



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

NOVEMBER 27, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
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Parish Office Hours

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

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179
Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790
765-663-2444

Parish Council

Chair: Shawn Adkins

Finance Council

Chair: Elbert Gordon

School Commission

Chair: Susan Spaeth

Baptism

Call the parish office for scheduling.

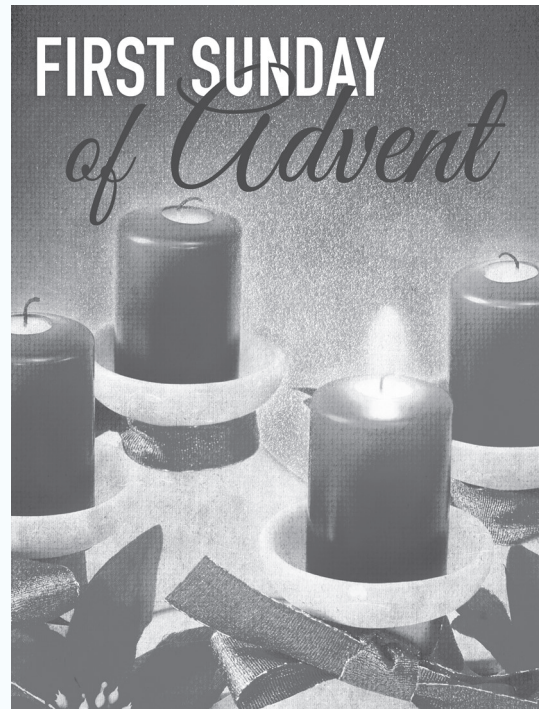
Reconciliation/Confession

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.*

Abortion Alternatives

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



Versus



Which picture will describe *your* Christmas Preparations?

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Peacefully, Patiently, Prayerfully enter into **ADVENT** and leave ready for *Silent Night...*

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St Mary, Expectant Mother, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: November 28 - December 4

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Wilma Haining
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Ron Wilson
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Betty Evans
Friday	8:30a.m.	Jacki Hess
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Patrick & Jenny Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	Gus & Clara Niehoff



The St. Mary Food Pantry is in need of three more workers. If interested, call Susan Hoeing at 561-1040.



Please support Rush County families in need by donating any of these hygiene items to the food pantry during the month of December. Thank you for your generosity.

4 Pack Toilet Paper	Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste	2 Pack Paper Towels
Toothbrushes	Bar Soap
Dish Soap	Deodorant
Shampoo	Kleenex
Liquid Hand Soap	Dental Floss
Hand Sanitizer	Toiler Cleaner
General Purpose Cleaner	Bleach



Joel Christopher Ripberger, son of Brian and Jessica (Corya) Ripberger, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Welcome Joel!



Sympathy to: Bernard and Robert (Jeanie) Spaeth at the death of their sister, Ruth Spaeth Stuckey.



Please mail your 2016/2017 United Catholic Appeal pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Even if you cannot pledge at this time, mark your card "0" and return. (Figures below do not include pledge weekend of November 12/13, 2016.)

Date	Pledge Cards	Pledge Amount
11/17/16	12	4,935
Goal	450	\$14,255
% of Goal	3%	35%

Liturgical Roles

Servers – December 3 & 4

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Megan Alexander, Macy & Nick Hoeing
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bradley Krieger, Addison Ballenger, Glen Harpring
	10:00a.m.	Gabby Pavey, Isabella Pavey, Eliza Snow

Lectors - December 3 & 4

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ruth Koelmel
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Tom Giesting
	10:00a.m.	Mary Beth Burklow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 3 & 4

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bob Dwenger, Denise Small, Julia Jessup
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Doug Krieger, Jerry Rudolf, Holly Bess
	10:00a.m.	Jason Pavey, Steve Pavey, Kevin Spilman

Ushers for December 2016

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bruce Fenimore & Steve Schwering
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Kevin Dolan & John Niehoff
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 28 Jerry Rudolf Dec. 5 Jeanie Spaeth

Money Counters

Nov. 28 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Diana Leising, Donna Land
Dec. 5 Jeanie Spaeth, Royanna Eck, April Yager



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BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Please register to ring the bell at www.registertoring.com or call 932-5138. *Ring a bell...help change a life.*

GIVING TREE: St. Mary Catholic School is once again having a Giving Tree. Gift tags will be in the back of church the weekends of November 26 and December 3. Gifts are due back to school by December 12. Thank you so much for helping spread some Christmas cheer. Questions can be directed to St. Mary School - 932-3639.



**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

Dec. 7 Acts 11-12 - Church in Antioch
Dec. 14 Acts 13 - 14 - Paul's 1st Missionary Journey
Dec. 21 Acts 15 - 16 - Jerusalem Council & 2nd Journey

Sunday Collection November 20, 2016



Due to the Liturgical Publishing holiday submission schedule, the November 20 collection details will appear in the December 4 bulletin.

Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are at church entrances. Fill out the envelope and drop it into the regular Sunday collection.

Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation -
Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30p.m.

RCIA: November 27 - No Class - Thanksgiving Break.
December 4 - Review Sacraments of Initiation.

Religious Education Parent-Child Session: December 4
from 8:40a.m.-9:50a.m.

The Season of Advent: We Are Called to Be Stewards.

During the Advent season, as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives.

This season, we trust that you will give financial stewardship prayerful consideration. Our parish has been using an online giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries.

Sign up today by completing a form available at church entrances or in the parish office.



In Loving Memory

November 1, 2015– October 31, 2016

Donna Becraft	Bonnie Stirn
Vicky VanLue	Lillian Miller
Roger Cain	Marilyn Niehoff
Ruth Jenkins	Ronald Wilson
Wendell Witsman	Norma Gantner
Louise Childers	Stephie Nicholls West
Jacqueline Hess	Dean Fish
Jean Owens	

No Session - Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving
Session 12 - December 4
St. Mary School Gymnasium



Remember as you pray:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, David Bedel, Marie Bever, Mary Busald, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Peggy Cooper, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Bud Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Nettie Harpring, Jeanne Hedrick, Florence Herbert, Terry Honaker, Paul Jarboe, Deborah Jarvis, Len Jarvis, Dick Joyn-er, Claudette Kamm, Barb Kiefer, William King, Aidan Kuhn, Tony Laird, Paul Leising, Steve Link, James McGinnis, Sherry McIntire, Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, David P. Moran, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Paul Niehoff, Maddie Marr Owens, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Nancy Ratekin, Gene Ripberger, Roger Roberson, Dave Roberts, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cathy Smith, Wanda Sowder, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Kitty Vail, Susie Walker, Don Wheeldon, Mardell Wilson, Glenn Woods.

For those proudly serving our country: William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Alice Niedenthal, Marjorie Niehoff, Ginny Northam, Ann Parish, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Ann Gilliam, JoAnn Herbert, Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Ruth Stuckey, Martha Todd, Edna Wehr.

Those who have passed away: Josephine McClanahan and Ruth Stuckey.

RCIA: Catechumens: Ethan Brown, Jennifer Hay, Jessica Spaeth. Candidates: Louise Krick, Mike Owen, Karen Hall, Ingeborg Auditore, Brenda Gilliam, Kevi Baumgartner, Rachel Amos, Kirstie Ryckman.



December Birthdays - Homebound and Nursing Homes:

December 7 - Kathryn Smiley
December 11 - Dorothy Snyder
December 16 - Elverna Comer
December 24 - Martha Todd