



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JULY 30, 2017
SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Has this ever happened to you? Someone notices the crucifix around your neck or that you make the Sign of the Cross before eating, and they say, ‘You’re Catholic? Why do you Catholics...’ To which you answer, “uhhhh, I’m not sure. I’d need to ask father.” For those raised in the Faith, we often practice without full understanding. We grow up in it, and as such, fail to grasp the tremendous riches and blessings of our divine inheritance!

What are we to do? **First, pray!** Our communal prayer in the Mass, sustained by our personal prayer, will open us up to the Holy Wisdom of God. Prayer is essential to developing your intellectual knowledge.

Second is study! When one falls in love with another – as we do with Christ, we want to know all about the other, about our Lord and His Body, the Church. St Mary has renewed its annual subscription to a perfect resource for study and learning. It is free and available to everyone in Rush County. The resource is called **FORMED**. This on-line resource is a kind of ‘Catholic Netflix.’ FORMED provides four main categories of resources: Study Programs, Movies, Audio talks, and eBooks. All of the content is completely orthodox and sound. It is produced by some of the most prominent names in Catholic Evangelization, Apologetics, Catechetics, and Christian entertainment today. New content is regularly added. There are resources for all age levels from children to elders of the parish across a spectrum of topics.

Ninety-nine parish households already have Formed accounts (Yes, I can see who!). This is 20% of our families. **I’d like to make a goal of DOUBLING this number in the coming year.** Engaging in personal enrichment is not an ‘extra’ but the norm of Christian discipleship. It is my fervent prayer and active work to help you build a living, lively, loving relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Such a relationship makes my task of ‘saving souls’ much easier, as this is the prerequisite to being a saint! I invite you to log in today and start diving deeper into your faith. Also, feel free to share this information with others, especially non-Catholics. They too will definitely get their questions answered.

This week, we celebrate the feast days of St. Ignatius of Loyola (8/31), St Alphonsus Liguori (9/1), and St John Vianney (9/4). Each of these saints spent their lives in service to Christ through service to the people of the Church, especially by educating the faithful and enabling a relationship with Jesus. May they intercede for us as we too grow in our faith.

St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

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WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Food Pantry Items for August are:
Canned Fruits and Vegetables.
Thank you for your generosity!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin with an inquiry class on August 6, 2017 in the rectory conference room following the 7:30a.m. Mass. RCIA is a process of inquiry, instruction and preparation for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Jerry Rudolf at 812-374-8446 or Monica Neuman at 812-527-2320.



Fall Festival Grand Raffle Tickets can be purchased from Ed Harpring 765-561-2066, Eric & Lisa Wagoner 765-561-1697/812-593-0790, Kevin & Marilyn Spilman 765-561-6986, Greg & Theresa Alexander 317-345-1537/317-418-0564, Dutch Tragesser 765-561-9214, and the parish office 765-932-2588. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Only 500 will be sold! To guarantee yourself a ticket, purchase early! Once they are gone, they are gone!



Congratulations to: Christopher Hoeing, son of Ken and Denise Hoeing, and Ashley McDaniel, daughter of John and Jacqueline McDaniel, who will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 5, 2017.



Our condolences to: Don and Kim Yager and family at the death of Kim's step-father, Gerald Chandler.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND will be offered six consecutive Tuesdays, August 8 - September 12, 2017 at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. The topics for discussion will be the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness and forgiveness. The cost of the six-week session is \$30.00, which includes a book. For more information or to register, please contact the Pro-Life and Family Life Office at 317-236-1586 or e-mail: dvanvelse@archindy.org.

NO CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

Please Remember in Prayers:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Ralph Becraft, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Barbara Ann Bitner, Patricia Bright, Don Burkhart, Mary Busald, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Jim Craven, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Link Fraley, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Jim Griggs, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Joe Huffman, 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, Jo-Clare & Chris Moody, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Paul Niehoff, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Steve Roberts, Debra Sater, Marilyn Schroeder, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Cathy Smith, Molly Spaeth, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Dawn Moran Trent, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dean Williams, Glenn Wood.

For those proudly serving our country:

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

Homebound: Vernie Comer, Bob Jenkins, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

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

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

Those who have passed away: Lawrence Schmitter, Jared Chance and Gerald Chandler.



August Birthdays-Homebound & Nursing Home

August 10 - Marjorie Niehoff

August 29 - Norma Conner

“SAVE THE DATE”

St Mary Fall Festival

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Items will be needed for the Live Auction, Country Store, and Home Cooking Booths. You do not need to be on these committees to donate items. Contact Toni Schultz at 765-561-4525 or Mary Schneider at 765-

Sunday Collection
July 23, 2017



Adults (78 Envelopes + 11 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,759.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 262.00
Total	\$ 7,023.00
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ -977.00 ☹
Sunday 7/23/17	\$ 7,023.00
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 213.00
Votive Candles	\$ 14.00
Food Pantry	\$ 181.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Parking Lot	\$ 968.23
TOTAL 7/23/17	\$ 8,409.23

Mass Attendance - 7/23/17 - 555



“Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you.” Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors

of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you to the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Gries @ 765-932-2588 or frgries@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, skirschner@stmaryrush.org. Very limited time commitment required.

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.



The 28th Annual St. Mary Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, August 26 at Antler Pointe Golf Course. Fees are \$55 per player or \$220 for a 4-person team. Tee times are 8a.m. and 1p.m.

Lunch is included! Tee ad sponsorships are only \$50!! To register a team or tee ad, please contact Curt & Jessica Naylor (765)993-1544, Andrew & Abby Gordon (765)561-7865 or Jim & Stacey Cowan (317)727-0549. Please join us for a fun-filled day!!

Mass Schedule: July 31 - August 6

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Virginia Shanahan
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Jared Chance
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Dorine Rosfeld
Friday	8:30a.m.	Rob Scott
Saturday	4:00p.m.	Deceased Members
(NO CONFESSIONS)		Pioneer Engineers
	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Parish
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Joe Moran
	10:00a.m.	Joe & Marilyn Niehoff



Registration for the next series of TMIIY will be on August 6 and August 13, 2017, following all Masses, at the Youth Memorial Garden located behind the rectory.

MANDATORY Confirmation Candidate/ Sponsor/Parent Night

Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 5:30-7:30p.m.
School Multipurpose Room.



Adult Faith Opportunity
BIBLE STUDY
Revelations: Kingdome Yet to Come

- Aug. 16 Introduction to Revelations
- Aug. 23 Rev 1: Inaugural Vision
- Aug. 30 Rev 2-3: Letters to the Seven Churches
- Sept. 6 Rev 4-5: Creation & Redemption
- Sept. 13 Rev 6-7: Opening the Seals
- Sept. 20 Rev 8-11: 7th Seal unleashes Seven Trumpets
- Sept. 27 Rev 12-13: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly
- Oct. 4 Rev 14-15: Praising the Lamb
- Oct. 11 Rev 16-18: Bowls of Judgment, Fall of Babylon
- Oct. 18 Rev 19-20: Marriage Supper & Judgment
- Oct. 25 Rev 21-22: New Heaven & New Earth

Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.
Bring your Bible & Catechism

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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 – August 5 & 6

- Sat. 4:00p.m. (At Caldwell Acres)
John & Megan Alexander,
Mitchell Cowan
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,
Isabella Snow

Lectors - August 5 & 6

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn
Sun. 7:30a.m. Allen Leising
10:00a.m. Cecilia Orr

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - August 5 & 6

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Bob Dwenger, Denise Small,
Tom Giesting
Sun. 7:30a.m. Susie Odum, Nancy Schroeder,
Kevin Dolan
10:00a.m. Steve Pavey, Kim L. Yager,
Mary Beth Burklow

Ushers for August, 2017

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Greg & John Alexander
Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken Schroeder & Jim Naylor
10:00a.m. Shawn Adkins & Kyle Ripberger

Ministers-to-the-Sick

July 31 Linda Jenkins Aug. 7 Janet Pike

Money Counters

July 31 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum,
Margie Liggett, Linda Shanahan

Food Pantry Volunteers:

July 31 (Restock) Danny Hoeing & Lori Ernestes
Aug. 2 (Work Pantry) Dave Moeller, Marty
Connerly, Michelle Amos

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Remember when your spouse was your best friend? Looking for some time away from daily stresses to reconnect with the best friend? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a great way for that to happen! You'll spend the weekend focusing on your relationship and rekindling the love you have for each other. God has blessed you with the sacrament of Marriage and this weekend embraces that sacrament. Whether you are newly-weds or have been married many years, this weekend is designed for you. For retreat dates and more information, go to www.wwme.org