



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

SEPTEMBER 21,  
2014  
25TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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### Staff

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday...8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.  
Thursday.....9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.  
Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon

### Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179  
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### Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

### Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

### Board of Education

Chair: Jim Cowan

### Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

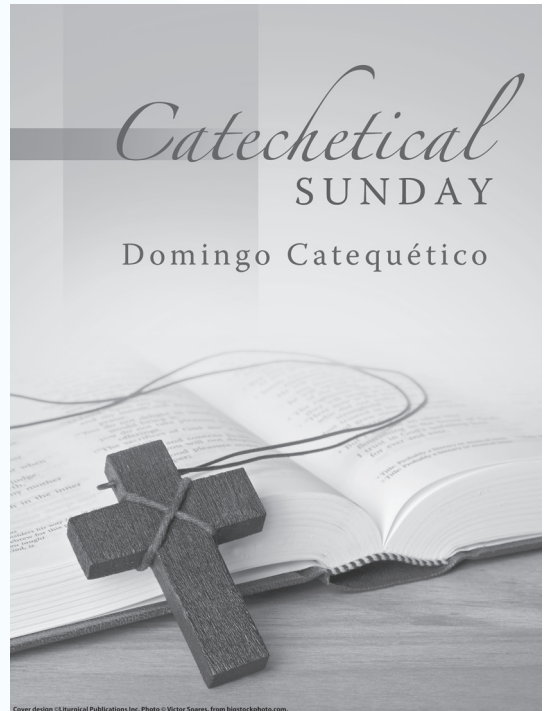
### Reconciliation/Confession

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.*

**New Parishioners** You are invited to call or stop by the parish office.

**Bulletin Deadline:** No later than noon  
Friday the full week before printing.



I was reading a book by Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J. recently. He spoke briefly about the two fundamental norms of morality. In light of all that goes on in the world, I felt the conversation was a worthwhile reminder. The two norms are 1) the objective (law) and 2) the subjective (conscience). Today, I will look at the objective.

St Thomas Aquinas defines law as “an ordinance of reason for the common good, made by him who has care of the community, and promulgated” (ST, I-II, q. 90, art. 3). “The definition contains four basic elements that are common to all true laws: 1) reason; 2) the common good; 3) lawmaking authority, and 4) promulgation. The highest law of all is the *eternal law* which is God’s divine plan by which all created things are directed from all eternity to one supreme end... The eternal law is made known in time in many different ways, for example, in the physical laws of nature, in the natural moral law, in positive divine law through revelation. God makes his will known immediately through human positive laws, whether civil laws or ecclesiastical laws... To the extent that they manifest, in some way or other, the divine plan for mankind, they are good and holy. They point the way to human fulfillment and happiness and ultimately to eternal salvation... Certainly the law can be abused by wicked men. But that does not mean that all law is to be repudiated. On the human level, we need good laws, in conformity with the eternal law, framed and promulgated by good and wise men [and women]. Legitimate Church laws must be respected and obeyed. Jesus was obedient to his Father... We can do no better than to follow the example of Jesus.” (Baker, *Fund. of Catholicism*, Vol. 1, 130-2).

As Catholic Christians and American citizens, we are bound to work for and to promote good, just, and true laws for the wellbeing, not only of ourselves, but for all.

St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## Mass Schedule: September 22 - 28

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	No Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	No Mass
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Bob & Betty Owens
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Merlin Herbert
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Don Weiler
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose

K of C Chicken Fry - Saturday, September 20 - 5:00-7:30p.m.

The Fall Festival Committee Chairman Meeting, scheduled for today, has been canceled. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your committee, please feel free to contact Theresa Alexander.



Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 25 at 7p.m., in the church.



Please pray for: Christians in Iraq, Syria and Gaza.

Bids are being accepted for snow removal on the church and school grounds of St. Mary, for the 2014/2015 season. (This does not include the parking lot). Bids must be submitted to the parish office by noon on October 1, 2014.

Greg and Theresa Alexander - A big, big thank you for your hard work and dedication, in chairing this year's successful Fall Festival.

Festival Committee Changes: If you would like to be removed from, moved to, or added to a committee for the 2015 Fall Festival, let us know as soon as possible, as we will begin working on next year's committee immediately. Please, please, you must call the parish office or e-mail [debbie.pavey@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.pavey@gmail.com). We do not know your wishes unless you tell us.

Committee Chairpersons: If you have any changes to your committee list, for next year, please e-mail these changes to [debbie.pavey@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.pavey@gmail.com).



The St. Mary Food Pantry:  
Item of the month: **Cereal and Instant Oatmeal.**

### Catechetical Sunday

Celebrating Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014 prompts us to focus on those who have been delegated to serve as catechists on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and in our school. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each of us plays, by virtue of the Gospel. It is with great joy that we thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our adults, our children and our youth.

## Liturgical Roles

### Servers – September 27 & 28

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Macy Hoeing, Ereena Moore, Will Thoman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Addison Ballenger, Cody & Tristan Carmony
	10:00a.m.	Gus Haley, Michael & Shaun Fudge

### Lectors – September 27 & 28

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Stephanie Hasecuster
Sun.	7:30a.m.	John Williams
	10:00a.m.	Ann Curtis

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers – September 27 & 28

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Rita Corn, Bob Dwenger, Denise Small
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Tom Giesting, Regenia Ripberger, Gary Nigh
	10:00a.m.	Kim S. Yager, Kim L. Yager, Theresa Komlanc

### Ushers for September 2014

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Dave Hasecuster & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ed Harpring & Volunteer
	10:00a.m.	Doug Osborne & Volunteer

### Ministers-to-the-Sick

Sept. 22	Janet Pike
Sept. 29	Jeanie Spaeth

### Money Counters

Sept. 22	Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising
Sept. 29	Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Debbie Banks, Gary Nigh

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO  
CATHOLICISM-COFFEE-CONVERSATION  
During the Sunday Morning RE Classes in the  
Multipurpose Room (following 7:30 Mass)  
Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23; Dec. 7**

Hosted by Fr. Robert Barron of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. Ten-1hour DVD sessions followed by group discussion. CATHOLICISM is a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all persons can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, or Scripture study, this engaging and interesting formation program uses art, architecture, literature, music, and all treasures of the Catholic Tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. For trailer, visit <http://www.catholicismseries.com/>

1. Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
2. Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus.
3. The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought.
4. Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God

**Sunday Collection**  
Sept. 14, 2014



Adults (117 Envelopes + 9 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,587.00
Youth (6 Envelopes)	\$ 11.00
Loose	\$ 365.36
Total	\$ 6,963.36
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -336.64Ⓢ
Sunday 9/14/14	\$ 6,963.36
Regular Maintenance	\$ 1,050.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 3,522.66
Votive Candles	\$ 73.00
Middle East	\$ 1,626.32
Food Pantry	\$ <u>191.00</u>
TOTAL 9/14/14	\$ 13,426.34

**-St. Mary Catholic School-  
"Believing and Achieving"**

St. Mary Catholic School Mum Sale - Pick-up, Friday, September 26, 2014 from 3:30-5:30p.m.\* Thanks to Cathy McDivitt of McDivitt Farms in Connersville for helping obtain the mums. Please remember McDivitt Farms at 3994 North Waterloo Road in Connersville for all of your fall planting and produce needs.



St. Mary Catholic School Chili Cook-Off will be held on October 11, from 4-8p.m., behind the school. Join us for some chili and great company. We are seeking cook-off participants, as well as sponsors. If interested, please call Marcy

Westphal at 317-281-9304 or the school office. We hope you will join us and, together, support our school.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale, benefitting the St. Mary School PTA, will be held on Friday, October 31 from 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. and Saturday, November 1 from 8:30a.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, October 30 from 8:30a.m. -6:00p.m. at the Conservation Club. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale may also bring those items on Thursday. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) with any questions. Thank you.

**PARISH MISSION**

**Preserving Our Heritage and Passing on Our Faith**  
**November 10-13 from 5:30-8:00p.m.**  
**Entitled "Christ our God, Truth Incarnate"**  
**Presented by: Fr. George McInnis, C.P.M.**  
<http://fathersofmercy.com/>



**Adult Faith Opportunity**

**Wednesday Evenings**

**7:00—8:30p.m.**

**School Multipurpose Room**

September 24

October 1, 8 & 15

**-Religious Education-**

Religious Education Registration, Class, Today, September 21. If you have not registered, please speak with Mrs. Terri Nigh, ARE.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class is scheduled for TODAY, September 21. Topic to be covered: "The Good News. God Has Sent His Son." Topic for September 28: "The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ."

High School Religious Education/Confirmation Prep: Class - September 28, beginning at 5:30p.m.

**Q. Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?**

**A:** The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.



September  
Month of The Seven  
Sorrows of Mary

