



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council Chair: Shawn Adkins
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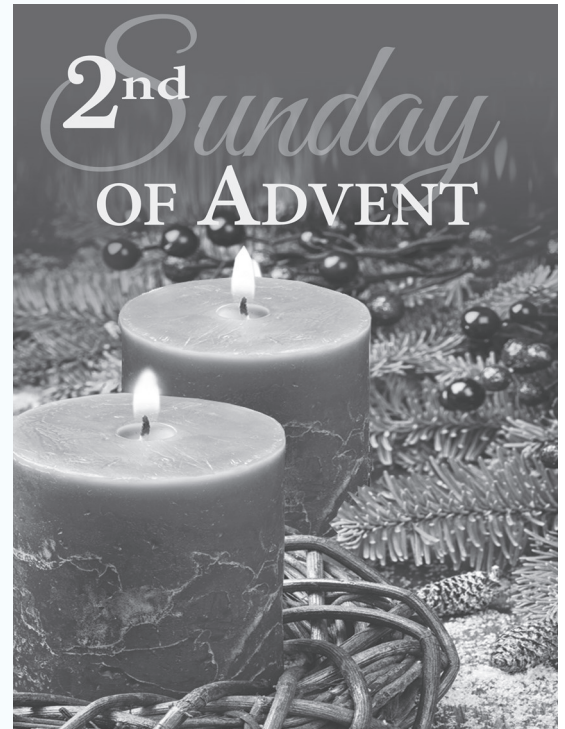
Baptism

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.*



Last week I wrote of the start of the new Church year. Not only do we turn to a liturgical season, this Church year is special and unique. Holy Father Francis has called for an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**. Jubilee Years typically occur in the Church on a 25-year cycle with the last being in 2000. This is a tradition begun by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and finds its Scriptural roots in the Jubilee Years of the Old Testament (Cf. Lev 25:10-14). It was to be a time of rest, of restoration, of restitution, of reconciliation. Pope Francis has called for this extraordinary jubilee year out of cycle, which in part is what makes it extraordinary – literally out of or above the ordinary. Recognizing the immense need to both receive and extend God’s Mercy in the daily lives of Christians, and indeed, all people of good will, Pope Francis has placed this extraordinary opportunity before the world. The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and will conclude with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

A signature focus of the papacy of Francis has been to extend Mercy to those he encounters, much as Jesus Christ did. Pope Francis has spoken often of God’s immense Mercy. Mercy is the Holy Father’s answer to evil and sin. *Justice* would give the other merely what is their due, whereas *Mercy* extends what they truly need at their very core – God’s love and forgiveness, God’s reconciliation and relationship.

In proclaiming the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, “This is the time for mercy. It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.” May we truly embrace this blessed Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to both receive and extend God’s Mercy intentionally and tangibly in our Catholic Christian lives, families, parish, and community.

Tuesday, Dec 8 is the **Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – Holy Day of Obligation and our parish feast day. We will have Mass at 7a, 8:30a and 6:30p. Please plan to join us.

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

Mass Schedule: December 7 - January 6

Monday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	7:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	8:30a.m.	Judy Meyer
	6:30p.m.	Bob Meyer
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Bud Harpring
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Fred & Anna Hahn family
Friday	8:30a.m.	Pat Osting
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Don Weiler
	10:00a.m.	Gus & Clara Niehoff

**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.

**Advent Penance Service****St. Mary Advent Penance Service** and

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

December Birthdays (Shut-Ins & Nursing Homes)

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

Our Sympathy to: Terri Nigh and Jeanie Leising and their families, at the recent death of their brother, Ken Saxon.

Our Condolences to: Sheldon Hoeing and Dorine Rosfeld and their families, at the recent death of Maurice Hoeing.

Prayer List: Patricia (Saxon) Banta and Herb Saxon

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.

The Rush County Chorale, under the direction of David Doyle, will be presenting its annual Christmas concerts on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 7:30p.m. and Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:30p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Rushville. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door or from any Chorale member.

“Save the Date”

St. Mary Parish Mission

January 30, 2016 - February 3, 2016

Liturgical RolesServers - Immaculate Conception - December 8

7:00a.m.	Keith Neuman & Gus Haley
8:30a.m.	School Servers
6:30p.m.	Savannah Westphal, Clara & Sofia Kemple

Lectors - Immaculate Conception - December 8

7:00a.m.	Tom Giesting
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 8

7:00a.m.	Susie Odum, Steve Pavey & Volunteer
8:30a.m.	School
6:30p.m.	Jerry Rudolf, Annette Niehoff, Amaranta Kemple

Servers - December 12 & 13

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Savannah & Isabell Westphal, John Alexander
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Addison Ballenger, Grant Hill, Adam Leising
10:00a.m.	Nick Komlanc, Clara & Sofia Kemple

Lectors - December 12 & 13

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Rita Corn
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Lori Hoeing
10:00a.m.	Debbie Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 12 & 13

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Shelly Bostic, Susan Hoeing, Barb Musgrave
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Holly Bess, Gary Nigh, Carol Yager
10:00a.m.	Laura Ash, Annette Niehoff, Amaranta Kemple

Ushers for December 2015

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

Dec. 7	Monica Neuman
Dec. 14	Marilyn Schroeder & Jeanie Hedrick

Money Counters

Dec. 7	Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land, Diana Leising
Dec. 14	Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Sheila Zwickey, Debby Williams



Aging Religious Need Your Help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave

their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious on December 13 helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. Please give those who have given a lifetime. Please place your Retirement Fund envelope in the regular Sunday collection.

Sunday Collection
November 22, 2015



Adults (128 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 20,358.78
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 351.00
Total	\$ 20,712.78
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +13,212.78 ☺

Sunday 11/22/15	\$ 20,712.78
Regular Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 3,734.00
Votive Candles	\$ 60.00
Human Development	\$ 615.00
Cemetery	\$ 55.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 10.00
Food Pantry	\$ 15.00
TOTAL 11/22/15	\$ 25,216.78

Mass Attendance - 11/22/15 - 538

Sunday Collection
November 29, 2015

Adults (120 Envelopes +17 Loose Checks)	\$ 4,803.00
Youth (1 Envelope)	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 415.26
Total	\$ 5,219.26
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -2,280.74 ☹

Sunday 11/29/15	\$ 5,219.26
Regular Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,018.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Human Development	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	\$ 65.00
Thanksgiving (Pastoral Care)	\$ 567.00
Food Pantry	\$ 215.00
TOTAL 11/29/15	\$ 7,121.26

Mass Attendance - 11/29/15 - 622



Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2015/2106 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
11/25/14	41	\$ 8,155
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	9%	57%

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



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

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!

-St. Mary Catholic School News-



Collection Boxes are out this weekend for your unwrapped gifts. If you forgot your gift, bring it to the school office tomorrow, December 7.



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!

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, December 6. Topic: Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick. Please keep Catechumens: Jordan 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: Class TODAY, December 6, 2015.
High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY, December 6, 2015, from 5:30-7:45p.m.
Youth Group: TODAY December 6, at 4:00p.m.



Please hold in prayer, these nine children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 10, 2015. Jonathan Barada, Cora Barrett, Chelsey Boyer, Makenna Boyer, Abigail Hill, Catherine Neuman, Eli Pavey, Samuel Pavey, and Kelcie Wright.