



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JANUARY 22, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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**Catholic Christians are
Pro-Life, Pro-Child, Pro-Woman,
Pro-Man, and Pro-Family**
from womb to tomb.

We have been since that fortunate 'unplanned' pregnancy
bore our Savior in Bethlehem.
Thank God!



From the **Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)**:

2261 Scripture specifies the prohibition contained in the fifth commandment: "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (Ex 23:7). The deliberate murder of an innocent person is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human being, to the golden rule, and to the holiness of the Creator. The law forbidding it is universally valid: it obliges each and everyone, always and everywhere.

2270 **Human life must be respected and protected absolutely** from the moment of conception.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. (Jer 1:5)

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. (Ps 139:15)

2272 Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life.

2276 Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

2277 Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.



I will be hosting a **Teaching Mass next Sunday, January 29 at Noon**. This is open to all, and it will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Please note, it will be longer than a normal Sunday Mass, as it will have commentary and explanation interspersed with the normal Liturgy.

St Mary, Mother of the Word of Life, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries



Faith Opportunity BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
School Multipurpose Room
Bring your Bible & Catechism!
Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Jan. 25 Acts 19 - Ministry in Ephesus
Feb. 1 Acts 20-21 - Paul heads for Jerusalem
Feb. 8 Acts 22:1-25:12 - Paul makes his Defense

'Teaching Mass' January 29 at Noon. Ever had questions about the Mass? Why Catholic Christians do this or that? Want to contemplate more deeply the 'Mystery' of the Mass? If you have specific questions regarding the Mass you'd like answered, covered or explained, please e-mail to frgries@stmaryrush.org by January 22. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.



**MEET THIS
WEEK'S
RCIA
CANDIDATE**

**MICHAEL (MIKE)
OWEN**

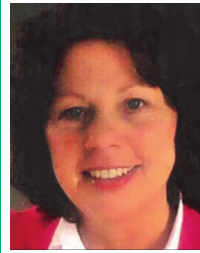
I am married to Sherry. We have two sons, John and wife Jodi and Michael and wife Stephanie. We have 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

I was born and raised on a farm in Rush County. I have farmed all of my life, until recently. I wasn't raised going to church and never attended church until I married Sherry. We renewed our vows in the Catholic Church in August, and Sherry joined then. I am thankful to God for bringing us into the faith. All my life I have been around Catholic families and worked for several Catholic men. I was impressed with the way they lived their lives.

I felt called to the church after a friend gave me a book to read about Father Kapaun. I am not a reader, but I could not put it down.

The most surprising thing about the faith is learning about the devotion to Mother Mary and the intercession of the Saints.

- ◆ Profession: Retired Farmer/Owner Sportsman Bar.
- ◆ Favorite Saint: St. Joseph.
- ◆ Favorite Scripture Passage: John 15:13; Deut. 31:6.
- ◆ Hobbies: Target shooting, collecting knives, yard work, walking my dog and trying to please the cats!
- ◆ Vacation Destinations: Mackinac City and the UP and also North Carolina.



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BRENDA GILLIAM**

My parents were Robert and Dorothea Benham. I'm the youngest of four. I grew up in the country/Mays learning the love of flying with my dad. Later, I received my flight license.

I'm a good listener, very caring towards heavy hearts. I love to make others smile. I am happiest being with my family and friends. I love music of all kinds. "LaPaloma" is one of my all time favorite songs. Herons are my favorite bird.

People in my life who have encouraged me are an aunt that was Catholic. During family dinners, she was scolded by her siblings for always needing to leave to go to the Catholic Church! I was always curious about what was going on in her secret destination. In 1997, new neighbors moved in across the street...they were...Catholics! Mary Beth Burklow soon became one of my best friends. She has taken me to several Masses and has long conversations about Catholicism. Barb Craven taught me how to make a Rosary and what each bead means and symbolizes. Carol Wiley has taken me to St. Meinrad several times. I do know that God is in our midst and places people in our lives for a very blessed reason. I know in my heart, mind, and soul this is where I can deepen my faith.

- ◆ Profession: mother, grandmother, cosmetologist. I am a tech at Dr. Sickbert's Family Eye Care.
- ◆ Favorite Saint: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- ◆ Favorite Scripture: 1 Cor 2: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him.

In Sympathy

Our Sympathy to: The family and friends of Ginny Northam who passed away on January 12.

Our Condolences to: Gary,

Theresa and Jeremy Glover at the death of Gary's mother, Betty Glover.

We Would Greatly Appreciate Your Help. Please call the Parish Office and let us know when a family member wishes to receive the Eucharist on our weekly visits to the nursing homes. We do not want to miss anyone.



St. Mary Food Pantry: Items needed for the month of January are: Pork & Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, and Canned Fruit. Monetary donations are always welcome.

United Catholic Appeal: On behalf of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, a big 'thanks' to St. Mary for its participation in this year's United Catholic Appeal. This year's parish goal was \$14,255. 223 households (50%) have pledged a total of \$40,825. That's 286% of the parish's goal. Thanks to all who have participated, and please continue to keep our Archdiocese and all its ministries in prayer. May the Lord continue to bless us and the work we are doing at both the parish and archdiocesan levels.

Sunday Collection
January 15, 2017



Adults (131 Envelopes +15 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,047.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 434.76
Total	\$ 7,483.76
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -516.24 ☹
Sunday 1/15/17	\$ 7,483.76
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 365.00
Votive Candles	\$ 44.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 250.00
Food Pantry	\$ 110.00
TOTAL 1/15/17	\$ 8,252.76

Mass Attendance - 1/15/17 - 637

Propagation of the Faith Sunday: January 29, 2017. Please place your contribution envelope into the regular Sunday collection. Thank you for your generosity.

K of C Chicken Fry: Saturday, January 28, 2017.

Euchre Party: February 4, 2017, after the 5:30p.m. Mass, in the school gym. Please bring an appetizer to share.



Scout Sunday, celebrating the Birthday of The Boy Scouts, is Sunday, February 5, 2017. Our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop and their families will be in attendance at the 10a.m. Mass.

First Spring Session - Sunday, January 22, 2017
St. Mary School Gym



Kroger Community Rewards: Have you attached St. Mary School to your Kroger Plus Card? Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Choose **10058 or St Mary School Rushville**. You must renew in January of each year. This is free money for our school! Call Susan Spaeth at 561-3124 if you have any questions.

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool, in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, cordially invites you to join us for...



ITALIAN NIGHT

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 4:30—6:30pm.

(Free will offering accepted with appreciation)

A cake auction will take place at 6:00pm with a

Talent Show to follow. Science Fair projects will also be displayed in classrooms throughout the evening.



Please join us
Tuesday, Jan. 31st
4:30—6:30pm
St. Mary School

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 29 - February 4, 2017. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities in Faith, Knowledge and Service." Through Catholic education, children benefit from the religious guidance, prayer, and support the parishes provide to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children learn the importance of family, community, and serving others.



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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

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179

Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790 - 765-663-2444

Parish Council - Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council - Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission - Chair: Susan Spaeth

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.*

Abortion Alternatives

Birthline Mon.-Fri. 317-635-4808

Option Helpline 24/7 1-800-712-HELP

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to stop by the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.

Mass Schedule: January 23 - 30

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Don Weiler'
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Peggy Siefert
Thursday	8:30a.m	Tom & Henrietta Land
Friday	8:30a.m.	Ron Schneider
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Parish
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Bill & Jean Moran
	10:00a.m.	Lost Angel

Ministry Schedules

Servers – January 28 & 29

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Katie Ripberger, Macy & Nick Hoeing
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Hayden Wall, Nick Amos, Adam Leising
	10:00a.m.	Danny Corn, Gus Haley, Richard Barnes
	12:00p.m.	Sofia & Clara Kemple

Lectors - January 28 & 29

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ruth Koelmel
Sun.	7:30a.m	Tom Giesting
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Banks
	12:00p.m.	Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - January 28 & 29

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Denise Small, Shelly Bostic, Susan Hoeing
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Jerry Rudolf, Gary Nigh, Susie Odum
	10:00a.m.	Steve Pavey, Jane Ariens, Kevin Spilman
	12:00p.m.	Jerry Rudolf, Monica Neuman, Kevin Dolan

Ushers for January 2017

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Wayne & Sue Munson
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Steve Wagner & Joe Niedenthal
	10:00a.m.	JD & Kris Herbert

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Jan. 23 Joan Meo Jan. 30 Linda Jenkins

Money Counters

Jan. 23 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,
Diana Leising, Donna Land
Jan. 30 Jeanie Spaeth, April Yager, Royanna Eck

Food Pantry

Jan. 25 Sheila Zwickey, Melanie Krieger, Karen Hall



Nursing Home and Shut-In Birthdays

February 8 - Edna Wehr

February 12 - Dorine Rosfeld