



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

DECEMBER 18, 2016  
FOURTH 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.

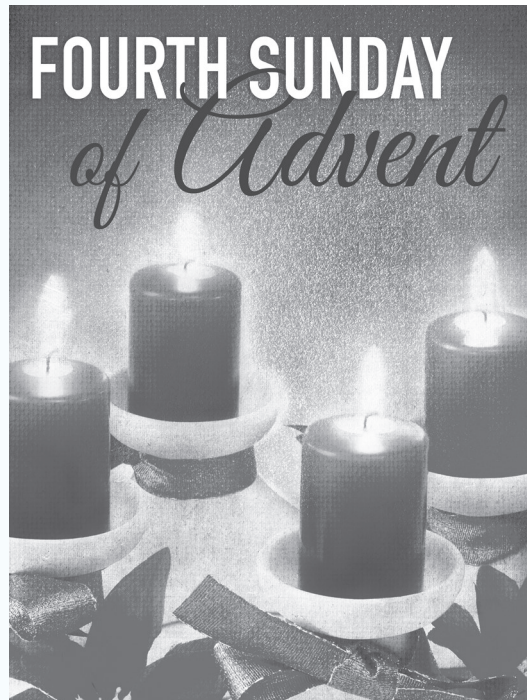
### Reconciliation/Confession

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



Advent is a natural time to meditate about *family*, given our attention on the **Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They were essentially the first ‘Church’ in that they were the first family united in and around Jesus. We often speak of the Church as the Family of God. This should also be true of your personal family. You are to form up the ‘domestic church,’ the “Church in miniature.”

What does it mean to say that the family is a “Church in miniature”? What the Church is on a large scale, the family is on a small scale: **an image of God’s love in human fellowship.** Indeed, every marriage is perfected in openness to others, to their spouse, to the children that God sends, in mutual acceptance, in hospitality and being for others. Nothing in the early Church fascinated people more about the “New Way” of the Christians than their “domestic churches.” Often, someone “believed in the Lord, together with all his household; and many ... believed and were baptized” (Acts 18:8). In an unbelieving world, islands of living faith were formed, places of prayer, mutual sharing, and cordial hospitality. Rome, Corinth, Antioch, the great cities of antiquity, were soon permeated with domestic churches that were like points of light. Even today, families in which Christ is at home are the leaven that renews our society. (YOUCAT #270-271)

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Last Chance **Advent Penance Service** at St Anne, New Castle, Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7p.

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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 19 - 25

|                  |          |                                     |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    |          | No Mass                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30p.m. | Mary Eder                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30a.m. | Sarah Virginia Shanley              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:30a.m. | Pat Osting                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30a.m. | Jacki Hess                          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4:00p.m. | Donna Becraft                       |
|                  | 6:00p.m. | St. Mary Parish                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Midnight | Alfred Blankman and<br>Virgil McKay |
|                  | 9:00a.m. | Zelda Patterson                     |



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.

Food Pantry Committee Member Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 6p.m. in the rectory conference room. This is the annual meeting, and it is important that all members attend. New members are always welcome!

Rush County Chorale will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert at the Laughlin Center on December 17 at 7:30p.m. and on December 18 at 2:30p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or from Carolyn Sorber or Debbie Bruce.



Incense will be used at the 6p.m. Mass on December 24, Midnight Mass and the 9a.m. Mass on December 25.

Family Faith Formation for Kindergarten to Sixth Grade: Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 8:40-9:50a.m.



A wonderful opportunity is coming next week-end! Many people will be visiting St. Mary for our Christmas Masses. Please consider serving as a greeter at one of our four Masses. All that's needed is to arrive 1/2 hour before Mass begins, stand in one of the foyers, smile and welcome all who enter.



### 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. 21 Acts 15 - 16 - Jerusalem Council & 2nd Journey  
Jan. 4 Acts 17 - Converts & Conflict  
Jan. 11 Acts 18 - Ministry in Corinth & 3rd Journey

## Liturgical Roles

### Servers – December 24 & 25

|      |          |   |
|------|----------|---|
| Sat. | 4:00p.m. | Sofia & Clara Kemple, Danny Corn,<br>John & Megan Alexander |
|      | 6:00p.m. | Ereena & Evan Moore, Bradley Krieger,<br>Matthew Komlanc    |
|      | Midnight | Isabella & Byron Pavey, Richard Barnes,<br>Gus Haley        |
| Sun. | 9:00a.m. | Adam Leising,<br>Savannah & Isabell Westphal                |

### Lectors - December 24 & 25

|      |          |                          |
|------|----------|--------------------------|
| Sat. | 4:00p.m. | Donna Smith              |
|      | 6:00p.m. | Cecilia Orr              |
|      | Midnight | John & Jonathon Blankman |
| Sun. | 9:00a.m. | Allen Leising            |

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 24 & 25

|      |          |  |
|------|----------|--|
| Sat. | 4:00p.m. | Amaranta Kemple, Rita Corn,<br>Ken & Nancy Schroeder |
|      | 6:00p.m. | Denise Small, Susan Hoeing, Laura Ash                |
|      | Midnight | Annette Niehoff, Kevin & Debbie Banks                |
| Sun. | 9:00a.m. | Kevin Dolan, Susie Odum,<br>Tom Giesting             |

### Ushers - December 24 & 25

|      |          |                           |
|------|----------|---------------------------|
| Sat. | 4:00p.m. | Denny & Doug Corn         |
|      | 6:00p.m. | Rob Ash & Debbie Bruce    |
|      | Midnight | Joe Chance & Doug Osborne |
| Sun. | 9:00a.m. | Volunteers                |

### 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. 19 Linda Jenkins      Dec. 26 Janet Pike

### Money Counters

Dec. 19 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum, Diana Leising,  
Margie Liggett  
Dec. 27 (Tues.) Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,  
Diana Leising, Donna Land

### Food Pantry

Dec. 19 (Food Order) Mary Ann Harpring & Lori Ernestes  
Dec. 21 (Work Pantry) Jody, Tristin & Cody Carmony

**RCIA:** No Class December 25, 2016 or January 1, 2017.  
Class resumes January 8, 2017 with the Topic: Life In Christ I.



The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday, December 23 and remain closed the week between

Christmas and New Year's. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**Sunday Collection  
December 11, 2016**



|  |    |             |
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| Adults (118 Envelopes + 15 Loose Checks) | \$ | 9,338.00    |
| Youth (2 Envelopes)                      | \$ | 2.00        |
| Loose                                    | \$ | 367.90      |
| Total                                    | \$ | 9,707.90    |
| Weekly Budget (2016/2017)                | \$ | -8,000.00   |
| Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)                | \$ | +1,707.90 ☺ |

|                                 |    |           |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Sunday 12/11/16                 | \$ | 9,707.90  |
| Regular Maintenance & Utilities | \$ | 730.00    |
| Preserving Our Heritage         | \$ | 50.00     |
| Votive Candles                  | \$ | 17.00     |
| Religious Retirement            | \$ | 1,487.00  |
| Christmas Flowers               | \$ | 435.00    |
| Immaculate Conception           | \$ | 487.00    |
| Christmas & All Saints          | \$ | 65.00     |
| Food Pantry & Assistance        | \$ | 655.00    |
| TOTAL 12/11/16                  | \$ | 13,633.90 |

Mass Attendance: 12/11/16 - 560

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**He is the Light of the World!** Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Find EWTN by visiting [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder).

**Thank you** for your time, talent and treasure to St. Mary Parish. Please continue to be generous, as you remember all of your blessings this holiday season. Contributions for the 2016 tax year must be dated on or before December 31, 2016. Contributions dated January 1, 2017 will be reflected on 2017 contribution statements.



| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Pledge Cards</u> | <u>Pledge Amount</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 12/8/16          | 205                 | \$38,895             |
| <b>Goal</b>      | <b>450</b>          | <b>\$14,255</b>      |
| <b>% of Goal</b> | <b>46%</b>          | <b>273%</b>          |

**Father Gries would like to see 50% participation!**

Using the envelope provided, please mail your 2016/2017 pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank you!

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

December 24 - 4:00p.m., 6:00p.m. and 12 midnight  
December 25 - 9:00a.m.

December 31 - 5:30p.m.  
January 1 - 7:30a.m. and 10:00a.m.



**New Parishioners**

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to stop by the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.



Thank you to those who have donated hygiene items, food and money during this holiday season. Please continue to remember those in need throughout the year.

Items always needed for the party are: cereal, pork and beans, canned fruit and canned soup.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Fighting the Evil One in the Name of Jesus



VS



**Father Vincent Lampert**

Authorized Exorcist  
of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
to speak about the Ministry of Exorcism



**When:** Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, January 2017 @ 7p

**Where:** St Mary Catholic Church

512 N Perkins St, Rushville IN 46173

**Who:** Adults - 18 years & older

**Cost:** Free as the Saving Mercy of Christ

