



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
LENT

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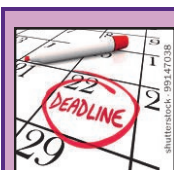
Saturday March 25 is/was the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate this feast now, as we are 9-months from Christmas! Most of our celebrations of Jesus's life are arranged in relationship to one another to provide a certain consistency: Easter near the Jewish Passover (which depended on the Moon and spring equinox); Ash Wednesday 40-days prior; Pentecost 50-days hence. Jesus's Annunciation, John the Baptist's Birthday on June 25 (6 months prior), Christmas, and Epiphany all fit in a wonderful, celestial constellation to one another. The liturgical year is meant to remind the Christian that all time belongs to God. It reminds us that God has sanctified each moment, month, and season. The current season of Lent is our personal sanctification of that which we have first received from God, our days, which we allow to become holy by our special works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

There are many beautiful and lovely artist depictions of the Annunciation. One of my favorites is by Henry Ossawa Tanner (21 June 1859 – 25 May 1937). Tanner was an African-American artist of international acclaim. He created biblical and non-biblical themed paintings. His dad was a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which likely influenced his scriptural depictions. Given that the AME does not have quite the reverence for the Virgin Mary as we Catholics, his depiction shows a certain meekness and introspection of Mary that our pious devotion can sometimes mask. The Angel Gabriel is not depicted in human form with wings. This reminds us that angels, while creatures, are purely spiritual beings. When angels appear, if they take a human appearance, it is for our sake only, so we can better relate. They, of themselves, have no physical or tangible form. The barren and sparse surroundings, the feeling of lateness of night, the presence of God's light illuminating the darkness of human existence are all quintessential to the Son's coming by the Spirit into the world to be our Savior.



These too are facts that we should reflect on during this holy season of Lent. The dreariness, dryness, and difficulty of Lent are meant to remind us of a life lived apart from God. Our sins separate us from God. Our sins increase darkness and discord. But Christ's coming, and ultimately, Christ's Cross illuminate not only our hearts and minds, but indeed the whole world. During these days, you might spend some time praying with a beautiful icon or painting of a scriptural theme. True art is meant to transcend, to invite us deeper into the Mystery of God.

Have a safe and blessed Spring Break. Remember: Family Catechesis - Parent/Child Session next Sunday, April 2 at 8:40a. *St Mary, Mother of God, pray for us ~ Fr. Gries*



**THE BULLETIN DEADLINE
FOR APRIL 9 AND APRIL 16,
2017 IS NOON ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 31, 2017.**

Lent & Easter Faith Opportunity BIBLE STUDY

Lectio Eucharist

Eucharist throughout Scriptures

Mar. 29 Exodus Miracle - Manna & Water

Apr. 5 Mysteries of the Tabernacle

Bring your Bible and Catechism!

Wednesday Evenings 7-9p.m.

School Multipurpose Room



St. Mary Youth Group participated in "Bowl for Kid's Sake". Pictured left to right: Clara Kemple, Nick Amos, Jacob Amos, Will Thoman, Karyn Banks, Anne Thoman, Savanna Snow, Katie Thoman, Nick Hannefey, Laura Neuman.

Fr. Burkhardt Scholarship applications are available in the parish office during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2017/2018. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2017.

St. Mary PTA Scholarship Applications are available at RCHS or on the table in the north vestibule of the church. Applicants must be a St. Mary School alumni who attended St. Mary School from first to sixth grade. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.



The St. Mary Choir has resumed practice for the 10:00a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. The choir is meeting in church on Thursday evenings from 7-8 or 8:30p.m.

Congratulations to the 2017 Rotary Top Ten Honorees! Karyn Banks, Kirah Banks, Hallie Fenimore, Arielle Ordas, Isabella Runnebohm, Brayton Schultz, Jared Smith, and Keith Yager.



Boy Scout Troop 33 and Cub Scout Pack 33 will be hosting a fish fry at the K of C on Friday, April 7 from 5:00-8:00p.m. Adults \$8.50, children \$6.00. Carry-outs are available. Please come and support these fine young men.



Our Sympathy to: Marilyn, Ken, Nancy and the Schroeder family at the death of Justin Schroeder.

Our Condolences to: Mike and Karen Spaeth and family at the death of Karen's mother, Wanda Sowder.

-St. Mary Catholic School News -

St. Mary School is looking for a fulltime substitute teacher to fulfill a maternity leave beginning April 3rd. If interested, please contact Sherri Kirschner, principal, at 765-932-3639 or skirschner@stmaryrush.org.

The Green and White Gala Committee is looking for cabin, house or any vacation getaway timeshares to be donated to their Green and White Gala Live Auction. Please contact Theresa Alexander at 317-345-1537.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Please Remember in Prayer:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Mary Busald, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Peggy Cooper, Ron Copple, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Link Fraley, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Florence Herbert, Terry Honaker, Deborah Jarvis, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Martha Knecht, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve Lempke, Steve Link, James McGinnis, Sherry McIntire, Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Mike Moody Family, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Paul Niehoff, Maddie Marr Owens, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Cathy Smith, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Susie Walker, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dusty Wickliff, Dean Williams, Glenn Woods.

For those proudly serving our country:

William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Ian McKnight, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

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

Flatrock River Lodge: Ann Gilliam, Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Edna Wehr.

Those who have passed away: Martha Todd, Therese Duffy, Joseph Childers, Sr., Jean Fussner, Wanda Sowder and Justin Schroeder.

RCIA: Ethan Brown, Jennifer Hay, Jessica Spaeth, Louise Krick, Mike Owen, Karen Hall, Ingeborg Auditore, Brenda Gilliam, Kevi Baumgartner, Rachel Amos, Kirstie Ryckman.

Sunday Collection

March 19, 2017



Adults (125 Envelopes + 13 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,783.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 463.01
Total	\$ 7,248.01
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -751.99 ☹
Sunday 3/19/17	\$ 7,248.01
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 465.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 30.00
Food Pantry	\$ 125.00
Sodality	\$ 150.00
Criterion	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 805.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 45.00
Missions	\$ 102.00
TOTAL 3/19/17	\$ 8,997.01

Mass Attendance - 3/19/17 - 675

PARISH MEMBERS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED

Because of HIPPA laws and privacy rules, the hospital **WILL NOT CALL** the parish office and let us know you are in the hospital. Please be sure you or a family member alert St. Mary if you want Father Gries to know you are hospitalized.

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION NIGHT for confirmandai (person to be confirmed), sponsor and parent(s) on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 5:30-7:30p.m. in the multipurpose room. This was on the schedule distributed in the fall. **NO** excuses accepted!

The Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, May 21 at 2p.m. at the Holy Family Church, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Richmond.

DINE TO DONATE

Dine at Pizza Hut, 1420 N. Main St., Rushville, and 10% of your bill will be donated to Shares, Inc. Present a Flyer (Found at all Church Entrances) to your server on Monday, March 27, from 5-8p.m. Ross Sickbert says, "Please Help."



"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father Gries @ 765-932-2588 or e-mail frgries@stmaryrush.org.



The Annual Spring Rummage Sale, benefitting the St. Mary School PTA, will be held on Friday, March 31st from 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, April 1st from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. at the CONSERVATION CLUB

(1204 E ST RD 44). Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, March 30th from 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m. at the CONSERVATION CLUB. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale may also bring those items to the Conservation Club on Thursday. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions. Thank you!

ST. MARY SCHOOL GREEN AND WHITE GALA!

Saturday, April 22, 2017

New and Exciting with an "Around the World" theme. New menu, new auction items and more. Invitations will be mailed within the next few weeks. All are welcome! If, for some reason, you don't receive an invitation, please let the school know.

Project Rachel Retreat: March 31 - April 1, 2017

Suffering is the untold story of abortion. Grief after abortion is normal - it is the grief of a mother who has lost a child in a traumatic way, and the grief of lost fatherhood. On March 31-April 1 in the greater Indianapolis area, Project Rachel will offer a post-abortion healing retreat. Contact 317-452-0054 or projectrachel@archindy.org or visit www.archindy.org/projectrachel to learn more. Inquiries are confidential.

-Youth Group News -

April 2 - YG will meet at 4p.m. in SMS to fill eggs for Easter Egg Hunt.

April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt. YG will meet at 9a.m. Hunt will begin at 10a.m.



March 26 and April 2 - Spring Break

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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: March 27 - April 2

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Clarence & Frances Meer
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Ruth Jenkins
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Peggy Siefert
Friday	8:30a.m.	Ginny Northam
	7:00p.m.	<i>Stations of Cross</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Parish
Sunday	7:30a.m.	JoAnn Herbert
	10:00a.m.	Don Weiler

Ministry Schedules

Servers – April 1 & 2

Sat. 5:30p.m. Katie Ripberger, Emma Tressler, Megan Alexander

Sun. 7:30a.m. Bradley Krieger, Adam Leising, Hayden Walls

10:00a.m. Savanah Snow, Isabella Pavey, Mitchell Cowan

Lectors - April 1 & 2

Sat. 5:30p.m. Ruth Koelmel

Sun. 7:30a.m. Allen Leising

10:00a.m. Debi Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - April 1 & 2

Sat. 5:30p.m. Shelly Bostic, Bob Dwenger, Denise Small

Sun. 7:30a.m. Susie Odum, Ken & Nancy Schroeder

10:00a.m. Jerry Rudolf, Stephen Ariens, Denise Hoeing

Ushers for April, 2017

Sat. 5:30p.m. Mike McCallister & Volunteer

Sun. 7:30a.m. Josh Niedenthal & Bruce Carter

10:00a.m. Joe Pavey & Gary Yager

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Mar. 27 Monica Neuman Apr. 3 Janet Pike

Money Counters

Mar. 27 Nancy Newbold, April Yager, Royanna Eck, Mary Ann Harpring

Apr. 3 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey, Robin Land

Food Pantry

Mar. 27 (Restock) Laura Ash & Steve Pavey

Mar. 29 (Work Pantry) Marty Connerly, Melanie Krieger, Mary Ann Harpring



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

7:00p.m.