



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

AUGUST 6, 2017  
TRANSFIGURATION  
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512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
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Summer break will end this week ☹, and **School resumes** ☺ for students on Wednesday, August 09. Please watch out for weary-eyed students waiting at bus stops. May God bless all students, teachers, administrators, and support personnel returning to school this week with a year rich in blessings, learning, and growth in body, mind, and soul.



**RCIA Sessions** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) are beginning this Sunday, August 6 at 8:30am in the rectory conference room. If interested in becoming a Catholic Christian or simply learning more about the Catholic Faith, please join us. All are welcome. There is no obligation at this point other than an openness to learn and grow in Christ and the Church. If, down the road, you discern you are called to enter into Full Communion, wonderful. If you discern not yet, then thank God you were open to learning and growing. If you know a friend, family member, or neighbor who might be interested, please invite them (come along yourself to give them support!).

Registration for *That Man Is You* (TMIY) for new participants will take place this weekend and next. Men enrolled last year need not re-register, as I understand it. I would invite all men of the parish 18 and up to seriously pray about whether God may be calling you to join this group. I have seen tremendous growth in the men of the parish in their relationship to Christ and the Church by their participation. It could be just what you need.

Registration for our **Religious Education** (RE) programs Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be held after all the Masses next weekend. We will continue the *Family Formation* program that we initiated last year for K-6. The *Family Formation* arrangement has parents and me meeting the first weekend of the month, while their children attend a catechesis class. They then have materials to work on together as a family over the rest of the week. We will again utilize *Formed.org* as the backbone for the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade formation content. I recently reviewed feedback forms from last spring, and it was nearly unanimously positive. I was encouraged by statements like: "I am much more involved in my children's spiritual education. Faith is a more frequent topic of conversation in our home." "Our child mentions Jesus and God to his friends and family." "This has encouraged our family to talk more about the Catholic faith." These were precisely my intention with the adoption of the in-home family based catechesis model. It is my hope that our homes, lives, and relationships may be sanctified; that what we say and do in Mass each weekend may be echoed and reinforced by what we say and do in our family homes each day.



Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Chris (Ashley McDaniel) Hoeing** who were married here at St Mary on Saturday, August 5. The greater parish family wishes you a long and happy marriage full of life and love. Please continue to pray for and actively support happy, healthy, holy marriages.

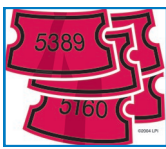
St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## 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 **TODAY**, 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!

**Religious Education Registration:** Kindergarten - Grade 12 will take place after all Masses on August 12/13 and August 19/20 in the rectory conference room. \$50 per child plus additional \$35 Sacrament fee for grade 2. Questions may be directed to Jill Kuntz, ARE or Father Gries.



Tom Meyer  
Bill Becraft

**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](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org).

### **Fall Festival Saturday Night Beer Garden**

There were games at the Saturday Night Fundraiser/Beer Garden last year, with some nice prizes valued at \$100.00 or more. We are looking for donations of any nice items for this year.

On Sunday there was a gift basket game with about 70 baskets ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 in value. We would like each family to donate a basket for this game.

Anyone having items to donate for either of these games can give them to Lisa Wagoner by calling (812) 593-0790 or Sharon Pike (765)561-2468.



Vendor Booth Space will be available at this year's Fall Festival. Booth cost is \$15 for the day. Booth operation time is Sunday from 9a.m.-2p.m. For more information contact Denise Small at 765-561-2335. Flyers and contracts are available at all church entrances and the parish office. Contract and payment should be turned into the parish office by September 1, 2017.

### **"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 765-932-5397 with specific questions.



#### August Birthdays-Homebound & Nursing Home

August 10 - Marjorie Niehoff

August 29 - Norma Conner



**Sunday Collection**  
**July 30, 2017**



Adults (128 Envelopes + 11 Loose Checks)	\$ 9,984.00
Youth (0 Envelopes)	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 10,429.00
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +2,429.00 ☺
Sunday 7/30/17	\$ 10,429.00
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 140.00
Votive Candles	\$ 61.00
Food Pantry	\$ 300.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 30.00
TOTAL 7/30/17	\$ 10,960.00

Mass Attendance - 7/30/17 - 571



“Lord, it is good that we are here.” The apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they had seen.

Is He calling you to share your experience of Him with others as a priest or sister?  
Contact Father Gries at 765-932-2588 or at [frgries@stmaryrush.org](mailto: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](mailto:skirschner@stmaryrush.org). Very limited time commitment required.

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool is happy to announce Jessie Reed as the new After School Care Director. Jessie is the mother of Maecie Reed, a preschooler this year. Jessie is excited to join the St. Mary family. Welcome, Jesse!



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: August 7 - 13**

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Deceased Members Benno & Rose Harpring and Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00a.m.	Justin Schroeder
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Loren & Geneva Land
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Joe Giesting
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	Verl Clemons



Registration for the next series of TMII 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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**Staff**

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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 12 & 13**

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Kate & Annie Thoman,  
Nick Hoeing  
Sun. 7:30a.m. Bradley Krieger, Hayden Walls,  
Addison Ballenger  
10:00a.m. Richard Barnes, Gabby Pavey,  
Matthew Komlanc

**Lectors - August 12 & 13**

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Donna Smith  
Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing  
10:00a.m. Debi Carter

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers - August 12 & 13**

- Sat. 5:30p.m. Julia Jessup, Barb Musgrave,  
Rita Corn  
Sun. 7:30a.m. Regenia Ripberger,  
Doug Krieger, Jerry Rudolf,  
10:00a.m. Kevin & Debbie Banks,  
Jason Pavey

**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**

- Aug. 7 Janet Pike Aug. 14 Monica Neuman

**Money Counters**

- Aug. 7 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,  
Diana Leising, Donna Land  
Aug. 14 Jeanie Spaeth, April Yager, Royanna Eck,  
Mary Ann Harpring

**Food Pantry Volunteers:**

- Aug. 9 Mary Ann Harpring, Karen Hall,  
Sheila Zwickey  
Aug. 14 (Restock) Marilyn Spilman & Susan Hoeing

**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](http://www.wwme.org)

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