



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

DECEMBER 7, 2014  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
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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

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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. No date may be considered reserved until initial meeting and the necessary paperwork have been completed. Call the parish office for an appointment.*



## FROM THE PASTOR

A big welcome to the **Rush County Chorale** performing their annual Christmas Concert here at St Mary's on Saturday, Dec 6 at 7:30p and Sunday, Dec 7 at 2:30p. It should be a great concert. Please come out and support them. We are so blessed to host you this year!

How are your Advent preparations going? Are you getting any quiet moments to pray about the real reason for Christmas – the coming of the Christ Child in poverty, paucity, and obscurity among the animals of the stable? I challenge you – and myself – to commit to a peaceful praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary each day of Advent in patient preparation for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. (Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple).

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping” were Jesus’ words to us last weekend (Mk 13:33,36). This weekend we hear John the Baptist appearing “in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mk 1:4). Both Jesus and John are telling us to be prepared, to get ready, to be expectant for the arrival of someone Mighty! In the gathering darkness of winter, one important way to prepare is to evaluate our lives in the light of Christ. How have I managed faithfully to love God and neighbor? Where have I come up short? Am I sorry? Do I want to do better? Am I still striving as a Christian in conversion to greater holiness? The Sacrament of Penance is a wonderful opportunity to receive the Forgiveness of Christ through the Church to start anew, to be ready, to live our “Baptism in the Holy Spirit!” (Mk 1:8).

**Thursday, December 11 at 6:30p, we will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Repentance.** Several priests from neighboring parishes will be with us. Our personal sins grieve and harm the greater community; and so in the context of the greater community, we come forward to repent and to be reunited.

St Mary, Expectant Mother of God, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## Mass Schedule: December 8 - 14

<b>Monday</b>	7:00a.m.	Bessie Curtis
	8:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	6:30p.m.	Bob Meyer
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	George Siefert
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Marie Anderson
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Marlin Hahn
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Pat Osting
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Bob Eder & Mary Eder
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Marvin & Mildred Hoeing



Leo Thomas Dierckman, son of Kenneth and Jill (Tichenor) was baptized on Saturday, November 29. Leon Briggs Ballenger, son of James and Heather (Odum) Ballenger, will be baptized on Sunday, December 14. Welcome Leo and Leon!



All of the family of Aaron Snow would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers that gave us our miracle. Your prayers helped in so many ways; from the very first hours right up to today. We can't express enough, the love we felt from the community.

Listed below are items the Food Pantry will be including in Christmas hygiene baskets. Donations may be left at church entrances.

4-roll packs of bath tissue	toothpaste
2-roll packs of paper towels	toothbrushes
facial tissue (e.g. Kleenex)	floss
shampoo	deodorant
bar soap	toilet bowl cleaner
liquid hand soap	laundry detergent
hand sanitizer	dish soap
general purpose cleaners	bleach

Items always needed for the Food Pantry:

Peanut Butter	Sugar
Mac and Cheese	Spaghetti's
Boxes of Spaghetti	Pork and Beans
Jars Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Vegetables
Cereal and Oatmeal	Ramen Noodles
Canned Fruit	Hamburger Helper
Cans of Tuna	Tuna Helper
Toilet Paper	Bars of Soap
Dish Soap	Toothpaste

Item for the month of December and January - Cereal



The Family of Kenneth Schneider wishes to thank Fr. Gries, Trudy and Jane Ariens, Rosie Chance and Jim Todd for the beautiful funeral Mass. Thank you, to all, for your prayers, cards and words of kindness. God bless you.

## Liturgical Roles

Servers - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

Mon. 7:00a.m.	Amy Neuman, Keith Neuman, Gus Haley
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Sofia & Clara Kemple, Savannah Westphal

Lectors - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

Mon. 7:00a.m.	Bob Bridges
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 8

Mon. 7:00a.m.	Mary Ann Bridges, Susie Odum, Steve Pavey
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Jerry Rudolf, Annette Niehoff, Amaranta Kemple

Ushers - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

Mon. 7:00a.m.	Volunteers
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Volunteers

Servers - December 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Leila Amos, Lance & Logan Beard
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Adam Neuman, Keith Neuman, Grant Hill
10:00a.m.	Clara & Sofia Kemple, Byron Pavey

Lectors - December 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m.	John Blankman
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Allen Leising
10:00a.m.	Steve Sickbert

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Denise Small, Mary Ann Beard, Shelly Bostic
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Susie Odum, Gary Nigh, Doug Krieger
10:00a.m.	Amaranta Kemple, Kevin & Debbie Banks

Ushers for December 2014

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Mike Mahan & Volunteer
10:00a.m.	David & Brayton Schultz

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Dec. 8	Joan Meo	Dec. 15	Janet Pike
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Money Counters

Dec. 8	Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider
Dec. 15	Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule: December 24 at 4:00p.m., 6:30p.m. and midnight here at St. Mary; 9:00p.m. at St. Rose. December 25 at 9:00a.m. here at St. Mary. December 31 at 4:30p.m. and January 1 at 9:00a.m. at St. Mary.

**Sunday Collection**  
November 23, 2014



Adults (134 Envelopes + 13 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,666.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 397.05
Total	\$ 7,067.05
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -232.95 ☹
Sunday 11/23/14	\$ 7,067.05
Regular Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,635.00
Votive Candles	\$ 14.00
Campaign Human Development	\$ 10.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 125.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 35.00
Energy Costs	\$ 20.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>215.00</u>
TOTAL 11/23/14	\$ 10,311.05

**Sunday Collection**  
November 30, 2014

Adults (129 Envelopes + 18 Loose Checks)	\$ 5,723.00
Youth (5 Envelopes)	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 368.00
Total	\$ 6,096.00
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -1,204.00 ☹
Sunday 11/30/14	\$ 6,096.00
Regular Maintenance	\$ 155.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,490.00
Votive Candles	\$ 16.00
Campaign Human Development	\$ 30.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 70.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving (Pastoral Care)	\$ 513.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>1,065.00</u>
TOTAL 11/30/14	\$ 9,470.00

Mass Attendance - Weekend of November 22/23 - 597  
Weekend of November 29/30 - 623



December Birthdays-St. Mary Homebound

December 11—Dorothy Snyder  
December 16—Elverna Comer  
December 24—Martha Todd



Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are on the tables, at each church entrance. Please fill out, completely, and drop into the regular Sunday collection.



Parish Penance Service and First Reconciliation - Thursday, December 11 at 6:30p.m.

**-Adult Faith Class-**

“Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission”, led by Fr. Gries, will begin on January 7, 2015. Watch future bulletins, for more information.

**-St. Mary Catholic School-**

St. Mary Catholic School Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00p.m. with a dress rehearsal at 1:30p.m.

Congratulations, Mrs. Amaranta Kemple and St. Mary School, for receiving a \$480.20 grant, from McDonalds, to be used for Spanish Club.

**-Religious Education-**

Sunday Morning Religious Education, Class TODAY, December 7, 2014. First Reconciliation - December 11.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, December 7- Topic: The Eucharist Source and Summit of Christian Life. Please keep Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton and Candidates: Joe Hoffman, Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley in your prayers.

Youth Group - Christmas Party and Live Nativity - December 6 at 4:30p.m.

High School Religious Education and Confirmation Prep: Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors - December 7 at 5:30p.m.

Please hold these children in prayer, as they make their First Reconciliation on December 11, 2014: Megan Alexander, Boden Ballenger, Bryce Berkemeier, Edgar Fernandez, Emi Flannery, Maggie Fudge, Jose Leon, Brooke Means, Bradley Krieger, Ivory Herbert, Nicholas Jarman, Isabella Pavey, Alexis Rapp, Eliza Snow, Emma Tressler, Zachary Tressler.



Our Sympathy to David and Gloria Moran at the recent death of Gloria's sister, Janet Hunsinger, of Sanford Florida.



**Archdiocese of Indianapolis**  
**2014-2015 United Catholic Appeal**  
Please mail your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank You.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pledge Cards</u>	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
11/26/14	112	\$21,865
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	24%	153%