



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

NOVEMBER 29, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

Baptism

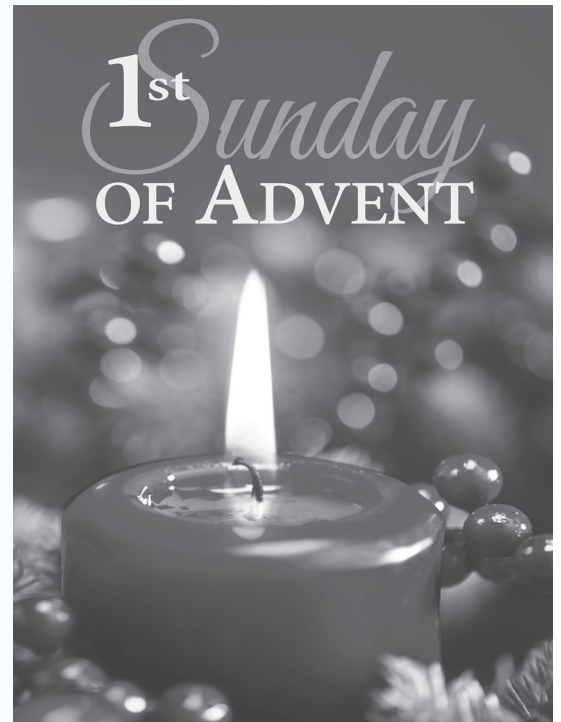
Call the parish office for scheduling.

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.*



Happy New (Liturgical) Year! With Advent, not only do we begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas, we begin another new year in the Church. Just as the years of our calendar number from the birth of Christ, our liturgical year starts afresh as we prepare and anticipate the coming of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ. I challenge you to really take this new beginning to heart. This can be a great time to renew your walk with Jesus. It can be a great time to renew your faithfulness. It can be a great time to await the very center of our lives – Jesus. Now is the time to join with Mary to allow Jesus to live within us. Now is the time to point out the coming Messiah of Jesus to the world as did John the Baptist.

This spiritual renewal can be especially important as we face a secular onslaught that tells us the coming days are all about buying, getting, obtaining. Much of the world will spend itself (physically and financially) in the weeks leading up to Christmas such that when the wonderful season of Christmas actually arrives (starting on Dec 25 until the Baptism of the Lord on January 10), they are too spent to celebrate or bother. The Christmas cheer can vanish when at last it should finally arrive. Rather, we Christians are challenged to be countercultural.

We are called to witness to the true purpose of Christmas and with it, the true meaning of Advent. The world needs the truthful message of waiting, of stillness, of quiet, of measured anticipation as much as the message of the receiving a gift – even when the gift is Jesus the Christ. There is a desperate need for patience, for serenity, for allowing things to unfold in their proper time, rather than on *our* schedule. There is a need to wait. There is grace and blessing in learning delay gratification, in learning active receptivity, in learning serenity resting in the arms of God. It is a lesson needed in the world across most every aspect of human life... so much suffering and pain could be avoided by having learned such a simple lesson of waiting until the proper time or season or place.

To truly prepare, you might read your way through Gospel of Luke. We will be hearing from Luke each Sunday over the new Liturgical Year. To get ready, a continuous reading of the Gospel would help you see the whole of Jesus' life and love.

St Mary, Expectant Mother, Pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: November 30 - December 6

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| Monday | 6:30p.m. | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 6:30p.m. | Richard & Loretta Busald |
| Wednesday | 8:30a.m. | Zelda Burke |
| Thursday | 8:30a.m. | Richard Risk |
| Friday | 8:30a.m. | Joe & Clemma Conroy |
| Saturday | 5:30p.m. | Bob Eder |
| Sunday | 7:30a.m. | George Siefert |
| | 10:00a.m. | St. Mary & St. Rose |

**CHOIR**

“CHOIR PRACTICE” Thursday nights in church from 7-8p.m.. Practicing for Midnight Mass. New members are always welcome. For questions, call Carolyn Sorber at 765-561-4958.

**The Giving Tree**

St. Mary Catholic School Giving Tree: Collection boxes will be out next weekend, December 6 or, items can be returned to the school prior to December 7. All items should be unwrapped with the gift card attached. Contact the school office, if you have any questions (932-3639).

December Birthdays (Shut-Ins & Nursing Homes)

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| December 7 | Kathryn Smiley |
| December 11 | Dorothy Snyder |
| December 16 | Elverna Comer |
| December 24 | Martha Todd |

Keep filling those baby bottles. Return your filled bottles next weekend, December 5/6.

Items that will be in the Christmas hygiene baskets include:
4-Roll Packs Toilet Paper/Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/2-Roll Pack of Paper Towel/Deodorant/Shampoo/Kleenex/Bar Soap/Liquid Hand Soap/Laundry Detergent/Floss/Hand Sanitizer/General Purpose Cleaner/Toilet Cleaner/Bleach
Please support local families in need, by donating any of these items. Hygiene baskets will be distributed December 18.



St. Mary Youth Enjoying the National Catholic Youth Conference.
Left to right: Clara Kemple, Gus Haley, Kirah Banks, Will Thoman
Karyn Banks (Not pictured).

Liturgical RolesServers – December 5 & 6

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Ereena Moore,, Danny Corn, Nicholas Hoeing |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Adam & Keith Neuman, Glen Harpring |
| | 10:00a.m. | Savannah Snow, Richard Barnes, Gus Haley |

Lectors – December 5 & 6

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Lou Starkey |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Ruth Houk |
| | 10:00a.m. | Mary Beth Burklow |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– December 5 & 6

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Mary Ann Beard, Denise Small, Alan Niehoff |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Jerry Rudolf, Tom Giesting, Regenia Ripberger |
| | 10:00a.m. | Jane Ariens, Kim L. Yager, Steve Pavey |

Ushers for December 2015

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Bruce Fenimore & Steve Schwering |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Bobby Spaeth & John Niehoff |
| | 10:00a.m. | Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner |

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 30 Janet Pike Dec. 7 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Nov. 30 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,
Mary Schneider
Dec. 7 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,
Diana Leising



Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers are needed! Please register to ring the bell at www.registertoring.com or call 932-5138. *Ring a bell...help change a life!*

St. Mary Advent Penance Service

and First Reconciliation - Thursday,
December 10, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis**

2015/2016 United Catholic Appeal. Please mail your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank You.

| Date | Pledge Cards | Pledge Amount |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 11/19/15 | 39 | \$ 7,505 |
| Goal | 435 | \$14,255 |
| % of Goal | 9% | 53% |

Intention Weekend pledges have not yet been tallied, by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Sunday Collection



Due to the Liturgical Publishing's holiday submission schedule, the November 22 collection details will appear in the December 6 bulletin.

Year-to-Date (7/1/15-10/31/15)

| Revenue | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Annual Budget |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sunday | 125,938 | 136,667 | 410,000 |
| School/Other | 303,876 | 244,595 | 598,500 |
| Total | 429,814 | 381,262 | 1,008,500 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Total | 361,139 | 349,390 | 1,020,175 |
| Net Total | 68,675 | 31,872 | (11,675) |

"The parish has also spent \$254,500 YTD toward the School Restroom Renovation."

Mass Attendance - 11/15/15 - 613 (Correction)

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): No class, today, November 29. Next class: December 6. Topic: Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick. Please keep Catechumens: Jordon Lightner, Cody Smith, Tammy Smith, Alexis Query, Bree Huskins and Kaitlyn Dawson and Candidates: Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Sherry Owen in your prayers.

Religious Education -Preschool-6th: No class today, November 29 (Thanksgiving). Next class, December 6, 2015.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, December 6, 2015, from 5:30-7:45p.m.

Youth Group: December 6, at 4:00p.m.

-St. Mary Catholic School News-

Homemade Holiday Cookie and Candy Trays: To place your order or if you have any questions, call Theresa Komlanc at 932-3639. Orders are due by Monday, December 7th.

Gift Cards: Large selection available in the school office. Great for gift giving or everyday shopping.



St. Mary Catholic School is looking for a part-time music teacher, starting second semester, for Thursday and Friday afternoons. Needed, also, is someone to play for the children's Masses on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact Sherri Kirschner at 765-932-3639 or skirschner@stmaryrush.org .

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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| Birthline | Mon.-Fri. | 317-635-4808 |
| Option Helpline | 24/7 | 1-800-712-HELP |



Faith Opportunity
BIBLE STUDY
 Led by Fr. Jeremy Gries
 Wednesday Evenings
 7:00-8:15p.m.

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| Dec. 02 | Messianic Fulfillment I |
| Dec. 09 | Messianic Fulfillment II |
| Dec. 16 | Messianic Fulfillment III |
| Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 | Break |
| Jan. 13 | The Church I |
| Jan. 20 | The Church II |
| Jan. 27 | The Church III |

Come to one, come to all.
 Bring your Bible & Catechism!

Remember as you pray:

David Bedel, Marie Bever, Mary Busald, Colette Concannon, Katy Curtis, Erin Doyle, Bud & Carol Ann Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Jeanne Hedrick, Florence Herbert, Dick Joyner, Jeff Krieger, Aidan Kuhn, James and Mary McGinnis, Virgil & Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Marilyn Niehoff, Paul and Marjorie Niehoff, Steve Oesterling, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Fr. Harold Richtor, Roger Roberson, Dave Roberts, Ken Saxon, Steve Schneider, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cathy Smith, Anita Sopher, David Starkey, Twins Brittney & Brooklyn, Rudy Wesling, Ron Wilson, CarolAnn Woelfel, Glenn Woods and Paris, France.

For those proudly serving our country: Garrett Hadler, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

For those of our parish who are homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Jackie Hess, Nellie Rice, Dee Salzman, Kathryn Smiley, Martha Todd.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Donna Becraft, Jenny Brown, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Ginny Northam, Ann Parish, Betty Spilman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Louise Childers, Ann Gillian, Dorothy Jarman, Dorothy Snyder, Ruth Stuckey, Edna Wehr.

Those who have passed away: John Webb, Norman Herbert, Judith Neal, Bob Piles, Garry Hiott, Chris Davis and George Sutton.

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"Save the Date"
St. Mary Parish Mission
January 30, 2016 - February 3, 2016