



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

MARCH 15, 2015

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173

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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. 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT  
**SEEING FAITH**

## Bulletin Deadline

Friday the full week before printing.



Saturday morning (March 14), a **Morning Retreat for First Holy Communion** was held for our young people preparing to receive. The morning involved activities, videos, church scavenger hunt, and bread making to foster children's connection in faith between the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It was a great morning of smiles, learning, and faith. Thank you to Terri Nigh and the other catechists for providing such a wonderful event.

Last year when we used the school gym for our temporary church, you may have had the "opportunity" to use one of the **four restrooms in the school building**. If so, then you no doubt realized they need serious attention. I've been told nothing has been done to them in decades! It shows. Hence, the Finance Council and Parish Council have approved renovations of those four bathrooms. We have signed a Letter of Agreement with Entheos Architects to provide design for the renovations. While the work has not yet been bid or scheduled, Entheos is optimistic that we might be able to complete all four restrooms over the 2015 school summer break. At the very least, we will complete two this summer and two next. The estimated cost per bathroom for the needed overhaul including accessibility (ADA) upgrades is \$50,000 to \$60,000 each. Parish savings will be utilized for this work. There will be no capital campaign. However, if you would like to support financially this work, donations would be appreciated (please note "School Bathrooms" on the donation). As the design work progresses, I will keep you informed. This is a needed venture as we continue to care for and maintain *all our parish facilities*.

This Lent there are extra opportunities for you to experience God's Grace and Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8p**, we will have **"The Light is On for You."** Standard Confessions times remain on Saturday from 4:30-5:20p and Tuesdays from 6:00-6:25p. "Repent and believe in the Gospel." *St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

## Mass Schedule: March 16 - 22

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Mary Aldridge
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Joy Spinney (Sodality)
	9:15a.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6:30-8:00p.m.	<i>The Light Is On For You</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Frances Meer
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Mary V. Amos
	6:30p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Prayer Line
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Merlin Herbert



If you are submitting a photo for the Parish Pictorial Directory, it MUST BE delivered to the parish office no later than noon, Friday, March 20. Photos received, after March 20, will not be included in the directory.

Fr. Burkhardt 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. Deadline to remove items you wish to keep is TODAY, March 15, 2015.

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

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Boxed or bagged spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned peaches and canned pears.

Mark Your Calendar! The Senior Breakfast at the K of C is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, after the 7:30a.m. Mass. More information will be forthcoming.

2015 Fall Festival: It's time, once again, to create those beautiful things for us to sell at our 2015 Fall Festival. The Auction Committee would greatly appreciate your efforts. Any questions can be directed to Mary Schneider 932-5397 or Toni Schultz 561-4525.

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 18**, 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.**

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified Himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

PRAYER LIST:

Gloria Moran

## Liturgical Roles

Stations of the Cross - March 20

6:30p.m. Clara and Sofia Kemple

Servers - March 21 & 22Sat. 5:30p.m. Matthew & Nick Komlanc,  
Savannah WestphalSun. 7:30a.m. Nicholas & Jacob Amos,  
Glen Harpring10:00a.m. Hallie & Alexis Fenimore,  
Lily YagerLectors - March 21 & 22

Sat. 5:30p.m. Lou Starkey

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ruth Houk

10:00a.m. Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers- March 21 & 22Sat. 5:30p.m. Julia Jessup, Barb Musgrave,  
Shelly Bostic

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken &amp; Nancy Schroeder, Carol Yager

10:00a.m. Steve Pavey, Stephen Ariens,  
Sarah NiedenthalUshers for March 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Dutch Tragesser &amp; Volunteer

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ed Harpring &amp; Volunteer

10:00a.m. Joe Chance &amp; Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

March 16 Jerry Rudolf

March 23 Joan Meo

Money CountersMarch 16 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Yager,  
Jeanine YagerMarch 23 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,  
Mary SchneiderMEET THIS WEEK'S  
RCIA  
CANDIDATE

My name is Sally Farley and I am one of thirteen children. My parents just celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. I live in Rushville; moving here from California 15 years ago. I am the mother of 4 children: Arthur, Jeff, Javen and Eddy. My oldest sister, Diane, has always encouraged me. She sends me homilies every week. One week the homily spoke out to me and I turned to God and the Catholic Church. Mary and Virginia are my favorite Saints. My favorite Scripture passage is the Parable of the Prodigal Son. I am a stay-at-home mom and love it here in Rushville. My vacation destination is to go back to California and visit my family.

**Sunday Collection**  
**March 8, 2015**



Adults (149 Envelopes + 9 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,890.00
Youth (0 Envelopes)	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 407.71
Total	\$ 7,297.71
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -2.29
Sunday 3/8/15	\$ 7,297.71
Regular Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 3,912.00
Votive Candles	\$ 21.00
Criterion	\$ 160.00
Missions	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 75.00
Sodality Dues	\$ 51.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>220.00</u>
TOTAL 3/8/15	\$ 12,171.71

Mass Attendance - March 8, 2015 - 335 (5:30 & 7:30 only)

**-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): 1st Scrutiny and class, today, March 15. Topic: Way of the Cross, Rosary.  
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 Confirmation Preparation Classes - TODAY, March 15, beginning at 5:30p.m.  
Youth Group will meet TODAY, March 15 at 4:00p.m. to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

First Communion Dresses/Suits: Has your child outgrown his or her First Communion dress or suit? Please consider donating gently used First Communion dresses/suits to Saint Anthony in Indianapolis. Saint Anthony will loan dresses/suits to First Communion families. Clothing can be brought to the St. Mary, Rushville, parish office. Contact Meli, for more information: 317-636-4828x225.



<https://40daysforlife.com>  
<http://www.40daysindy.org/>



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 April 12, 19 and 26.

**-St. Mary Catholic School News-**

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 Calendars for the St. Mary Catholic School 6th Annual Green and White Gala on April 25, 2015. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, silent and live auctions and a basket raffle. We gladly welcome any auction donations. If you would like more information about tickets for the event, call Theresa Komlanc at 765-932-3639.

St. Mary Catholic School Sells Gift Cards: Gift Card sales and orders will be the weekends of March 14/15, April 18/19, May 16/17, 23/24 and June 6/7, 20/21, in the handicap entrance of the church. Cards may also be ordered or purchased through the school office, during regular school hours. Gift Cards make great graduation gifts! Thank You!

**Catholic Charities News**

The five Indiana bishops have issued a pastoral letter on poverty. The overall goal is to bring awareness to the suffering that is experienced by our fellow Hoosiers and motivate us all to take further responsibility for helping to relieve some of this suffering. Please take the time to read the letter and to respond to the survey that will be used to develop a pastoral plan to reduce poverty in Indiana - [www.archindy.org](http://www.archindy.org).

**DIVORCE AND BEYOND**  
**to be offered in Connersville**

A peer-ministry support group for all separated and divorced has been scheduled for six consecutive Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30p.m., beginning April 12 at St. Gabriel, 232 W. Ninth Street, Connersville, IN. The topics for discussion will be the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness and forgiveness. The cost of the six-week session is \$30, which includes a book. For more information or to register, please contact the Pro-Life and Family Life Office at 317-236-1586ext.1586 or [dvanvelse@archindy.org](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org). Registration forms can be obtained at [www.archindy.org/plfl/ministriesdivorce.html](http://www.archindy.org/plfl/ministriesdivorce.html). Local contact: Steve Wesseler 765-732-3170.