



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JANUARY 18, 2015

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

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



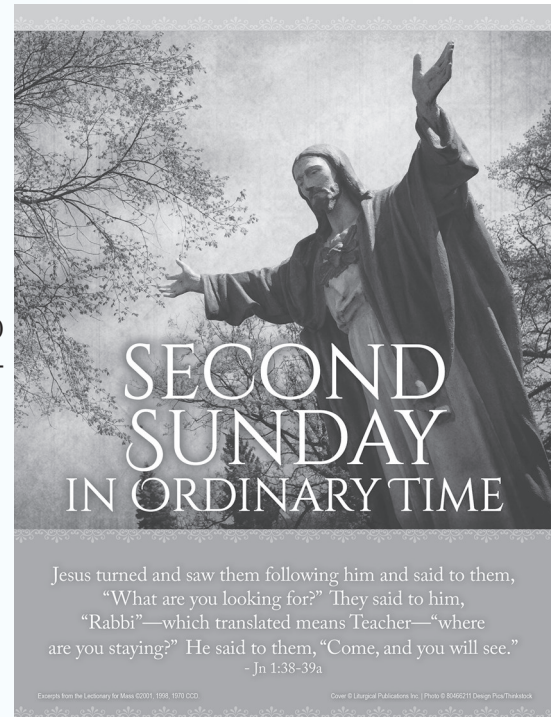
FROM THE PASTOR

Two quotes by the same person recently caught my eye: "Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred, or intrinsically of no account; it is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one, and in some the other." "The Sanctity of life is of course a religious or transcendental concept. If there is no God, life cannot have sanctity." Both are attributed to Malcolm Muggeridge who was a British journalist, author and media personality from the 20th century. An agnostic for most of his life, he became a Christian in the mid-1960s and then entered Full Communion with the Catholic Church in 1982 under the influence of the Christian witness of Saint Mother Theresa.

While there are purely humanist and natural arguments for the sanctity of life, as Christians, the primary case for us is that God has created every life as worthy of innate dignity and infinite value from the moment of conception to natural death. We are stewards of life not masters. Biologically, at conception a new and complete set of DNA of a human person is fully present and active. The Church holds that a newly created soul is infused at that point. Within 18 days, the heart is beating.

This Thursday, January 22nd is the 42nd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. What is truly needed, even more than greater legal protections and arguments, is to change hearts for Christ. Apart from God, life will never be treasured as a gift worthy of protection at every stage. I recommend you take some time Thursday to thank God and your parents for your life, and pray for the most vulnerable among us... the unborn. May our Christian witness influence others to truly value life that is 'always and in all circumstances sacred.'

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments" (1 Jn 4:21-5:2). St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries



Bulletin Deadline

Friday the full week before printing.

Mass Schedule: January 19 - 25

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Bud Harpring
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Bob & Betty Owens
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Frances Meer
Friday	8:30a.m.	Tom Land
Saturday	5:30p.m.	William A. Carpenter
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Anthony & Elizabeth Rosfeld
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose

Thank you, R. L. Coon Excavating, for keeping our parking lot clear. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary of Immaculate Conception 2015 Pictorial Directory

Sign up after all Masses this weekend, January 24 & 25, or call the parish office.

Pictures taken February 11-14, 2015 and February 24-28, 2015



Quilters and Sewers: I have two quilts to work on. One is a hand quilting, in blocks, like we did last year. The other quilt was given to me partly finished; it is a flannel frayed style and is all machine sewn. Call Mary Delay, if you care to help (645-5019).

In Sympathy

Our Sympathy To: David and Sandy Moeller at the recent death of Sandy's father, Floyd (Jim) Gerline. Jim resided in Florida.



David Bedel, all of the sick and suffering in the parish and community and for the success of "Connected in the Spirit".

Food Pantry Item of the Month - Cereal and Oatmeal

Mowing Bids are now being accepted for the mowing of the church and school grounds, for 2015. All bids must be submitted to the parish office by noon on January 30, 2015.

NOTICE: When Rush County is under a red or orange weather alert, Sunday Morning Religious Education, RCIA and Confirmation classes will be canceled. Go to wistv.com weather/alerts or tune into channel 6, 8 or 13 for status updates.

Liturgical Roles

Servers – January 24 & 25

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Will, Anne & Katie Thoman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Addison Ballenger, Cody & Tristan Carmony
	10:00a.m.	Gus Haley, Savannah Snow, Olivia Yager

Lectors – January 24 & 25

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers – January 24 & 25

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Denise Small, Julia Jessup, Steve Richards
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Doug Krieger, Regenia Ripberger, Susie Odum
	10:00a.m.	Jason Pavey, Theresa Komlanc, Mary Beth Burklow

Ushers for January 2015

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Michael McCallister & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Paul & Matt Busald
	10:00a.m.	Doug Osborne & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Jan. 19	Monica Neuman
Jan. 26	Jeanie Hedrick & Marilyn Schroeder

Money Counters

Jan. 20	(Tuesday) Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager, Jeanine Yager
Jan. 26	Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider

Servers are needed for Friday Night "Stations of the Cross", beginning February 20, 2015. If available, please contact Debbie at the parish office or dspaeth@stmaryrush.org.



The cold and flu seasons are here. So, if you are not feeling well, sneezing, coughing, or showing any symptoms of the flu or a cold, please be sure and get a replacement for your assigned Mass. We must show consideration for those we come in contact with, as Extraordinary Ministers.



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.

Date	Pledge Cards	Pledge Amount
1/8/15	171	\$29,065
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	36%	204%


Sunday Collection
January 11, 2015



Adults (91 Envelopes + 9 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,720.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 436.50
Total	\$ 8,160.50
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +860.50 ☺
Sunday 1/11/15	\$ 8,160.50
Regular Maintenance	\$ 435.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,708.66
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Criterion	\$ 40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>208.00</u>
TOTAL 1/11/15	\$11,659.16

Mass Attendance - Weekend of January 11, 2015 - 632

2014 Contribution Statements have been mailed, to all registered households. If you did not receive your statement, please call the parish office.



ADULT ONLY DANCE
Friday, January 30, 2015
Social Hour 5-6p.m.
Porkchop Dinner 6p.m.
Live Entertainment -
Backroads 7-11p.m.
Drawing at 8p.m.
\$25.00 a Person

Cash prizes - \$250 • \$150 • \$100 • License #133512
Tickets can be purchased from Theresa Alexander,
Susan Hoeing, Doug Krieger, Ed Harpring,
Lisa Wagoner or the parish office.

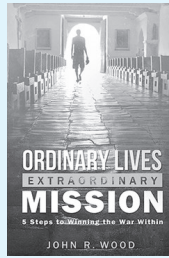
-Religious Education-

Sunday Morning Religious Education, Classes TODAY, January 18, 2015.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Please keep Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton and Candidates: Joe Hoffman, Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berke-meier and Sally Farley in your prayers. TODAY, January 18 - Topic: Commandments 1 & 2; Topic, January 25 - Topic: Com-mandments 3 & 4.

High School Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation: January 25, 2015.

Youth Group: January 25, 2015 at 4:00p.m.



ADULT FAITH CLASS
Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission
by John R. Wood
Led by Fr. Jeremy M. Gries
Wednesday Evenings from 7-8:30p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Free Study Guide

TOPICS

- January 21 - Step 3 (Pages 79-110)
- January 28 - Step 4 (Pages 111-150)
- February 4 - Step 5 (Pages 151-174)
- February 11 - Step 6 (Pages 175-187)



The St. Mary Food Pantry is Moving!

Thanks to (left to right) Doug Krieger, Ed Harpring, Father Gries, Danny Hoeing and Mitchell Cowan (not pictured), the St. Mary Food Pantry will soon be moving to its' new location in the parish storage garage, located in the northeast corner of the parking lot. As the food pantry continues to grow, more space is needed. During the month of December, 41 families, including 85 adults and 75 children, were helped with food and toiletries and 25 families received Christmas hygiene baskets. 5 families were, also, helped, through Pastoral Care, with utilities and rent, for a total of \$1,100.00.

