



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

AUGUST 27, 2017  
TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173  
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“The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 25). Learning about God is directed to Love of God.

Much is said in the Church today about fostering a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a communal relationship with Christ’s Body the Church. The Body is to be in intimate and integral union with Christ the Head. And so, emphasis has been placed upon developing the relational side with Christ on the personal and communal level. All is to lead to love of Christ and neighbor. If we are not careful, however, this can leave the Faith feeling solely sentimental or emotional. We also live in an emotional age. Many people make decisions, especially on ‘hot button’ issues, more on anecdotal experience or personal stories, than on consistent, rational, integral understandings of the issue at hand. Hot-button issues are just that because they enflame the passions, which suggests all the more that we should temper those passions with our minds and intellect, with reason and the natural law.

This brings me to the point of my repeated Pastoral Notes in the past few weeks encouraging people of the parish to engage in **Continuing Education and Faith Formation**. Our Faith has a tremendously rich heritage of well thought out and consistent teachings in morals and social teachings. And yet, most Catholics I meet are simply ignorant of them. I don’t say this to condemn, but to point out a very real deficit in our community (locally and at large). We need to know why we do and say what we believe. This is an important first step of a missionary disciple and lover of Christ. Such learning will always bring us closer to Christ Himself, instill a greater love within us, and bring us into deeper communion with Him who is Truth itself.

For those who find themselves **homebound**, daily Mass can be found at [dailytvmass.com](http://dailytvmass.com) and the Sunday Mass can be found at [thesundaymass.org](http://thesundaymass.org). While this does not ‘fulfill’ your Sunday obligation for those who are able bodied, for those who can’t make Mass it could be a great help.

## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

+ Child to Adult +

**Family Formation** for K-6<sup>th</sup> gr

**Formed.org** Syllabus for 7-12<sup>th</sup> gr

**Youth Group:** 7-12<sup>th</sup> gr welcome

**Formed.org** for all ages & interest

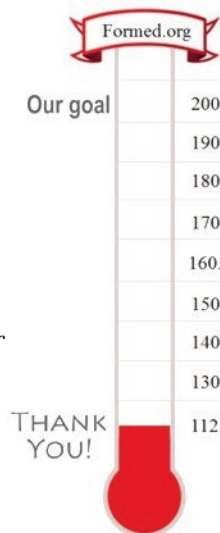
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**That Man Is You (TMIY)**

men of the parish 18 and up

**Adult Bible Study**, currently on the *Book of Revelations*

**Parish Mission** – Feb 3-8



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St Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Family Formation for Kindergarten - 6th Parent-Child Session

Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 8:40-9:50a.m.  
**See you at Mass each Sunday!**

### The St. Mary Youth Group Welcome Party-TODAY

August 27 from 4:00-6:00p.m. in St. Mary Catholic School. All young people of the parish (grades 7-12) are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and see what exciting things are being planned!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) TODAY, August 27, 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 information, contact Jerry Rudolf at 812-374-8446 or Monica Neuman at 812-527-2320.

Our Condolences to: Jeff and Lori Ernstes at the death of Jeff's grandfather and St. Mary parishioner, Fredric 'Fritz' Patterson.

St. Peter's Labor Day Festival: Monday, September 4, 2017, in Franklin County, Indiana, from 10a.m. \$28,000 raffle, fried chicken dinners, and much more.  
[www.brookvilleparishes.com](http://www.brookvilleparishes.com)

**REMINDER:** Today. Place your **CALLED BY NAME** response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Nominations can also be submitted online at [www.HearGodsCall.com](http://www.HearGodsCall.com). Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and our Archdiocese.

Fall Festival Dinner Tickets can be purchased in the parish office. Adults: \$9.00; Children under 10: \$6.00.

The Fall Festival Country Store Booth will have 50 tickets for a dinner hosted by Mark & Lori Hoeing, Jeff & Connie Amos and Richard & Lorri Yager for a minimum donation of \$25.00 per ticket. The dinner will be held on January 27, 2018 at Mark & Lori Hoeing's. Call Lori Hoeing at 765-561-3185 with any questions.



The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017.

### Fall Festival Game of Chance Committee

The committee is asking each family to donate a basket filled with items with a total value of \$25.00 or more.

Anyone having questions or baskets to donate can call Lisa Wagoner (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.-1:30p.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.



Fall Festival "Kid's Games" are in need of new or gently used items for prizes: small toys, school supplies, stickers, etc. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours. Questions can be directed to Amaranta Kemple at [akemple@stmaryrush.org](mailto:akemple@stmaryrush.org).



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. Tickets are selling fast!

### Fall Festival Country Store and Benefit Auction

The Country Store will offer quality home decorations and furniture that will be purchasable from 10a.m. 1:00p.m. Our benefit auction will begin promptly at 1:00p.m., which will be limited to 10 amazing items. Gus Haley will be our auctioneer, and Father Gries has challenged him to get the total bids to surpass \$6,000. If Gus and our bidders reach the goal, Father will immediately be led around the parking lot perched on a donkey. Check out our booth and stick around to join the bidding, fellowship and fun!

**Sunday Collection**  
August 20, 2017



Adults (128 Envelopes + 14 Loose Checks)	\$ 13,492.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 508.00
Total	\$ 14,002.00
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +6,002.00 ☺

Sunday 8/20/17	\$ 14,002.00
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 95.00
Votive Candles	\$ 35.00
Food Pantry	\$ 85.00
Assumption	\$ 1,545.00
Peters Pence	\$ 1.00
TOTAL 8/20/17	\$ 15,763.00

Mass Attendance - 8/20/17 - 645

**HIGH-5 DAYS - FALL 2017:** With the enthusiasm and blessings of Supt. Matt Vance and all of the principals, here is the schedule for High-5 Days sponsored by Chapter M of P.E.O.

Aug. 29 RESW	7:35a.m.	N & S Doors
Aug. 30 Arlington	7:35a.m.	E Door
Sept. 12 St. Mary's	7:35a.m.	S-5th St. Door
Sept. 14 Mays	7:35a.m.	N Door
Sept. 25 RCHS	7:30a.m.	(2)E;(1)W;(1)S
Sept. 26 BRMS	7:30a.m.	E Door

Remember Rain or Shine! We invite you to join us with a smile and encouragement in the fulfilling experience of welcoming students and staff as they enter school. Join us for one or two or all six!

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool Fall Mum Sale: Mums are all 8 inch pots and the cost is \$7.00. Orders are due to the school office by Tuesday, September 5 at 8a.m. Pick up will be Wednesday, September 13 from 2:30-5:30p.m. in the school parking lot between the church and school. This fundraiser supports the everyday operational cost of running our school. Whipker's Greenhouse in Columbus, IN is supplying us with the mums. Please contact Jenna Schwering with any questions.



New Salem United Methodist Church Fried Chicken

Dinner: Sunday, August 27 - 11a.m.-1p.m. New Salem Lions Club. Adults: \$9.50; Kids 12 & Under: \$5.

**Mass Schedule: August 28 - September 3**

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Russell & Ruth Coon
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Betty Spaeth
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Florence Herbert
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Martha Todd
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	JoAnn Herbert



August 27, 2017 - Session 2  
September 3, 2017 - Session 3  
St. Mary School Gym

**MANDATORY Confirmation Candidate/  
Sponsor/Parent Night**

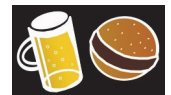
Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 5:30-7:30p.m.  
School Multipurpose Room.



Adult Faith Opportunity  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
Revelations: Kingdom Yet to Come

Aug. 30 Rev 2-3: Letters to the Seven Churches  
Sept. 6 Rev 4-5: Creation & Redemption  
Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.

**Saturday Night Beer Garden** is looking for donations of prizes valued at \$100 or more to be given away. If anyone would like to donate an item, please give Eric or Lisa Wagoner a call (812-593-0790). It is Saturday, September 9th from 6:30-11p.m. The \$10 admission fee includes a free game, sandwich, chips and a beverage. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend. Must be 21!



The Rush County Chorale will resume their weekly practice schedule, in preparation for their Christmas concerts, on Monday evenings from 7-9p.m. in the RCHS choir room, starting August 28, 2017.

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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 – September 2 & 3**

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

Sun. 7:30a.m. Nicholas Amos, Glen Harpring, Bradley Krieger

10:00a.m. Savannah Snow, Eliza Snow, Gabby Pavey

**Lectors - September 2 & 3**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Donna Smith

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Cecilia Orr

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers - September 2 & 3**

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

Sun. 7:30a.m. Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Kevin Dolan

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

**Ushers for September, 2017**

Sat. 5:30p.m. Russ & Linda Jenkins

Sun. 7:30a.m. Mike & Blake Mahan

10:00a.m. Roy & Marilyn Mohr

**Ministers-to-the-Sick**

Aug. 28 Jeanie Spaeth Sept. 4 Joan Meo

**Money Counters**

Aug. 28 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum, Linda Shanahan, Margie Liggett

Sept. 5 (Tuesday) Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton, Diana Leising, Donna Land

**Food Pantry Volunteers:**

Aug. 28 Jody Carmony & Sons

Aug. 30 Lori Ernstes, Denise Small, Denise Hoeing

**September is Stock the Food Pantry Month**

With school starting and families paying book fees, etc., the food pantry is extra busy during the month of September. Items needed are:

16 oz. Jar Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti & Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Cereal & Oatmeal	Pork & Beans
Canned Fruits & Vegetables	Bread
Flour	Tuna Helper
Canned Tuna	Canned Soups
Sugar	Powdered Milk
Hot Dogs	Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent	Toothpaste
Paper Towels	Dish Soap
Bar Soap	Eggs

Call Susan Hoeing (561-1040) with any questions.