



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JANUARY 3, 2015
THE EPIPHANY
OF THE
LORD

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.
Friday.....8:30a.m.-Noon

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Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

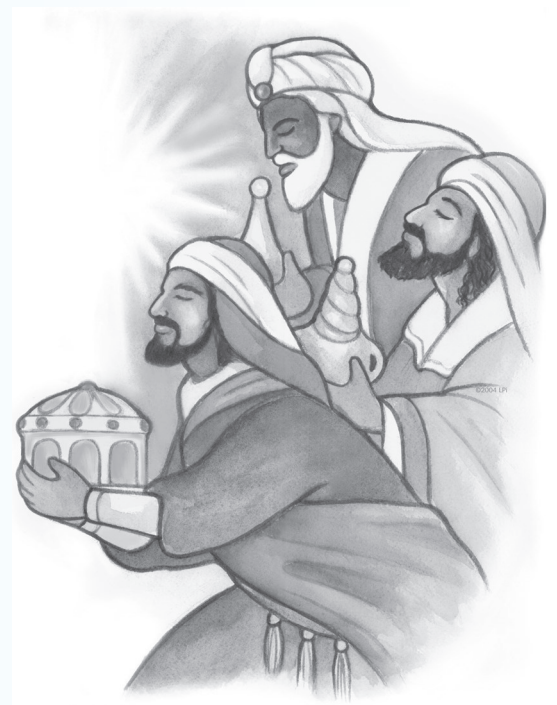
Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

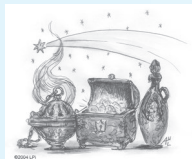
Reconciliation/Confession

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.*



EPIPHANY



We celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**. Traditionally, Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th, but in recent years the USA Bishops have transferred it to the nearest Sunday. The arrival of the Magi from the East has intrigued and interested many since the days of Herod to our own. Who were they? How did they know? What precisely was astrological star they observed?

Pious oral tradition has handed down their number and names as **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar** (C+M+B). What Sacred Scripture does tell us for certain is they provided three gifts to the infant Jesus Christ – Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh (Mt 2:11). Those gifts foreshadowed Jesus’ life and mission in the world. Those gifts are meant to teach us of our life and mission. The three gifts are meant to be given to Christ, not only by the Magi, but by ourselves.

Gold was provided to crown the newborn King with splendor and riches worthy of One who came in poverty to lift us all from poverty to the riches of heaven. Gold foreshadowed Jesus as the true King of Kings and Prince of Peace. We are still to place our worldly wealth before Jesus for use in His Kingdom. All of our wealth is blessing from God. Certainly, we are called to donate some to Church and Christian Charities. And yet, the way we spend every cent must be under His guidance and direction.

Frankincense was among the great temple offerings. As the fragrant smoke wafted up to heaven, so too prayers and offerings go to God. Jesus is the perfect offering and sacrifice to the Father. His whole life was an offering pleasing and fragrant. We too are to offer our lives to God in like ways. We are to be people of fervent and fragrant prayer before God. It was by Jesus’ intimate prayer life and communion with the Father that He could accomplish His wondrous mission, the same is true for we Christians today.

Myrrh was a healing ointment and salve to assuage suffering. This magi gift foreshadowed Christ’s sanctifying suffering. It signifies the holiness of suffering still. We don’t needlessly pursue suffering, but when suffering finds us, we offer it up with purpose, with meaning, with willing hearts like our Lord who offered Himself to the Father. We are also called to be Myrrh to the world to heal suffering.

May we, like the Magi, give Jesus homage and praise.

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

Mass Schedule: January 4 - 10

Monday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	William & Virginia Shanahan
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Fred & Anna Hahn Family
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Becky (Ernstes) Allen
Friday	8:30a.m.	Ken Saxon
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Frank Carpenter
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
	10:00a.m.	Judy Meyer

Parish Planning Morning for the Parish Council, Finance Council, School Commission and Parish Staff on January 9, 2016 from 8:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.



January 11 - Betty Eder
January 15 - Dave Roberts, Ambassador Healthcare
705 E. Main St., Rm. VU8
Centerville, IN 47330

Prayer List: Steve, Christi Ann and Abby Link, Mike Spaeth, Marjorie Niehoff, Dave Roberts.

Please Note: Those who are signed up for Automatic Sunday and Preserving Our Heritage withdrawals, December 25 contributions were drawn from accounts on December 28. January 1 contributions were drawn from accounts on January 4.

Vicky VanLue, former St. Mary Parishioner, passed away recently. Her graveside service was at Calvary Cemetery on December 22.

Our Sympathy To: Ralph (Bill) Becraft and family at the recent death of Donna Becraft. May she rest in eternal glory.

Food Pantry: Cereal is the January item of the month.
Committee Meeting: January 7, 2016 at 6:30p.m., in the rectory conference room.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Admonish the Sinner
- Instruct the Ignorant
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Comfort the Sorrowful
- Bear wrongs Patiently
- Forgive all Injuries
- Pray for the Living / Dead

Liturgical Roles

Servers – January 9 & 10

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Danny Corn, Ereena Moore, Jonathan Ripberger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Tyler, Nicholas & Jacob Amos
	10:00a.m.	Hallie & Alexis Fenimore, Matthew Grote

Lectors - January 9 & 10

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Lou Starkey
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ruth Houk
	10:00a.m.	Ann Curtis

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– January 9 & 10

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Denise Small, Barb Musgrave, Steve Richards
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Susie Odum
	10:00a.m.	Denise A. Hoeing, Susan Hoeing, Annette Niehoff

Ushers for January 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Wayne & Sue Munson
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Steve Wagner & Joe Niedenthal
	10:00a.m.	JD and Kris Herbert

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Jan. 4 Janet Pike Jan. 11 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Jan. 4 Kathy Dean, Jeanie Spaeth, Sheila Zwickey,
Debby Williams
Jan. 11 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery,
Royanna Eck



Mass
Intentions

What does it mean to have a Mass “offered for someone? An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example; in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century are evidence of this practice. The contribution is \$10.00 per intention. In reference to Mass intentions on the weekend, we are instructed that one weekend Mass is to be said for the members of St. Mary and St. Rose Parishes. This is why only two requests per weekend can be scheduled.



**Sunday Collection
December 13, 2015**



Adults (119 Envelopes + 16 Loose Checks)	\$ 9,345.00
Youth (4 Envelopes)	\$ 6.00
Loose	\$ 324.74
Total	\$ 9,675.74
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ <u>-7,500.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +2,175.74 ☺

Sunday 12/13/15	\$ 9,675.74
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 445.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,105.66
Votive Candles	\$ 17.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,662.00
Flowers	\$ 70.00
Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception/Solemnity of Mary	\$ 492.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>200.00</u>
TOTAL 12/13/15	\$ 14,717.40

Mass Attendance - 12/13/15 - 600

December 20, 2015

Adults (133 Envelopes + 15 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,377.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 3.50
Loose	\$ 402.25
Total	\$ 7,782.75
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ <u>-7,500.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +282.75 ☺

Sunday 12/20/15	\$ 7,782.75
Regular Maintenance	\$ 615.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,779.00
Votive Candles	\$ 63.00
Flowers	\$ 429.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 140.00
Christmas & Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Food Pantry	\$ <u>550.00</u>
TOTAL 12/20/15	\$ 11,368.75

Mass Attendance - 12/20/15 - 604

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Charitable IRA Rollover is Now Permanent**

Great news! On December 18, 2015, President Obama signed into law the legislation that retroactively extends the Charitable Rollover for 2015 and makes the provision **PERMANENT** for future years. This allows you to make a tax-free gift to the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) from your IRA today and for years to come. You may transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the CCF without owing income taxes. Take advantage of this tax savings benefit by transferring required minimum distributions from retirement plans directly to the Catholic Community Foundation to support a parish, school, or ministry important to you! For questions, at no obligation, please contact Joanna S. Feltz at 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1482.



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

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!

-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, January 3. Topic: Life in Christ-1. Please keep Catechumens: Jordon Lightner, Cody Smith, Tammy Smith, Alexis Query, Bree Huskins and Kaitlyn Dawson and Candidates: Darren Kessler, Mike Moore, Kevin Dolan and Sherry Owen in your prayers.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: Class resumes TODAY, January 3, 2015. Welcome back!

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, Next class is scheduled for January 10, from 5:30-7:45p.m.

Youth Group: January 10, 2016 at 4:00p.m.



**Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2015/2016 United Catholic Appeal**

If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so, even if you cannot make a pledge. Our goal is 50% participation. We are currently at 44%.

Date	Pledge Cards	Pledge Amount
11/17/14	193	\$35,890
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	44%	252%

"Save the Date"

**St. Mary Parish Mission
January 30, 2016 - February 3, 2016**

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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