



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

MARCH 1, 2015

2ND SUNDAY OF  
LENT

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

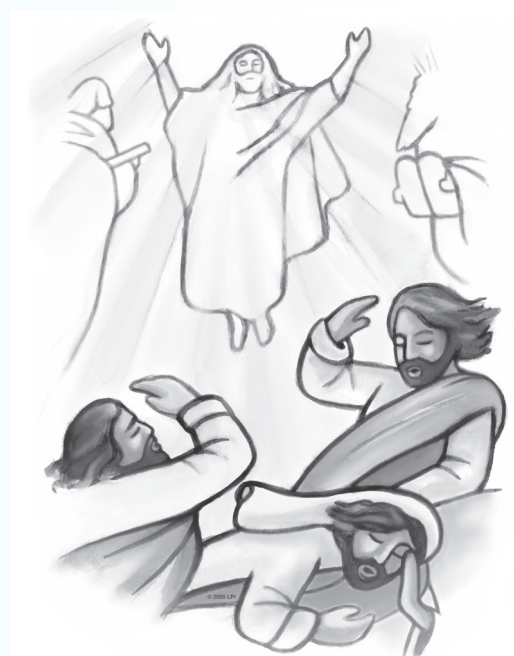
## Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

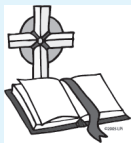
## Reconciliation/Confession

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.*



## SECOND SUNDAY of LENT TRANSFIGURATION



In the *Criterion - Question Corner* by Fr. Kenneth Doyle for Friday, February 13, 2015, someone asked about **financial audits** for Catholic Institutions, particularly parishes and dioceses. Fr. Doyle answered the question. In essence, Canon (i.e., Church) law does not explicitly require a regular audit, but it does require Finance Councils (FC) at both the diocesan and parish levels. We have a FC here at St Mary's, currently chaired by Doug Krieger. Appended to Fr. Doyle's response were some specific statements regarding specific policies in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Archdiocesan offices are audited annually with the results included in the annual report in the *Criterion* each fall. Local parishes are required to provide an annual financial report to the Archdiocese each September. (That is when St Mary's puts out our Annual State of the Parish Report.) Local parishes are also audited for financial procedures on a three-year cycle. St Mary just went through the audit process by The Macke Group, Batesville in December 2014 with our findings and responses finished in January 2015. You can read the report and FC response to the findings on the parish website. Nothing drastic was discovered, but in an effort to be fully accountable and transparent, you are welcome to review the report. If you have any questions, please let me know. The FC, parish staff, and I take great care to be good stewards of the financial blessings of the parish. This includes carefully and accurately processing those blessings as they are received and utilized by the parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

This Lent there are extra opportunities for you to experience God's Grace and Mercy in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Wednesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8p, we will have "The Light is On for You." I will be in the Church hearing Confessions during these times. Our Parish Lenten Penance Service will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7p. There will be several brother priests joining me that night. Of course, I will have my standard Confessions times on Saturday from 4:30-5:20p and Tuesdays from 6:00-6:25p. What you should really read in all this is, we really want you to take advantage of this Sacrament in preparation for Easter!

*St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

## Mass Schedule: March 2 - 8

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Bob & Betty Owens
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Fred & Anna Hahn family
	9:15a.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Clemma Conroy
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Betty Jo (Sharp) Buttery
	6:30p.m.	First Friday ( <i>No Stations</i> ) <i>Father will recite the Passion</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Virginia Shanahan
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Edwin & Loretta Nobbe
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose

Parish Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

Please use the 5th Street school entrance.  
Photos are being taken in the gym.



Fr. Burkhart Scholarship Applications are available, in the parish office, during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2015/2016. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

Calvary Cemetery Clean-up Day: March 21, 2015 at 9a.m. Items, that you wish to keep, must be removed by March 15, 2015.

Easter Flower donations are being accepted. Envelopes may be found on the tables in the church vestibules. Place envelope in the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Light is On for You!** The opportunity for individual confession is being made available in each of the parishes (or cluster of parishes) throughout the archdiocese on Wednesday, **March 4**, from **6:30-8:00 pm**. Go to this link to find several resources about confession: <http://www.archindy.org/thelightison/>. Come celebrate God's forgiveness and make a new beginning with His grace!  
*Fr. Gries will be available, in the church, from 6:30-8:00p.m.*

Our condolences to the friends of Joy Spinney who passed away on February 18, 2015. Services were held at Moster Mortuary.

**Pictorial Directory Group Pictures**

Group Photographs for the Parish Pictorial Directory will be taken on Sunday, March 1, 2015 in the church.

- 8:30a.m. Lectors
- 8:40a.m. Cantors
- 8:50a.m. Ushers
- 9:00a.m. Servers
- 9:10a.m. Musicians (please bring your instrument)
- 9:15a.m. Extraordinary Ministers
- 9:25a.m. Ministers-to-the-Sick
- 9:30a.m. Money Counters (in the rectory)



# Liturgical Roles

Servers – March 7 & 8

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

Lectors – March 7 & 8

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Tom Giesting
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Regenia Ripberger
- 10:00a.m. Tessa Hoeing

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– March 7 & 8

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Steve Richards, Denise Small, Rita Corn
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Doug Krieger, Mary Ann Bridges, Holly Bess
- 10:00a.m. Susan Hoeing, Amaranta Kemple, Annette Niehoff

Ushers for March 2015

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer
- Sun. 7:30a.m. Ed Harpring & Volunteer
- 10:00a.m. Kevin Banks & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

- March 2 Monica Neuman
- March 9 Marilyn Schroeder & Jeanie Hedrick

Money Counters

- Mar. 2 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising
- Mar. 9 Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Barbara Tush, Gary Nigh

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Hamburger Helper and Peanut Butter.

The St. Mary Choir will be practicing every Tuesday, in March, after Mass, in preparation for Holy Week.

Due to limited space, the monthly prayer list will be in the March 8 bulletin.



### MEET THIS WEEK'S RCIA CANDIDATE

My name is Jessica Berkemeier. I married my husband, Chad Berkemeier, in 2007. We moved to Rushville in 2013. Chad was raised Catholic and I was raised Methodist. I started attending Mass with him and I decided to convert. We became Godparents to our niece, Kaylee Berkemeier, in 2014. My husband's grandmother, Mabel Berkemeier, has been very supportive of my journey to be coming Catholic. She is, also, my sponsor. Chad and I are expecting our first child, a daughter, Aubree, in April. We are very excited and looking forward to raising her in the church and community.

**Sunday Collection**  
February 22, 2015



Adults (116 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,364.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 6,733.00
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -567.00 ☹
Sunday 2/22/15	\$ 6,733.00
Regular Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,393.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Criterion	\$ 320.00
Energy Costs	\$ 60.00
Missions	\$ 180.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,104.00
Lighthouse CD's	\$ 5.00
Sodality	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 45.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>190.00</u>
TOTAL 2/22/15	\$ 10,102.00

Mass Attendance - Weekend of February 22, 2015 - 588

**-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.

Confirmation: May 9, 2015 at St. Andrew, Richmond, IN.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class, today, March 1. Topic: God Calls Us to Pray. Catechumens: Chris Nobbe and Monte Sitton. Candidates: Evelyn Sammons, Marcy Westphal, Jessica Berkemeier and Sally Farley. Please keep these Catechumens and Candidates in prayer.

High School Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group: TODAY, March 1, 2015.

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.



2015 Fall Festival: A chairperson is needed for Kid's Games. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Alexander or the parish office.



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 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 can also bring those items to the Conservation Club on Thursday. Please contact Rya Meo (765-561-0226) with any questions. Thank you.

St. Mary PTA Scholarship: Applications are available at RCHS or on the table in the north vestibule in church. Applicants must be a St. Mary School Alumni who attended St. Mary School from first to sixth grade. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2015.

Mark Your Calendar! The St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 25, 2015.

**Is Your Marriage Hurting in Anyway?**

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring. Then, please consider Retrouvaille – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins April 17, 18, 19, 2015. For more information, call (513) 922-6045 or internet address [cincyretrovaille.org](http://cincyretrovaille.org).



St. Mary Catholic Church welcomes John and Sandra Becraft to our parish community.



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