



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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### Our St. Mary Prayer Line

**Parish Council**      **Finance Council**      **School Commission**  
Chair: Shawn Adkins      Chair: Elbert Gordon      Chair: Susan Spaeth

### Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

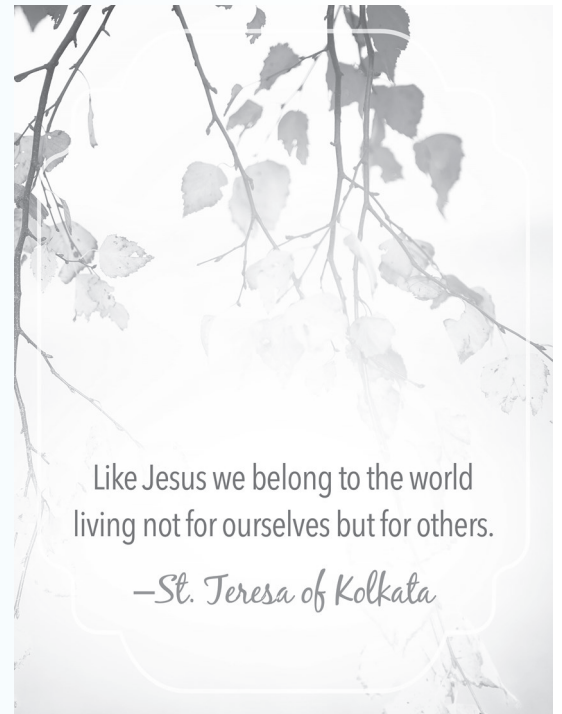
### Reconciliation/Confession

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.**

### Abortion Alternatives

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



Welcome to all guests joining us for the **Annual St Mary Fall Festival**. We hope you enjoy your time with us, and please know that you are always welcome. As a parish community, we strive to know, love, and serve Christ through the Church in this life, so as to be forever with Christ and one another in the next. We would be blessed to have you be a part of that great Mission of Love and Mercy.

Fifteen years ago, this weekend, two commercial airliners were purposefully flown into the World Trade Centers in Manhattan. You probably remember where you were the moment you heard. In the years since, it often doesn't feel like things have improved. Terrorism on numerous fronts and for numerous insane reasons sadly remains with us. How are we to live? What are we to do? It seems there is a spectrum of responses to those questions. One extreme has people live in near constant fear and on constant high alert (note the recent stampede and evacuation at the Los Angeles airport). At the other extreme, people seem foolishly reckless ("I'm not going to let the terrorist dictate my actions").

Our Lord Jesus Christ was countlessly exhorting His disciples to "Be not afraid," just as He instructed them to be "sly as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16). We are not to give into worldly fears; for even if this world were taken from us, it is of no avail. We have a loving God who has prepared a place for us. However, this doesn't permit us to be flippant or irresponsible. There are certain precautions that a wise steward (which we are to be) of one's life would take in many situations. As Christians, we are to live the Via Media – or middle way. We courageously refuse to give into fear perpetrated by cowards, and we wisely take precautions to avoid foolish harm. This way we can make prudent use of the life given us in honor and service of God. We know that the only true end to terrorism or worldly threats will be met by the conquering victory of Jesus Christ upon the Cross. For it is there that "Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). This same, selfless, sacrificial love in us will transform the hearts of terrorists. Until that day, let us be truly radical... let us "love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us" as we strive to be "peacemakers" (Mt 5:44, 9).

*St Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

### Mass Schedule: September 12 - 18

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Hettie Mae Woods
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Marie Anderson
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Frances Owens
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Ron Wilson
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Joy Spinney
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Kathleen Ketcham
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Parish

## Liturgical Roles

### Servers – September 17 & 18

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Katie Ripberger, Nick Hoeing, John Alexander
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Addison Ballenger, Glen Harpring, Bradley Krieger
	10:00a.m.	Gabby Pavey, Gus Haley, Mitchell Cowan

### Lectors – September 17 & 18

Sat.	5:30p.m.	John Blankman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ruth Koelmel
	10:00a.m.	Tom Giesting

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers – September 17 & 18

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Steve Richards, Barb Musgrave, Bob Dwenger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Carol Yager
	10:00a.m.	Sarah Sweet, Jason Pavey, Theresa Komlanc

### 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. 12 Monica Neuman      Sept. 19 Jerry Rudolf

### Money Counters

Sept. 12 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey,  
Debby Williams  
Sept. 19 Jeanie Spaeth, Missy Koors, April Flannery,  
Royanna Eck

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Mary Schlechtweg - September 24

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH-RUSHVILLE

**Beer Fest - Sat., Sept. 10 - 6:30p.m. to 11:00p.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: \$10; Under 10: \$6**

**Live Auction at 1:30p.m.; \$4,000 in Grand Raffle Prizes**

**Bingo, Quilt Raffle, Games      License #140301**



It was a blessing to celebrate the beautiful liturgies with you on August 27-28 and to share our mission stories of Korea, China and Ecuador. I thank all of you for your kindness, concern and generous support. Please know that I will remember you and your families in my daily prayers and I pray that you will always remember the Sister of Charity of Seton Hill in yours! *Sister Jane Ann Cherubin*



Congratulations to: Alex Miller, son of Randy and Nicole Miller, and Cassidy Gordon, daughter of Elbert and Diane Gordon, who will be united in marriage on September 17, 2016 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Louisiana Flood Victims: St. Mary will have a special collection to support the flood victims in Louisiana next weekend, September 17/18. Please be generous for our brothers and sisters in need.

Condolences to Evelyn Lacy at the recent death of her daughter, Kimberly Hamilton.

Snow Removal: Bids are being accepted for snow removal on the church and school grounds, for the 2016/2017 season. This does not include the parking lot. Bids must be submitted to the parish office by noon on October 7, 2016.

Extraordinary Minister Training: September 18, 2016, after the 10a.m. Mass. Training is for new extraordinary ministers and a refresher for current extraordinary ministers.

**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!



### Faith Opportunity BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
School Multipurpose Room  
Bring your Bible & Catechism!

**Acts: *The Spread of the Kingdom***

Sept. 14 Introduction to Acts  
Sept. 21 Acts 1 - Prelude to Prayer  
Sept. 28 Acts 2 - The Power of Pentecost  
Oct. 5 Acts 3 - Miraculous Power of Jesus' Power  
Oct. 12 Acts 4:1-31 - Church Acts with Boldness  
Oct. 26 Acts 4: 32-5:42 Problems & Persecution  
Nov. 2 Acts 6-7 - First Christian Martyr  
Nov. 9 Acts 8 - Kingdom Borders Expand  
Nov. 16 Acts 9 - Persecutor become the Preacher



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

**Sunday Collection**  
**September 4, 2016**



Adults (152 Envelopes + 15 Loose Checks)	\$ 10,778.00
Youth (0 Envelopes)	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 364.24
Total	\$ 11,142.24
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +3,142.24 ☺
Sunday 9/4/16	\$ 11,142.24
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 175.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 260.00
Sister of Charity Seton Hall	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry & Assistance	\$ 877.00
TOTAL 9/4/16	\$ 12,544.24
Mass Attendance: 9/4/16 - 585	

**8TH CONFIRMATION DAY OF REFLECTION:** St. Mary Catholic Church expects ALL 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, **IMMEDIATELY!**

**Religious Education Registration K-12:** If you have not registered, please contact Jill Kuntz, ARE.

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

**Mark Your Calendars:** Register for this year's tenth annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference, scheduled for November 19 at the Indiana Convention Center. Speakers include Archbishop Tobin, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Ronan Murphy and Fr. James Blount. [www.indianacatholicmen.com](http://www.indianacatholicmen.com).

Session Number 4 - September 18, 2016  
NO SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 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!

Rush County Chorale's 2016 Christmas Concerts Rehearsals 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.

**Youth Group Schedule**

- Sept. 11 Fall Festival children's games/sell t-shirts
- Sept. 18 Greeters at 10a.m. Mass. Music practice at 4p.m.
- Sept. 23 RSVP and pay for ICYC Conference (\$30).
- Oct. 2 Greeters at 7:30a.m. Mass. Serve breakfast for TMIY men's group
- Oct. 9 Youth music practice at 4p.m.
- Oct. 27 Casting Crowns and Matt Maher concert
- Nov. 6 Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)

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