



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016  
TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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### Parish Office Hours

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765-663-2444

### Our St. Mary Prayer Line

### Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

### Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

### School Commission

Chair: Susan Spaeth

### Baptism

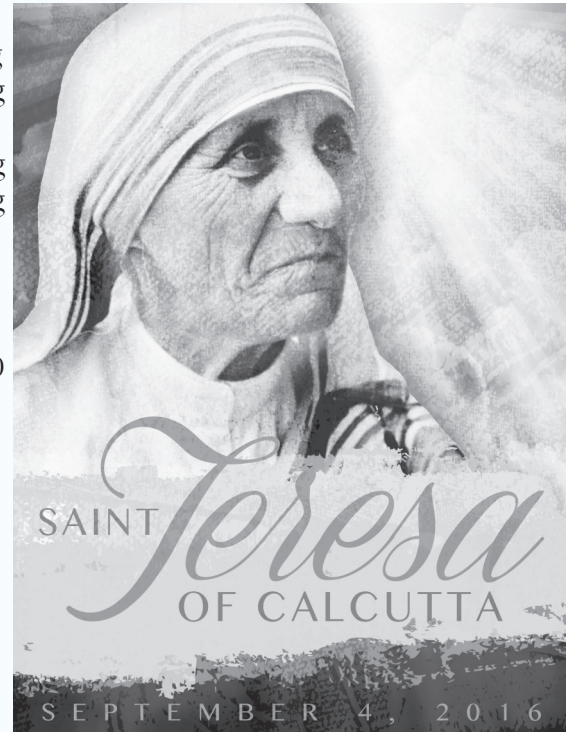
Call the parish office for scheduling.

### 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.*



Next weekend is the **St Mary Fall Festival**. This means many of you have been or will be giving extra hours to the parish planning, preparing, selling, entertaining, feeding, and cleaning for guests from around the community and beyond. **THANK YOU!** I appreciate it. The Fall Festival is a chance for the whole parish to be "Greeters" and to "Welcome Guests" to our parish.

Please be extra hospitable to the many guests and visitors to the parish both Saturday and Sunday. This includes being accommodating, happy, flexible, and friendly. Please slide over to make room or politely find another pew when a visitor has taken 'your normal spot.' (Remember, they are guests. They don't know.) Likewise, help them feel at home. Jesus' first tool in evangelization and spreading the Good News was a pleasant demeanor and desire to truly know those He encountered. It goes a long way toward opening doors and hearts. The Fall Festival is also a subtle and non-threatening way to **evangelize** about the parish. Maybe you have a neighbor, family member, or coworker who you could invite to join us. Perhaps, you could invite them to join us for Mass prior to the delicious chicken dinner and activities. **Free Bingo** will be available all day this year as a new addition... a great time to relax, chat, and play.

We all knew she was a living saint; well, this weekend Pope Francis formally elevated Mother Theresa of Calcutta to the Canon of Saints of the universal Church. Her life was a living testimony to faith, service, and love of every human person as a daughter or son of God with innate dignity and worth. The best way for each of us to honor **Saint Theresa of Calcutta** is not so much by asking for her intercessions to God (which she will gladly offer), but to reach out in love and tenderness to the poor in body and poor in spirit – the marginalized, the distraught, the needy – all those who are the Suffering Christ in our midst – after Saint Theresa's humble example.

Congratulations to parishioners **Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Kaitlyn (Dawson) Neuman** who were married here at St Mary on Saturday, Sept. 3. The greater parish family wishes them a long and happy marriage full of life and love. Please pray for and actively support happy, healthy, holy marriages.

Have a happy, safe, and restful **Labor Day!** *St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

### Mass Schedule: September 5 - 11

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Benno & Rose Harpring Anniversary
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Gilbert & Michael Ricke
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Marilyn Niehoff
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Jacki Hess
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	Gus & Clara Niehoff

Fall Festival Grand Raffle Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or from John and Debby Williams. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Tomatoes will be needed for the festival. Please bring to the kitchen the morning of the festival, September 11, 2016. Thanks! Dinner Tickets can be purchased in the parish office. Adults - \$9; Children under 10 - \$6.00. Festival Sunday - September 11, 2016. Kid's Games are in need of new or gently used items for prizes: small toys, school supplies, stickers, etc. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Questions - akemple@stmaryrush.org. High Chairs and Booster Seats are needed for the dining room. Bring to school gym on Friday, September 9 or on the morning of the festival. Use school 5th Street entrance on Friday. Outdoor Vendor Booth Space is available. Contracts are available in the parish office. Questions - Anna Jo Richards 932-3117 or [annajrichards@gmail.com](mailto:annajrichards@gmail.com). Items are Needed for the Live Auction, Country Store and Home Cooking. Toni Schultz-765-561-4525; Mary Schneider-932-4397. Bingo is in need of prizes. Please bring wrapped to the Bingo tent, the day of the festival.

The Family of Marilyn Niehoff would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Father Gries, Msgr. Riedman, Moster Mortuary, funeral dinner committee, and the parish of St. Mary's for the beautiful services, food, cards, comforting words and prayers give to us during this difficult time. God bless you all. Thanks again. *Karen and Steve Wagner and family and Darren and Sandy Niehoff and family.*

Greeters (3) are needed for every Mass, so please consider giving some of your time to help make this a success. To become a Greeter, simply sign up on the calendar located in the northwest vestibule, arrive 15-30 minutes before Mass, put on a nametag and a smile and have fun!

Rehearsals for Rush County Chorale's 2016 Christmas Concerts will be held on Mondays beginning September 12 from 7-9p.m. in the RCHS choir room. Concerts are planned for Dec. 17 & 18 at the Laughlin Center (RCHS Auditorium). David Doyle, director. All former singers and new singers are welcome. Questions can be directed to David Doyle or Carolyn Sorber.

Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 5, 2016.

## Liturgical Roles

### Servers – September 10/11

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ereena & Evan Moore, Jonathan Ripberger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Adam Leising, Glen Harpring, Jacob Amos
	10:00a.m.	Michael & Shaun Fudge, Matthew Komlanc

### Lectors - September 10 & 11

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Donna Smith
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Allen Leising
	10:00a.m.	Debi Carter

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers - September 10 & 11

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bob Dwenger, Shelly Bostic, Denise Small
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Gary Nigh, Ruth Koelmel, Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Kim Yager, Kevin & Debbie Banks

### Ushers for September 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Russ & Linda Jenkins
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Mike & Blake Mahan
	10:00a.m.	Roy & Marilyn Mohr

### Ministers-to-the-Sick

Sept. 5 Janet Pike Sept. 12 Monica Neuman

### Money Counters

Sept. 6 (Tuesday) Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,  
Diana Leising, Donna Land  
Sept. 12 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey,  
Debby Williams

### Abortion Alternatives

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

### **ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH-RUSHVILLE**

**Beer Fest - Sat., Sept. 10 - 6:30p.m. to 10:00p.m.**

**\$10 (must be 21)**

**Fall Festival - Sun. Sept. 11 - 10a.m. to 2:00p.m.**

**Chicken Dinners served 11a.m. -1:30p.m.**

**Adults: \$9 advance; \$10 at door;**

**Under 10: \$6 Live Auction at 1:30p.m.**

**\$4,000 in Grand Raffle Prizes**

**Bingo, Quilt Raffle, Games**

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**BIBLE STUDY: 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Sept. 7 Mt. 28 - The Triumph of the King



**September Food Pantry Items:** Pork and Beans, Tuna, and Tuna Helper. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday Collection**  
**August 28, 2016**



Adults (127 Envelopes + 19 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,691.50
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 420.33
Total	\$ 7,113.83
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$ <u>-8,000.00</u>
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -886.17 ☹
Sunday 8/28/16	\$ 7,113.83
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 33.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 8.00
Sisters of Seton Hill Charity	\$ 2,880.41
Votive Candles	\$ 59.00
Food Pantry & Assistance	\$ <u>80.00</u>
TOTAL 8/28/16	\$ 10,194.24
Mass Attendance: 8/28/16 - 581	

**8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION DAY OF REFLECTION:**

St. Mary Catholic Church expects ALL 8th grade students to participate in a day of reflection. Dates are Saturday, October 29, 2016 or Saturday, February 4, 2017. Time is approximately 9a.m. to 5:00p.m. Please notify the parish office, with your chosen date, **IMMEDIATELY!**

**Religious Education Registration:** All Kindergartners through Grade 12. Three weekends were made available for you to register your child/children for Religious Ed. If you have not registered, please contact Jill Kuntz, ARE, at [jkuntz@stmaryrush.org](mailto:jkuntz@stmaryrush.org) to make arrangements. *Not just Sacrament prep, it is Christian life prep!*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** NO CLASS September 4 or September 11. Next class is scheduled for September 18. Bring baptismal certificate.

Session Number 4 - September 18, 2016  
NO SESSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 4 OR 11.  
St. Mary School Gymnasium  
8:30a.m. - Continental Breakfast  
8:45a.m. - Video Presentation  
9:15a.m. - Review and Discussion  
9:45a.m. - Conclusion



**St Mary Catholic School News**

St. Mary School is looking for an After School Care Director. Hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 3:15-5:30p.m. and Wed. from 2:30-5:30p.m. 5:30p.m. is the latest finishing time; when all students are picked-up, the director can leave. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Kirschner at [skirschner@stmaryrush.org](mailto:skirschner@stmaryrush.org) or 765-932-3639.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale benefitting St. Mary School PTA will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E ST RD 44) on Friday, September 30 from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. and Saturday, October 1 from 9-1:00p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be Thursday, September 29 from 9:00a.m.-6:00p.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. Please contact Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with any questions. Thank You!

We all need prayer. We are asking you to help us by praying for the most precious part of our ministry here, our children. We invite each parishioner to take the name of a St. Mary School student. They are available in the back of church on a magnetic prayer card. Then please pray for that child each day throughout our school year. We ask you not to send any personal presents or notes to your student; prayer is the greatest gift you could give. We at St. Mary School and Preschool greatly appreciate the love and support given to us from our parish! We will be praying for all of you, too! "If we pray, we will believe. If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve."— Mother Theresa.



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