



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND 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

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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.

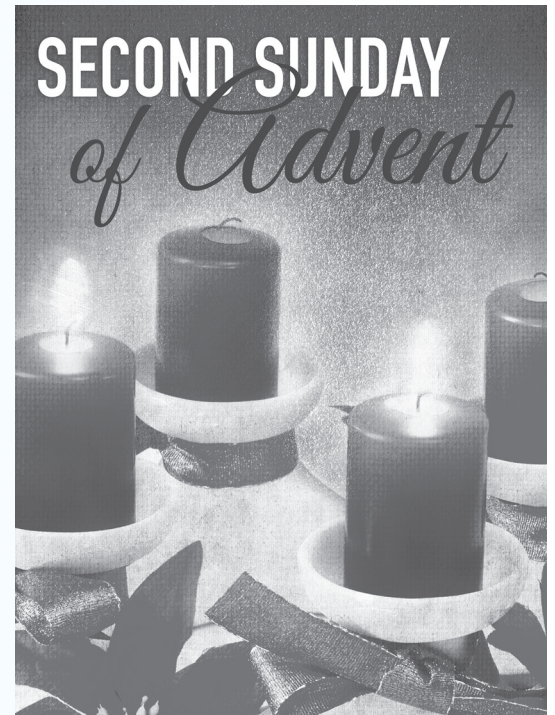
Reconciliation/Confession

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



Today, Sunday, Dec 4, is a **Family Catechesis weekend**. See all the K-6 Religious Ed parents and children for faith formation time together.

Yesterday morning, Dec 3, clergy and laity of the Archdiocese gathered at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis to celebrate the **Feast of St Francis Xavier**. St Francis is the patron saint of the Archdiocese, among other things. And while important, the primary reason to gather was to congratulate **Cardinal Joseph Tobin** on his elevation to Cardinal, and sadly, to say farewell (liturgically) to Cardinal Tobin who has been re-assigned by Pope Francis to Archbishop of Newark. Cardinal Tobin has been our shepherd for 4 years, and we will wish him well and pray for him as he moves on to serve Christ and the Church in new and different ways. The Mass was both joyful and sad, as all transitions are. May God Bless Cardinal Tobin.

Advent is a transitional time as well. We are in journey, in preparation, in expectation, in anticipation, to the grand Feast of Christmas and toward Christ's Second Coming. There is joy associated with this season, as is so evident in the children. There can also be some sadness as we remember those who are not with us this year, or as we struggle with our own shortcomings, or as we deal with changes and transitions in our life and world. John the Baptist transitioned to the desert. Mary transitioned to Bethlehem. Angels transitioned from heaven to earth. The WORD transitioned to Flesh. Christ's coming is a wonderful thing, but if we are honest, it can be a bit fear evoking too. Advent means to go to, to come before, to arrive. Soon the Lord Jesus will arrive. Are we ready to stand before the Lord? Joy, fear, sadness... emotions of Advent.

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Peacefully, Patiently, Prayerfully enter into **ADVENT** and arrive ready for *Silent Night...*
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St Mary, Expectant Mother, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

Mass Schedule: December 5 - 11

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Bob Eder
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	William Shanahan
Thursday	7:00a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	8:30a.m.	Clemma Conroy
	6:30p.m.	Bob Meyer
Friday	8:30a.m.	Sarah Virginia Shanley
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	George Siefert
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Parish

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

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.

The Children's Choir will be singing on December 11. We still have plenty of room, if you would like to join us. Practice will be between Masses on December 11 beginning at 8:40a.m. At that time, we will discuss practice for the 4p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Tentative practice time for the Christmas Eve Mass will be on December 18 at 8:40a.m. Questions can be directed to Anna Jo Richards at annajorichards@gmail.com or 765-932-3117.



Ella Jane Harpring, daughter of Kyle and Ashley (Patterson) Harpring, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 17. Welcome Ella!



Congratulations to: Paul and Dorine Rosfeld who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2016.

Prayer List: Steve Lempke, Peggy Siefert and Dean Williams



Our Sympathy to: Lisa Harpring, Nettie Harpring and the Harpring and Gordon families at the death of Steven Harpring.

Our Condolences to: the Ripberger family at the death of Gene Ripberger.



The Family of Steve Harpring would like to express their sincere gratitude to Fr. Gries, the Funeral coordinator, cantor, musician, servers, extraordinary ministers and lectors for the beautiful Mass for Steve. Thank you to the funeral meal committee and to those who donated food for the lovely meal. For all of the cards, flowers, memorials, prayers, food and comforting words during this difficult time, we are truly blessed. *Lisa Harpring, Nettie Harpring and the Harpring family.*

Liturgical Roles

Servers - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

7:00a.m. Mitchell Cowan & Gus Haley
8:30a.m. School Servers
6:30p.m. Sofia & Clara Kemple, Nick Komlanc

Lectors - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

7:00a.m. Ruth Koelmel
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 8

7:00a.m. Susie Odum, Steve Pavey, Jerry Rudolf
8:30a.m. School
6:30p.m. Amaranta Kemple, Denise Small, Barb Musgrave

Servers - December 10 & 11

Sat. 5:30p.m. Eereena & Evan Moore, Katie Ripberger
Sun. 7:30a.m. Adam Leising, Hayden Walls, Nick Amos
10:00a.m. Michael & Shaun Fudge, Matthew Komlanc

Lectors - December 10 & 11

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 10 & 11

Sat. 5:30p.m. Steve Richards, Alan Niehoff, Shelly Bostic
Sun. 7:30a.m. Gary Nigh, Regenia Ripberger, Susie Odum
10:00a.m. Denise Hoeing, Kevin & Debbie Banks

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

Dec. 5 Jeanie Spaeth Dec. 12 Joan Meo

Money Counters

Dec. 5 Jeanie Spaeth, Royanna Eck, April Yager
Dec. 12 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey, Robin Land

Food Pantry

Dec. 5 (Food Order) Denise Hoeing & Dave Moeller
Dec. 7 (Work Pantry) Susan Hoeing & Laura Ash

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**



Adults (135 Envelopes + 16 Loose Checks)	\$	7,364.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$	2.00
Loose	\$	370.40
Total	\$	7,736.40
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$	-8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$	-263.60 ☹

Sunday 11/20/16	\$	7,736.40
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	480.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$	1,250.00
Votive Candles	\$	77.00
Campaign Human Development	\$	65.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$	75.00
Food Pantry & Assistance	\$	115.00
TOTAL 11/20/16	\$	9,798.40
Mass Attendance: 11/20/16 - XXXXX		

November 27, 2016

Adults (123 Envelopes + 12 Loose Checks)	\$	5,144.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$	2.00
Loose	\$	372.93
Total	\$	5,518.93
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$	-8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$	-2,481.07 ☹

Sunday 11/27/16	\$	5,518.93
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	245.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$	25.00
Votive Candles	\$	24.00
Campaign Human Development	\$	540.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$	90.00
Flowers	\$	60.00
Food Pantry & Assistance	\$	225.00
TOTAL 11/27/16	\$	6,727.93
Mass Attendance: 11/27/16 - XXXXX		

Rush County Chorale will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert at the Laughlin Center on December 17 and 18 at 7:30p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or from Carolyn Sorber or Debbie Bruce.

+ UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL +

Please mail your 2016/2017 United Catholic Appeal pledge card directly to the Archdiocese of 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
11/23	19	5,490
Goal	450	\$14,255
% of Goal	4%	39%

Session 12 - December 4
Session 13 - December 11
St. Mary School Gymnasium



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.

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| 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 |

GIVING TREE: St. Mary Catholic School is once again having a Giving Tree. Gift tags are in the back of church this weekend. 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.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

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

Retirement Fund for Religious: Your gift works for the elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection and give to those who have given a lifetime.



December Birthdays - Homebound and Nursing Homes:

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