



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

MARCH 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173

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Monday-Wednesday...8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179
 Thursday.....9:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790
 Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon 765-663-2444

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Doug Krieger

School Commission

Chair: Jim Cowan

Baptism

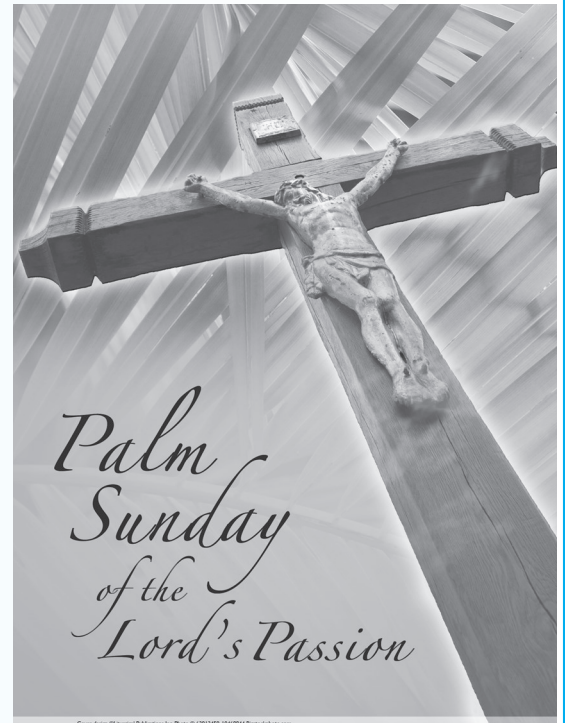
Call the parish office for scheduling.

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.*



Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the conclusion and grand finale, properly speaking, of the great Solemnity of Easter. The Easter Season will extend on until Pentecost. Divine Mercy Sunday has its roots deeply planted in the Old and New Testament and in the early Church Tradition. It is a feast with three distinct dimensions, each emphasizing an aspect of the paschal mystery that needs to be brought out more clearly and appropriated by and for the faithful: merciful love, atonement, and covenant.

First, Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on God's mercy, and merciful love, as an event! It focuses on God's continuing action of mercy throughout salvation history as we see it recorded in the Letter to the Romans in chapters 9, 10, and 11, culminating in His loving plan to have mercy on all! (See Rom 11:32.)

Second, Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on our atonement for sins won for us and in us by Christ's suffering and death upon the Cross. It is this atonement by Christ that has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ for the sins of all persons (CCC 1992). It is this atonement that gives us hope in heaven.

Finally, Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the Covenant of Mercy extended to us by Christ upon the Cross in His Body and Blood. On the octave day of Easter, we, too, ratify the Covenant of Mercy, reaffirming not only our Baptism – our new life in Christ, but also the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist – which sustain that life of Christ within us.

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, St Mary's will be hosting a Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction on **Sunday, April 12, from 2p-3p.** Fr Gries will be available for confessions during this time. We will conclude with a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet (texts will be provided) and Benediction. Please prayerfully consider putting this on your calendar to come and partake in Christ's infinite Mercy won for us by His Paschal Mystery in the Cross and Resurrection.

St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: March 30—April 5

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Joy Spinney
	9:15a.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
	6:30p.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
Friday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
		<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6:30p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	5:30p.m.	No Mass
	8:30p.m.	St. Mary and St. Rose
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Don Weiler
	10:00a.m.	Betty Spaeth

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.

In Sympathy

Our condolences to Richard and Regina Spaeth and Mary Edwards at the death of Willa Mae Wagner who passed away on March 19.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Trudy Ariens who passed away on March 19. May Willa Mae and Trudy rest in Eternal Glory.

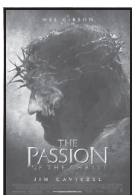


Steve Oesting, Marie Beaver, Virgil and Judy McKay



The St. Mary Core Team invites all interested Parishioners, and those who served on the Parish Task Force in January, to attend a meeting on **Sunday, April 19, following the 7:30a.m. Mass**, in the church. At this meeting, the Core

Team will present the work and findings of the Cohort Team (St. Anne, St. Elizabeth, St. Mary and St. Rose). This work includes a preliminary recommendation of future parish alignments and partnerships among the Cohort. This is a critical time to solicit feedback, response, and input from all parishes affected before this preliminary recommendation is submitted to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission for their review. Please make plans to attend. A copy of the preliminary recommendation will be placed on the St. Mary Parish website.



Mel Gibson's *Passion of Christ* Movie will be shown at 3p.m. TODAY, March 29, in the school multipurpose room.

Liturgical Roles

Holy Thursday - April 2 at 6:30p.m.

Servers: Sofia & Clara Kemple, Mitchell Cowan, Jonathan Ripberger, Gus Haley, Savannah Westphal

Lector: Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Amaranta Kemple, Rita Corn, Kevin Banks, Jane Ariens (Choir)

Ushers: Jim Cowan & Volunteer

Good Friday - April 3 at 6:30p.m.

Servers: Sofia & Clara Kemple, Jonathan Ripberger, Ereena Moore, Gus Haley

Lectors: Ruth Houk & Tom Giesting

Extra-Ordinary Minister: Amaranta Kemple

Ushers: Dutch Tragesser & Volunteer

Servers - April 4/5 (Easter)

Sat. 8:30p.m. Will, Anne & Katie Thoman, Gus Haley, Mitchell Cowan, Savannah Westphal

Sun. 7:30a.m. Jacob, Tyler & Nicholas Amos, Adam Leising

10:00a.m. Sofia & Clara Kemple, Nick & Matthew Komlanc

Lectors - April 4/5 (Easter)

Sat. 8:30p.m. Mary Beth Burklow, Ruth Houk, Tom Giesting

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - April 4 & 5 (Easter)

Sat. 8:30p.m. Jerry Rudolf, Bob Dwenger, Deacon Russ Woodard

Sun. 7:30a.m. Gary Nigh, Susie Odum, Carol Yager

10:00a.m. Amaranta Kemple, Rita Corn, Laura Ash, Debbie Banks, Denise Small

Ushers - April 4 & 5 (Easter)

Sat. 8:30p.m. Joe & Rosie Chance

Sun. 7:30a.m. Mike & Blake Mahan

10:00a.m. JD & Brandon Herbert

Ushers for April 2015

Sat. 5:30p.m. Michael McCallister & Volunteer

Sun. 7:30a.m. Mike & Blake Mahan

10:00a.m. Kevin Mahan & Volunteer

Ministers-to-the-Sick

March 30 Janet Pike April 6 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

March 30 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising



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Due to an early bulletin deadline, the March 22 collection details will appear in the April 5 bulletin.



St. Mary Church Renovation Summary

Income

POH Pledges	\$903,684
Received (as of 2/28/15)	-696,094
Written Off *	<u>-4,000</u>
POH Pledge Balance	\$203,590

* Persons have moved out of the parish/county.

Expense

Capital Campaign	\$ 39,774	3.2%
Architectural Fees	95,901	7.7%
HVAC	100,255	8.0%
Renovation/Construction	<u>1,015,130</u>	81.1%
Total	\$1,251,060	

The 2 year mark of the 3 year POH Pledge Campaign is approaching. This seemed like a good time to provide a financial update. Final renovation expenses are shown above. Also shown are the POH revenue/pledges, as of the end of February 2015. For those who have completed their POH pledges, thank you. For those of you with remaining balances on your pledge, we appreciate your continued faithfulness in fulfilling your promise to the parish community. Thank you all for your generosity and support of this project.

-Religious Education News-

Sunday Morning Religious Education: No classes March 29 and April 5 (Spring Break and Easter).

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

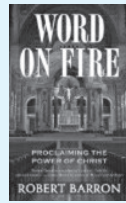
Confirmation: May 9, 2015 at St. Andrew, Richmond, IN.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No Classes March 29 and April 5 (Spring Break and Easter).



**MEET THIS WEEK'S
RCIA
CATECHUMEN**

My name is Monte Sitton. I am attending school at IUPUI and studying accounting. While attending school, I am also working full time at DEEM, which is a mechanical and electrical company. When I actually have spare time, I enjoy going to the gym or going out for a round of golf. I decided to join St. Mary Church, because of Casey Yager. She got me started going to church and really inspired me on taking RCIA classes. Even though she is younger than me, I have looked up to her because of her amazing faith, and that is something I wanted in my life. My favorite scripture passage would have to be Philippians 4:13.



Father Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, the study on the Eucharist, as source and summit of the Christian life. The presentations takes 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 and Preschool will be holding its Kindergarten Kick-off on Monday, April 6, from 4-6:30p.m. If you have a child entering kindergarten, in the fall, and might be interested in attending St. Mary Catholic School, stop by on the 6th for a kindergarten readiness assessment, to meet the teachers, and tour the school. If you have any questions, call 932-3639.

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 Parish Office. Contact Meli, for more information: 317-636-4828x225.

**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. Registration forms can be obtained at www.archindy.org/plfl/ministriesdivorce.html.