11, 2016
(You can still register to attend.)

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat
May 13-15, 2016

Call 317-452-0054 for more information
Inquires, registration and participation strictly confidential.

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
April 10, 2016



Adults (142 Envelopes +12 Loose Checks	\$	8,568.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$	2.00
Loose	\$	348.20
Total	\$	8,918.20
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$	-7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$	+1,418.20 ☺

Sunday 4/10/16	\$	8,918.20
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	615.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$	2,476.66
Votive Candles	\$	252.00
Criterion	\$	20.00
Home Missions	\$	50.00
Sodality Dues	\$	30.00
Flowers	\$	30.00
Food Pantry	\$	133.00
TOTAL 4/10/16	\$	12,524.86

Mass Attendance - 4/10/16 - 635

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal. Please place your contribution into the regular Sunday collection basket.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - April 29-May 1, 2016. Are you living a busy life and don't really have time to talk to your spouse? Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will take place April 29-May 1, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis. This is an opportunity to examine your lives together, share your feelings, hopes, joys and frustrations without the interruption of family commitments, TV, internet and phone calls. Visit www.wvme.org to register.



Fall Festival

It's time once again to begin creating those beautiful things for the Auction Committee to sell at our Fall Festival on **September 11, 2016**. The Auction Committee greatly appreciates your contributions. Questions can be directed to Mary Schneider (932-5397) or Toni Schultz (561-4525).



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

Matthew: The King and His 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): Class TODAY, April 17, 2016. Discussion and questions.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: TODAY, April 17.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th, April 24.

Youth Group at 4:00p.m. April 24, 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 **11a.m.**, St. Gabriel, Connersville.

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

Pot of Gold - Thank you to those who purchased Pot of Gold raffle tickets. Winners: Christa Anderson-\$500; Diana Wright-\$100; Windy Mosburg-\$100; Jeanine Yager-\$100; Patty Mauer-\$500; Jennie Alexander-\$100; Barb Means-\$100; Marilyn Spilman-\$1,000. Congratulations!

St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2016. Reserve your tickets today by phone 765-932-3639 or by e-mail, tkomlanc@stmaryrush.org. \$75 per couple/\$40 single.

Spring Musical: May 11, 2016. Rehearsal at 1p.m. Evening performance at 6:30p.m.

Thank You, Tanya Starkey, for your dedication of nine years as the After School Care Director.

Richmond Catholic Community Second annual Spring Festival Saturday, April 30, 2016. Craft Bazaar, Vintage Market, Carnival Games, Hog Roast, Band, Beer & Wine Garden. 9a.m.-10p.m. Please join us at St. Andrew's/Seton Catholic High School for a day of food, fellowship and fun!

13th Annual St. Vincent DePaul Charity Tea: Saturday, May 7 at 1:30p.m. in the St. Vincent Parish Hall. The charity selected for this year is Pantry Pals. This organization works to ensure that the children of the county have a nutritious meal each day. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased by contacting Pat Barley at 765-265-7195.

Catholic Charities, Indianapolis, sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members/friends who are caregivers of older adults. For additional information, contact Monica Woodsworth at 317-261-3378 or