



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JANUARY 10, 2016
BAPTISM OF
THE
LORD

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Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Jamey Pavey

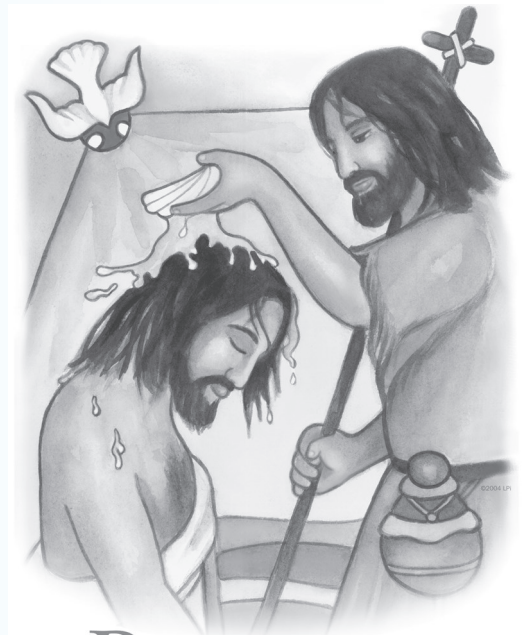
Baptism

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.*



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This weekend, we recognize the **Baptism of the Lord** by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This Scriptural event is “the origin and foundation of Christian Baptism... Before starting His public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify Him; He cleansed the waters... Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because He was totally faithful to the will of His Father and free from sin. However, He wanted to show His solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding His disciples to baptize all nations, He established the means by which people would die to sin – Original and actual – and begin to live a new life in God.” (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, 184).

This year, my sales pitch for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis **United Catholic Appeal (UCA)** was pretty soft. Not because it’s not important to support the mission and ministry of the greater Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana (it is!), but because St Mary’s has for several years now been a strong supporter of the UCA. This year you have once again upheld that reputation. As of the writing of these Pastor’s notes, St Mary’s has met 252% of our parish goal of \$14255 for a total pledged of \$35890! What’s more, the parish has met and surpassed my challenge to have 40% parish household participation. Currently, our participation rate is at 44% or 193 pledges/435 households. This is super. While I can’t say I’m surprised, I can certainly say I am proud of your participation and humbled by your generosity. Thank you. If *you* have not yet made *your* UCA pledge of support, there is still time. There are pledge cards at the Perkins’ Street entrances. Even if you cannot make a financial contribution at this time, a returned pledge of prayer and zero dollars will increase our household participation rate. Thank you and God Bless you.

St Mary, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

Mass Schedule: January 11 - 17

Monday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Carl Busald
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Bill & Jean Moran
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose

Prayer List: Steve, Christi Ann and Abby Link, Mike Spaeth, Marjorie Niehoff, Eric Tallent and Sherry McIntire



Audra Christine Mahan, daughter of Blake and Kimberly Christine (Shanahan) Mahan, received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 26, 2015.

Tuff Rhett Busald, son of Cory and Amber Rose (Moffett) Busald, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on January 30, 2016.



Our Sympathy to Francis (Fritz) and Jean Fussner at the recent death of Russell Fussner.

Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of:

William and Virginia Shanahan	Raymond Busald
Betty Green	Gloria Moran
Charles & Rose Lee Towne	Donald Berkemeier
John D. & Norma Moran	Verl Clemons
Ruth & Dale Clark	Dana Zickman
Paul & Mildred Noel	Bill Oster
Land & Ariens Families	George Siefert
Hoeing & Cull Families	Helen Louise Amos
Georgeanna Rose Amos	Henry & Leona Siefert
Joe & Myrtha Moran Family	Joseph Auditore
Josephine Leidig	Don & Judy Meyer
Gus & Clara Niehoff	Shirley Herbert
AJ & Marie Meyer Family	Juliann Hoeing
Deceased Members of Eck Family	Millie Ann Hoeing
Clarence & Frances Meer	Joe Freese Family
Bill & Jean Moran Family	Joe Moran Family
Steve Wesley	Marie Anderson
William Whittaker	Betty Seufert
Betty Green	Our Son John
Carol Hardwick	Thelma Niehoff
William Niehoff	Michael & Regina Ritz
John & Hilda Spaeth	Douglas Spaeth
Holli Spaeth	Betty Spaeth
Bob & Mary Eder	Benno Harpring
Lloyd & Marjorie Emsweller	Richard & Loretta Busald
John & Martha Leising	Robert Meyer
Bill & Emma Hinton	
Harry, Velma, David, Harriett, Beverly Thackery	
Anthony, Elizabeth & Myron Rosfeld	
Albert, Hilda, Ralph Muckerheide	
Flowers and Monetary Donations:	Sodality

Liturgical Roles

Servers – January 16 & 17

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 - January 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Debby Williams
	10:00a.m.	Debbie Carter

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– January 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Shelly Bostic, Mary Ann Beard, Tom Giesting
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Holly Bess, Gary Nigh, Carol Yager
	10:00a.m.	Laura Ash, Amaranta Kemple, Kevin Spilman

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. 11	Monica Neuman
Jan. 18	Bob Dwenger & Jeanie Hedrick

Money Counters

Jan. 11	Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery, Royanna Eck
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St. Mary Parish Mission

Christ Our God, Truth Incarnate

Presented by: Father George McInnis, CPM

Sunday - Wednesday (January 31 - February 3)

SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 31, 2016-	5:30-6:30p.m.	Confessions
	7:00-8:00p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Mission Talk by Father McInnis
Monday, February 1, 2016	8:30a.m. -	Mass with Father McInnis
	5:30-6:30p.m.	Confessions
	7:00-8:00p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Mission Talk by Father McInnis
Tuesday, February 2, 2016	8:30a.m. -	Mass with Father McInnis
	5:30-6:30p.m.	Confessions
	7:00-8:00p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Mission Talk
Wednesday, February 3, 2016	8:30a.m. -	Mass with Father McInnis
	5:30-6:30p.m.	Confessions
	7:00-8:00p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Mission Talk
	8:00-9:00p.m.	Parish Social

**Christmas Collection
December 25, 2015**



Christmas/Sunday	\$ 8,659.68
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 50.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 265.00
Votive Candles	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
Cemetery	\$ 25.00
Food Pantry	\$ 25.00
TOTAL 12/25/16	\$ 9,129.68

Mass Attendance - 12/24 & 25/16 - 897

**Sunday Collection
December 27, 2015**

Adults (115 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,486.92
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 365.50
Total	\$ 6,855.42
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -644.58

Sunday 12/27/16	\$ 6,855.42
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 120.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,136.78
Votive Candles	\$ 22.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 90.00
Flowers	\$ 110.00
Cemetery	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 590.00
Food Pantry	\$ 308.00
TOTAL 12/27/16	\$ 9,257.20

Mass Attendance - 12/27/16 - 637

Sunday Collection

January 1, 2016 and January 3, 2016

Adults (164 Envelopes + 17 Loose Checks)	\$ 9,173.31
Youth (5 Envelopes)	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 832.20
Total	\$ 10,010.51
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +2,510.51 ☺

New Year's 1/1/16 and Sunday 1/3/16	\$ 10,010.51
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 140.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 2,319.00
Votive Candles	\$ 41.00
Christmas	\$ 330.00
Criterion	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception/Solemnity of Mary	\$ 60.00
Food Pantry	\$ 547.00
TOTAL 1/3/16	\$ 13,467.51

Mass Attendance - 1/3/16 - 614



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

- 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!

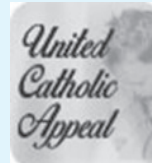
-Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Class TODAY, January 10. Topic: Life in Christ-II. 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, TODAY, January 10, 2015.

High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, 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
12/10/15	193	\$35,890
Goal	474	\$14,255
% of Goal	44%	252%



Cereal is the Food Pantry item of the month, for January.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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