



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

6TH 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

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Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

Board of Education

Chair: Jim Cowan

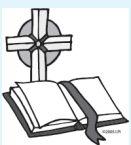
Baptism

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.*



It seems like we just took down the tinsel and put away the poinsettias, but the few weeks of ordinary time between Christmas and Lent have quickly passed! **Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, Feb 18th.** We will have Mass and distribution of Ashes at 7a, 8:30a, and 6:30p all here at St Mary. Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day, but it is not a Holy Day of obligation. Nonetheless, I'm certain many to most of you will want to start your Lenten season off right with the celebration of Mass, reception of Ashes, and the acts of prayer, fasting, and abstinence from food and meat. Lent is a great season of dedicated preparation for Easter. It is a chance to refocus on our relationship with Christ: to experience anew the tremendous love He has for each of us in coming to earth to carry our sins to the Cross. Let us lessen that load, but walking in His ways, practicing penance, extending forgiveness, and serving others in love.

Lent is also a season of final preparation for the members of our community preparing to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. This Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending, where we recognize the work and spiritual development of our RCIA catechumens and candidates. These six men and women have been meeting nearly every week to learn, to pray, to repent, to embrace their new life of Christian Discipleship. We have two catechumens – Chris Nobbe and Monty Sitton – who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. We have four candidates – Jessica Berkemeier, Sally Farley, Evelyn Sammons, and Marcy Westphal – who are already united to us by a common Christian Baptism, who will become at Easter fully initiated in the Catholic Church by Eucharist and Confirmation. Today, we recognize their progress and pledge our continued prayers for them during these final days of preparation. They will go to Indianapolis Sunday afternoon to celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Archbishop Joseph Tobin and other catechumens/candidates from across the Archdiocese. Catechumens and candidates you are in our prayers.

St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: February 16—22

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	David Craven
Wednesday	7:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	8:30a.m.	Clemma Conroy
	6:30p.m.	Don Weiler
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Henrietta Land
Friday	8:30a.m.	Carl Busald
	6:30p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Becky (Ernstes) Allen
	10:00a.m.	Ken Schneider

Due to the number of families scheduled for photo sessions, Lifetouch granted us another day for photos: Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Please call the parish office (932-2588), to schedule a session.

WALK AND EXERCISE WITH JESUS -

The St. Mary School gym is open, Sunday morning, during Religious Education, to anyone who would like to walk and pray the Rosary.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rush County - "Bowl For Kids Sake"

Sunday, March 8 from noon - 6:00p.m. at the Rushville Bowl. Form a team and receive bowling shoes, a t-shirt and a chance to win awesome prizes. Register online at www.bbbsrushcounty.com or by calling 765-932-5449.



Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary Church for the prayerful support and kindness, shown to the family of Henrietta Land. Thank you, also, to Father Jeremy Gries, Trudy Ariens and Annette Niehoff for a beautiful Mass. Our Funeral Committee did a wonderful job preparing the meal for the family; this was, also, deeply appreciated. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you.

Lester, Donna, Lorie and Jane Land



St. Mary Church would like to welcome Mike and Char (Heiden) Moore to our parish community.



Paul Rosfeld
Success of "Connected in the Spirit"



St. Mary Catholic Church
Adult Euchre/Card Party/Pitch In
February 28, 2015 - After 5:30 Mass
St. Mary School
Multipurpose Room
Please bring your own drinks and a "Hot" food item.

Liturgical Roles

Servers - Ash Wednesday - February 18

7:00a.m. Gus Haley, Kevin Neuman
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Savannah Westphal, Clara & Sophia Kemple

Lectors - Ash Wednesday - February 18

7:00a.m. Cecilia Orr
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Ruth Houk

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - Ash Wednesday

7:00a.m. Denise Small, Susie Odum, Mary Ann Bridges
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Amaranta Kemple, Bob Dwenger, Barb Musgrave

Ushers - Ash Wednesday - February 18

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

Servers - Stations of the Cross - February 20

6:30p.m. Clara & Sophia Kemple

Servers - February 21 & 22

Sat. 5:30p.m. Matthew Komlanc, John Alexander, Savannah Westphal
Sun. 7:30a.m. Nicholas & Jacob Amos, Glen Harpring
10:00a.m. Lily Yager, Ben & Matthew Grote

Lectors - February 21 & 22

Sat. 5:30p.m. Lou Starkey
Sun. 7:30a.m. Bob Bridges
10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - February 21 & 22

Sat. 5:30p.m. Julia Jessup, Barb Musgrave, Shelly Bostic
Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Mary Ann Bridges
10:00a.m. Steve Pavey, Stephen Ariens, Sarah Niedenthal

Ushers for February 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Phil Shanahan & Volunteer
Sun. 7:30a.m. Bruce Fenimore & Volunteer
10:00a.m. Rob Ash & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 16 Joan Meo Feb. 23 Janet Pike

Money Counters

Feb. 17 (Tues.) Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager, Jeanine Yager
Feb. 23 Rose Hoeng, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum, Mary Schneider



ASH
WEDNESDAY

Sunday Collection
February 8, 2015



Adults (148 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,710.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 366.50
Total	\$ 7,080.50
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ - 219.50Ⓢ
Sunday 2/8/15	\$ 7,080.50
Regular Maintenance	\$ 235.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,817.00
Votive Candles	\$ 21.00
Criterion	\$ 520.00
Energy Costs	\$ 33.31
Missions	\$ 280.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Lighthouse CD's	\$ 20.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>165.00</u>
TOTAL 2/8/15	\$ 10,181.81

Mass Attendance - Weekend of February 8, 2015 - 690

-Religious Education News-

First Communion, for sixteen children of St. Mary Parish, will be on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at the 10:00a.m. Mass.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No Class, today. At the 10:00a.m. Mass today, we will have a parish Celebration for sending Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton for election and Candidates: Joe Hoffman, Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley for recognition by Archbishop Tobin at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, in Indianapolis, at 2:00p.m. Please keep these Catechumens and Candidates in prayer.

High School Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation: February 22, 2015.

-Youth Group News-

The St. Mary's Youth Group will be going to Perfect North Slopes on TODAY, February 15, for tubing, from 2-4p.m. The group will leave the parking lot at noon and return before 6p.m. If you have any questions, call Debbie Banks at 317-402-8108 or email to rushvillebridal@yahoo.com.

Youth Group: February 22, 2015 at 4:00p.m.

Elections: Nominations for openings for the Parish Council and the School Commission are now being accepted. If you would like to run for election to serve on either of these, please fill out a form located on the table in the north vestibule of the church and drop it into the appropriate box. You will be contacted, personally, to confirm your nomination. The election will be conducted the weekend of March 14 & 15, 2015. The nomination boxes will be available, until noon TODAY, February 15, 2015.



Father Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, the study on the Eucharist, as source and summit of the Christian life, will be presented during the Sunday Morning Religious Education time for any Interested adults. The presentations will take place, in the school multipurpose room, following the 7:30a.m. Mass on February 22, March 1 & 8, April 12, 19 and 26. The series will examine three important aspects of the inexhaustibly rich Sacrament : the *Eucharist* as a **Sacred Meal**, as **Sacrifice** and as **Real Presence**. More information can be found on the tables in the church vestibules, or by contacting Terri Nigh.

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

The annual Spring Rummage Sale benefitting the St. Mary School PTA will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E. St. Rd. 44) on Friday, March 6 from 8:30a.m.-5:30p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 8:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, March 5 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 (765-561-0226) with any questions. Thank you.

There will be an Open House, at St. Mary Catholic School, for potential new students and their families, on Sunday, February 22 from 11:00a.m.-12:20p.m. If you know of anyone that would be interested in St. Mary Catholic School, please let them know of this Open House. We welcome any and all inquiries!



Photo courtesy of the Rushville Republican

St. Mary Catholic School received funds from Jeff and Dana Fussner, through the America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by Monsanto. The school will use the funds to continue purchasing new iPads for its students, working toward the goal of 1:1 ratio. The school is about two-thirds of the way toward having a complete 1:1 program. Thank you, Jeff and Dana!