



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

APRIL 26, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER

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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

School Commission

Chair: Jim Cowan

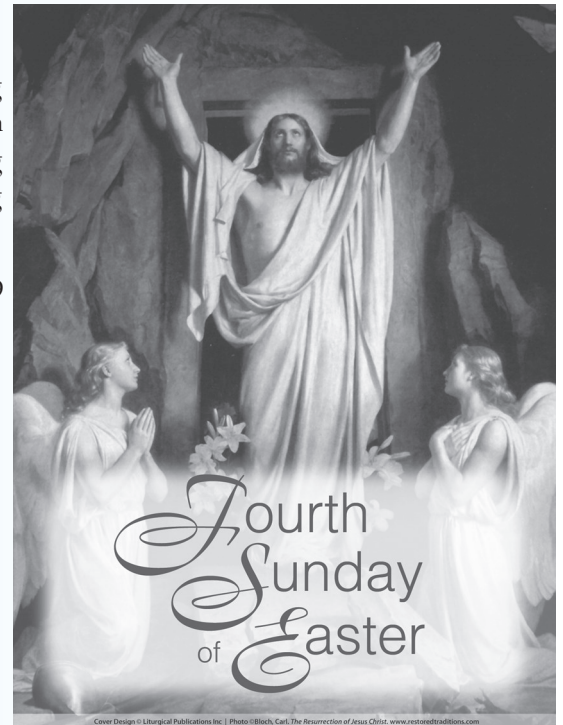
Baptism

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.*



This weekend, we have/had our annual **Green & White Gala** for St Mary Catholic School and Preschool. It is always a wonderful evening filled with fun, food, and faith. We also raise some dollars to support financially the good work being done in the school.

“*Believing and Achieving*” is the motto of our principal, Mrs. Sherri Kirschner. Both activities are present daily at St Mary Catholic School and Preschool. All have taken this saying to heart. *Believing* in Christ and the Church, the school staff continues the long tradition of instilling a solid Catholic Christian education into each one of our students. *Achieving* for Christ and the Church, our students hone and develop their God given talents, skills, and blessings for His praise and their benefit.

Here at St Mary Catholic School and Preschool, young people learn that believing and achieving, faith and reason, success and sanctity go hand-in-hand. Here, the dedication of principal and teachers, the commitment of parents and students, the generosity of volunteers and benefactors accomplish great and Godly things. Here at SMS, the next generation of Christian faithful is raised up.

If you were not able to attend the Green & White Gala, I do ask that you pray for the success of the school, as well as ‘talk it up.’ Our parish school is the single largest parish ministry and means of evangelization (but not our only one certainly). Not only does it form many of our parish youth in a Catholic Christian ethos, it is exposing many other children, families, and members of the community to the Truths of Christ and the Catholic Church. We are currently enrolling for the 2015-16 school year.

First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this coming Friday, May 1st following the 8:30a Mass all day until Benediction at 8p. Come spend some time with Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The school children will have their annual “May Crowning” at the 8:30a Mass that day, and we can all invoke St Joseph the Worker’s intercession on our labors.

St Mary, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: April 27– May 3

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Rosie Joyner
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Jerry Foley
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Zelda Patterson
Friday	8:30a.m.	Gloria Moran
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Clarence & Frances Meer
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Mary Jo (Coffin) Eddy

Graduation Mass: All graduating high school seniors, from St. Mary, are invited to the annual graduation Mass at 7:30a.m. on May 17. The Knights of Columbus is offering a breakfast, following Mass, for seniors and their immediate families. Please call the parish office, by noon on Friday, May 8, with your reservations.

St. Mary Parish Workday will be on Saturday, June 13, from 8:30a.m.-1:00p.m. *"Many hands make light work!"*



May God bless all of your acts of kindness and expressions of condolences in the great loss of wife and mother, Gloria M. Moran. Heartfelt thank you's, especially to Father Jeremy Gries, Jane Ariens, Bob Dwenger, Annette Niehoff, Mike Woods, the Amos children and the St. Mary Funeral Meal Committee. With deepest gratitude, *David P. Moran, David Charles Moran and Craig and Dawn Moran Trent.*

IMPORTANT! 2015 Pictorial Directory

If you no longer have a phone land line and do not want your cell phone number listed as your home number, you must contact the parish office, no later than April 30, 2015.



Food Pantry Items for April: Canned Soup, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce.

A Mass will be offered for Mary Jane (Schroeder) Lawhead, at St. Rose, Knightstown, on May 3 at 12:00 noon.

In Sympathy

Sympathy to Jeff and Lori Ernstes and family at the death of Jeff's mother, Ann Ernstes Allen. To the family and friends of Ruth Coon, a life-long member of St. Mary, our condolences.



A friendly reminder: Please dress in a modest and appropriate manner, as you come to church. At every Mass, we gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in Scriptures and Sacrament. "Our demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (CCC, 1387). As we move into the summer season, there is a temptation to dress casually, but our attire reminds us of the importance of our gathering. Thank you. ~ *Father Gries*

Liturgical Roles

Servers – May 2 & 3

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ereena Moore, Nick & Macy Hoeing
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Cody & Tristian Carmony, Glen Harpring
	10:00a.m.	Michael & Shaun Fudge, Addison Ballenger, John Alexander

Lectors – May 2 & 3

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Alan Niehoff
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bob Bridges
	10:00a.m.	Amaranta Kemple & Terri Nigh

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– May 2 & 3

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Julie Jessup, Barb Musgrave, Steve Richards
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Gary Nigh, Susie Odum, Carol Yager
	10:00a.m.	Melissa Cull, Cindy Amos, Sherri Kirschner

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

April 27	Janet Pike
May 4	Monica Neuman

Money Counters

April 27	Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising
May 4	Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Barb Tush, Gary Nigh

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

We would love to have your child at St. Mary Catholic School for the 2015/2016 school year. Student registration is by appointment. Please call 932-3639.

Thanks to Mrs. Murphy and her parents of Whipker's Market Greenhouse, Inc. for offering their hanging baskets to be used as our school fundraiser. Please visit their greenhouse located at 5190 US 32 in Columbus, for all of your gardening needs. Order pickup is Thursday, May 7, 3-6p.m., in the school parking lot.

May 1, 2015 - May Crowning and Special Person's Day.

May 14, 2015 - 6th grade outgoing parents will be honored, at the PTA meeting, beginning at 6:30p.m.

May 21, 2015 - 6th grade graduation at 6:30p.m.

GARDENFEST

St. Mary Catholic School will once again be participating in **Gardenfest**. This fun-filled event will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 9a.m.-3p.m., at the Rush County Fairgrounds. The PTA is asking for donations of baked goods, garden items, plant divisions or seedlings. Please bring your donation to St. Mary School on or before May 15. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Hoeing at 679-1863 or Anne Tressler at 561-2125.

Sunday Collection
April 19, 2015



Adults (111 Envelopes + 9 Loose Checks)	\$	5,216.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$	3.00
Loose	\$	311.04
Total	\$	5,530.04
Weekly Budget (2014/2015)	\$	7,300.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$	-1,769.96 ☹

Sunday 4/19/15	\$	5,530.04
Regular Maintenance	\$	455.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$	2,468.00
Votive Candles	\$	25.00
Sodality Dues	\$	5.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	\$	5.00
Home Missions	\$	10.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$	10.00
Food Pantry	\$	153.00
TOTAL 4/19/15	\$	8,661.04

Mass Attendance - 4/19/15- 545

-Religious Education News-

Confirmation: May 9, 10a.m. at St. Andrew, Richmond, IN.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class-April 26. Topic: The Early Church Fathers.

High School Religious Education & Youth Group: April 26.

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 10:00a.m.

Megan Rose Alexander	Bradley Joseph Kiefer
Boden James Ballenger	Ivory Elizabeth Herbert
Brycee Edward Berkemeier	Nicholas Joseph Jarman
Edgar Isaac Fernandez	Isabella Renee Pavey
Emi Rose Flannery	Alexis Jo Rapp
Maggie Elizabeth Fudge	Eliza Nichole Snow
Jose Armando Leon	Emma Elizabeth Tressler
Brooke Elizabeth Means	Zachary Thomas Tressler

Please hold these young people in prayer, as they receive the Sacrament of First Communion.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus referring to Himself as "The Good Shepherd." His sheep know Him, trust Him, listen to Him and follow Him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to Him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow Him, trust Him?



Your support of the **Preserving Our Heritage Campaign**, thus far, is very deeply appreciated. As we approach the end of the second year of the three year campaign, please continue your gifting, in order to complete your pledge commitment within the next year. If you are unclear of your pledge balance, please call the parish office.



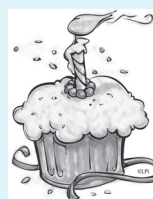
For the last three Sundays, we have been hearing Jesus' farewell discourse before He ascends into heaven. This Sunday, Jesus concludes with a conversation with the Father where He petitions on behalf of His followers. In His words, Jesus' love for His disciples, then as well as now, shines forth. There is a sense that now we are all truly one with Him. We are consecrated in truth, as He is consecrated as the truth.

Jesus commands us to love. We are to love God and each other. These are simple commands that are so hard to follow.

But do we not attest to the fact that God is love? How can we truly explain or understand the depths of love without knowledge of God? So, when we give love to someone, we are giving a glimpse of God to that person.

When we love God, we are giving back to Him a glimpse of Himself since we are created in His image. A world without love is a world without God!

Before this Easter season ends, resolve to love more. The world needs more love. Through the act of loving, may we come to know God in a more profound way.



May Birthdays-

- May 1 - Mary Busald
- May 4 - Ginny Northam
- May 12 - Jenny Brown
- May 17 - Fritz Fussner
- May 22 - Dee Salzmman