



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

JUNE 25, 2017  
TWELFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
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Religious freedom includes two important aspects - **freedom from** and **freedom for**. “Freedom from” is probably familiar and what most of us think of as freedom. It means that we are to be free from coercion. The state is not an all-powerful institution that can force people to act against their consciences.

The right to be free from coercion limits the power of the state. But this freedom must be paired with a “freedom for,” a positive orientation to seeking and acting in accordance with the truth. People have both a right and a duty to seek religious truth. Freedom from coercion allows the space for the pursuit of religious truth. Religious freedom requires that a society both refrain from preventing people from living out their religion and help to create the conditions for religious expression to flourish. A free society, then, is one where people actively seek religious truth and fully live out that truth in public and private. As Pope Francis recently said in Cuba, the Church must have “the freedom and all the means needed to bring the proclamation of the Kingdom to the existential peripheries of society.”

Human beings are social creatures. Religious freedom means that not only individuals but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. Parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith. Companies that seek to contribute to the common good by their responsible business practices should be encouraged. Religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

This social dimension of religious freedom entails that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

One way to protect Religious Liberty is through so-called conscience protection legislation. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and (locally) Msgr William Stumpf, Archdiocesan Administrator, have requested all parishioners to ‘**Take Action**’ this week. Please contact your Congressional legislators to support the **Conscience Protection Act of 2017 - H.R. 644** in the House of Representatives and - **S. 301** in the Senate. This much needed, commonsense legislation will clarify federal law and ensure that those who provide healthcare and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by the government to destroy innocent unborn children. Contacting your legislators is easy at **HumanLifeAction.org** and click the “Take Action” button in the center. It takes less than 30 seconds, and I’ve already completed it myself. Join me in supporting Pro-Life, Pro-Healthcare, Pro-Religious Liberty Legislation in the United States.



St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Thank You*

Thanks to Father Gries, family and friends for your best wishes at our 60th Wedding Anniversary Mass. May God bless you all.  
*Norb and Bernie Harpring*



Come celebrate Father Gries' 40th birthday, after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, July 1 in the school gym. Please bring an appetizer to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Contact Lisa Wagoner at 812-593-0790 with any specific questions.

### **Tom Meyer Benefit Dinner**

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 4-8p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Greensburg, IN.  
Pulled pork dinner, raffle, silent auction.  
*Free Will Offering*

All proceeds go to help offset the medical expenses being incurred as Tom takes radiation treatments to battle an inoperable brain tumor. If you would like to show your support and are unable to attend, donations may be made to the Tom Meyer Benefit Fund, Napoleon State Bank, 1221 Westridge Parkway, Greensburg, IN 47240.

For more information, please contact Heather (Meyer) Campbell at 765-993-1770.

St. Mary Catholic School After School Care Director for the 2017/2018 school year. This person supervises the students who need care after school 3:15– 5:30p.m. (Wednesday starts at 2:30p.m). Please contact Mrs. Kirschner, principal, at (765) 932-3639 or [skirschner@stmaryrush.org](mailto:skirschner@stmaryrush.org).

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool is looking for a few more members for the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee. If interested, e-mail Mrs. Kirschner at [skirschner@stmaryrush.org](mailto:skirschner@stmaryrush.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend set for August 18-20, register by August 4., 2017.**

For an application, log on to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). For more information, call 317-435-5986 or e-mail [jbradleylevine@msn.com](mailto:jbradleylevine@msn.com)

**PARISH JOB/MINISTRY OPENING:** St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville, Indiana is seeking a part-time Administrator of Religious Education. Applicants should be an active and practicing Catholic, have good communication and interpersonal skills, a passion for facilitating education in the Catholic Faith, excellent organization skills, the capacity to recruit, resource and oversee catechists, have some experience relating to teaching/catechesis, and understand that this position requires some evening and weekend work. All inquiries should be sent to Fr. Dustin Boehm, Pastor, by email: **[DBOEHM@STGABRIELCONNERSVILLE.ORG](mailto:DBOEHM@STGABRIELCONNERSVILLE.ORG)** In the email please include a cover letter, resume, and a list of references.



St. Anne's in New Castle with St. Rose in Knightstown started a Catholic ministry at the New Castle Correctional Facility shortly after the facility opened in 2002. For the Catholic church to reach as many prisoners as possible, we need to continue to find new volunteers who can help in this service, thus, we are extending an invitation to members of St. Mary to join us.

The ministry takes place every Tuesday evening with a Catholic study session at 6p.m. and a communion service or Mass at 7p.m. It concludes no later than 8:30p.m. Before and between the services, volunteers have an opportunity to interact with the prisoners one-on-one, which is a vital part of the ministry.

"Visit the Prisoners" is one of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy. The U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults explains that the Corporal Works of Mercy are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops teaches us, "People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the truth of the message of Christ."

Forms are available from the prison for background checks. Once a check is complete, volunteers are allowed to come to a service a few times to try it out before completing full training to become a regular volunteer.

Anyone interested in learning more about this ministry should contact Susie Delay at 765-465-0945. She is also available after all Masses this weekend.

**Sunday Collection**  
**June 18, 2017**

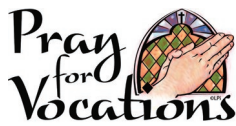


Adults (124 Envelopes +12 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,242.00
Youth (0 Envelopes)	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 273.25
Total	\$ 6,515.25
Weekly Budget (2016/2017)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -1,484.75 ☹
Sunday 6/18/17	\$ 6,515.25
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 150.00
Votive Candles	\$ 133.00
Food Pantry	\$ 90.00
Education of Priests	\$ 1,113.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 2,786.00
TOTAL 6/18/17	\$ 10,787.25

Mass Attendance - 6/18/17 - 527



July Birthday - Nursing Home & Homebound  
July 19 - Norman Snyder



“So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” God is always looking out for what’s best for us. If He is calling you to be a priest, sister or brother, there is nothing to fear. Take a risk and call Father Gries at 765-932-2588 or [frgries@stmmaryrush.org](mailto:frgries@stmmaryrush.org).

**St. Mary Catholic School Summer Hours:**  
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Monday - Thursday  
Closed Friday.

**Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee-August 27, 2017**

All married couples of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who will celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2017 are invited to the 34th Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee on August 27, 2017 at 2p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated followed by a reception. For more information or to register, please visit [www.archindy.org/wedding](http://www.archindy.org/wedding) celebration. Deadline to register is August 14, 2017.



Food Pantry Items for July are:  
Cereal, Canned Fruit, Sugar and Meat  
Thank you for your generosity!

**Mass Schedule: June 26 - July 2**

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Norb & Bernie Harpring
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Fr. Bernard Head
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Shirley Nicely
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Pat Osting
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Clarence & Frances Meer
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	Holli Spaeth

**Please Remember in Prayers:**

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Barbara Ann Bitner, Mary Busald, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Link Fraley, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Deborah Jarvis, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Martha Knecht, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve Lempke, Steve Link, James McGinnis, Sherry McIntire, Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Mike Moody Family, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Paul Niehoff, Philip Parish, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Steve Roberts, Marilyn Schroeder, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Cathy Smith, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Dawn Moran Trent, Susie Walker, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dean Williams, Glenn Woods.

**For those proudly serving our country:**

William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Ian McKnight, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

**Homebound:** Vernie Comer, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

**Residents at Millers Merry Manor:** Jenny Brown, Katie Carpenter, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Marjorie Niehoff, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

**Flatrock River Lodge:** Ann Gilliam, Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Edna Wehr.

**Those who have passed away:** Florence Herbert, Les Fenimore



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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

**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.

**Ministry Schedules**

**Servers – July 1 & 2**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Katie Ripberger, Emma Tressler, Evan Moore

Sun. 7:30a.m. Nicholas Amos, Adam Leising, Glen Harpring

10:00a.m. Savannah & Eliza Snow, Isabelle Pavey

**Lectors - July 1 & 2**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn

Sun. 7:30a.m. Debby Williams

10:00a.m. Cecilia Orr

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers - July 1 & 2**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Bob Dwenger, Denise Small, Tom Giesting

Sun. 7:30a.m. Susie Odum, Ken & Nancy Schroeder

10:00a.m. Steve Pavey, Mary Beth Burklow, Kim L.Yager

**Ushers for July, 2017**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Dutch Tragesser & Mark Leising

Sun. 7:30a.m. Curtis Schwering & Mitchell Wagoner

10:00a.m. Gregg & Cheryl Riggs

**Ministers-to-the-Sick**

June 26 Janet Pike July 3 Monica Neuman

**Money Counters**

June 26 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Sheila Zwickey, Robin Land

July 3 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum, Margie Liggett, Linda Shanahan

**Food Pantry Volunteers:**

June 28 Marilyn Spilman, Susan & Danny Hoeing

July 3 (Restock) Michelle Amos & Denise Small



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.**



Summer Faith Opportunity  
**LECTIO PRAYER**

Prayer with, in and throughout the Scriptures

**Bring your Bible & Catechism!**

Wednesday Evenings 7-9p.m. Multipurpose Room

June 28 - Contemplatio - The Gaze of God

July 5 - Resolutio - Putting Love into Action