



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

MARCH 13, 2016  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF  
LENT

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## Parish Office Hours

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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.*



## 5th Sunday of Lent 3rd Scrutiny

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Jn 11:21-23

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This weekend the Universal Church begins **Passiontide**, which runs from the 5th week of Lent until the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday of the Easter Vigil). During these last days of Lent, the Faithful keep their hearts and souls especially united to the Lord in His Passion. It is sort of a Lent within a Lent. The crosses are covered until Good Friday. Images/statues are covered until the Easter Vigil. We do this to realize what it would be like NOT to have the fruits of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. No glorious kingdom, no sharing in the divine life of God in heaven... how sad that would be.

Next Sunday we begin... **Holy Week!** Yes, I know the students (and parents) are most interested in the beginning of Spring Break. Yet, I ask, I plead, I beg you to remember that this week – which also happens to be spring break this year – is Holy Week. The most holy of holy days in the annual life of a Christian and the Church!!! While we don't give and receive as at Christmas, we do remember, relive, receive the infinite graces that come from our Lord's saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection, which make the Holy Days infinitely more important. As such, please plan to prayerfully attend the Holy Triduum Liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and of course, Easter Sunday (no matter where you happen to find yourself). The Catholic Church is present in every state in the Union, and nearly every country in the world. Not attending is mostly due to not trying... how sad that would be.

To add a dose of "good old fashioned Catholic guilt," think what Jesus must have thought as He lovingly suffered and died upon the Cross for the sins of all human persons of all ages – including us human sinners in this age. While on the Cross, Jesus was taunted by the Scribes and Pharisees. But He was also taunted by us as we put our own little earthly pleasures in, say a vacation, ahead of Him when we are 'too taken up in our own pleasures and pursuits' to be bothered with going to church during the Holy Triduum. Rest and Relaxation and Renewal are necessary (Yes, that's why God gave us Sunday), but when our 'rest' is put ahead of the Lord, it is misguided... it is idolatrous... it is Adam and Eve eating of the forbidden fruit in the garden, for which Christ had to come to give His precious life.

St Mary, Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, Pray for us ~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

## Mass Schedule: March 14 - 20

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Carl Busald
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Richard Risk
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Fr. Ken Ciano
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Fred & Anna Hahn Family
	7:00p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary & St. Rose
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Myrtha Moran
	10:00a.m.	Trudy Ariens

Calvary Cemetery Clean-Up Day: Saturday, March 19, 2016, beginning at 9a.m. **Items you wish to keep must be removed by March 14, 2016.** Contact Steve Wagner, with any questions.

Food Pantry: Pork & Beans and Macaroni & Cheese are the items of the month, for March. For special deliveries or questions, contact Susan Hoeing, 765-561-1040.

K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 19, 2016 at the K of C Hall.

Fr. Burkhart Scholarship: Applications are available in the parish office during regular business hours. Applicants must be attending a Catholic college in 2016/2017. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Easter Flower Donations are being accepted. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the church vestibules.

Mel Gibson's The Passion of Christ Movie will be shown on Palm Sunday, March 20 at 3p.m. in the school multipurpose room.

Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPi), our bulletin publisher, will have Nik Alexander, our bulletin representative, visiting our Church the week of March 28, 2016 to service our bulletin. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad and thereby continuing their support of our church. For those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity. To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact Nik Alexander directly at 812-240-8545. Keep in mind our advertising sponsors make the bulletin possible.

Next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and Pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy and poor education. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Please be generous.

Prayer List: Benjamin Castro, Steve and Erin Link



Our Sympathy to Melisa (Ryan) Berkemeier at the death of her grandmother, June Cherry.

Our condolences to Jessica (Joe) Spaeth at the death of her mother, Rhonda Smith.

Our Sympathy to Eloise Witsman at the death of her husband, Wendell Witsman.

## Liturgical Roles

Servers March 18- John Alexander (Stations of Cross)

Servers – March 19 & 20 (Palm Sunday)

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

Lectors - March 19 & 20 (Palm Sunday)

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Tom Giesting & John Blankman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Allen Leising & John Williams
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Banks & Steve Sickbert

Extra-Ordinary Ministers– March 19 & 20

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Denise Small, Barb Musgrave, Steve Richards
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Carol Yager
	10:00a.m.	Laura Ash-Choir, Denise A. Hoeing, Kevin Spilman, Steve Pavey

Ushers for March 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Elbert Gordon & Dave Risselman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bob Bridges & Mark McCallister
	10:00a.m.	Jim Cowan & Greg Koors

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Mar. 14 Janet Pike    Mar. 21 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Mar. 14 Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Jane Niccum,  
Mary Schneider

Mar. 21 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Donna Land,  
Diana Leising

## -Religious Education News-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): TODAY, March 13. Please keep Catechumens: Niki Cain, 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 prayer.

Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer for Catechumens TODAY, March 13.

Religious Education -Preschool- 6th: TODAY, March 13.  
High School Religious Education, for 7th -11th grade, TODAY, March 13, 2016.

Youth Group at 4:00p.m. TODAY, March 13, 2016.

Adult Confirmation: If you are an adult who has been baptized Catholic and never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father Gries, for information.

First Communion: May 1 at the 10:00a.m. Mass.

Confirmation: May 7 at 2p.m., St. Gabriel, Connersville.

Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Youth Group, will begin at 10a.m. on March 26 on the grounds of St. Mary.



**Sunday Collection**  
**March 6, 2016**



Adults (141 Envelopes + 17 Loose Checks)	\$ 7,278.36
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 544.15
Total	\$ 7,824.51
Weekly Budget (2015/2016)	\$ -7,500.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +324.51 😊
Sunday 3/6/16	\$ 7,824.51
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 125.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 1,776.00
Votive Candles	\$ 84.00
Criterion	\$ 120.00
Propagation of Faith/Missions	\$ 345.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 307.00
Sodality	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 475.00
<b>TOTAL 3/6/16</b>	<b>\$ 11,106.51</b>

Mass Attendance - 3/6/16 - 624



**The Annual Spring Rummage Sale** benefitting the St. Mary's School PTA will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E St Rd 44) on Friday, April 1 from 8:30a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, April 2 from 8:30a.m.-1p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for the sale items will be on Thursday, March 31 from 9a.m.-6p.m. at the CONSERVATION CLUB. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale can also bring those items to the Conservation Club on Thursday or Friday morning. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions. Thank you.

St. Mary PTA Scholarship: Applications are available at RCHS or on the table in the north vestibule in church. Applicants must be a St. Mary School Alumni who attended St. Mary School from 1st through 6th grade. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2016.

St. Mary Catholic School is looking to add to their sub list. No teaching experience required. A little patience and a desire to help students succeed are necessary. Contact the school office for additional information.

Mark Your Calendar! St. Mary Catholic School Green and White Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2016. This is an event to support St. Mary School. Enjoy a catered meal, live and silent auctions, plus many more activities. Monetary donations are accepted for supplies to re-purpose furniture that has been donated to the auction.



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

*Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*

- Mar. 16 Mt 4 - Tempting of the King
- Mar. 23 Holy Week/Spring Break/**No Class**
- Mar. 30 Mt 5 - Bar is Raised by the King



**MEET THIS  
WEEK'S  
RCIA  
CANDIDATE**

**Darren Kessler**

I have been a lifelong Rush County resident. I graduated from RCHS in 2004 and went on to receive my bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Business Administration. I currently serve as the Digital Communications teacher at Benjamin Rush Middle School. I married Kayla (Niehoff) Kessler on May 17, 2014 at St. Mary.

My parents have encouraged me throughout my life to always do what's right. They have allowed me to make my own choices in life so I can learn right from wrong. Even as I have grown older, they continue to want to teach me lessons about life.

I realized God was calling me to join the Catholic Church, when speaking with my wife about having children and wanting to have unison.

In my journey to becoming a Catholic Christian, I am surprised how much better I feel internally.

My favorite Saint is Edward.

My favorite hobby is coaching basketball.

My favorite vacation destination is Tennessee.



- HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**
- March 22** - No 6:30p.m. Mass
  - March 23** - Mass 8:30a.m.
  - March 24** - Holy Thursday Service 6:30p.m.
  - March 25** - Good Friday Service 3:00p.m.
  - March 26** - Easter Vigil Mass 8:30p.m.
  - March 27** - Easter Mass 7:30a.m. & 10a.m.