



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

SEPT. 23 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✘ Rushville ✘ Indiana ✘ 46173
Parish: 765-932-2588 ✘ School: 765-932-3639 ✘ www.stmaryrush.org

Please Welcome Fr. Joseph Ekpo, priest of the Diocese of Ikot Ekpene in Nigeria.

Diocese of Ikot Ekpene

Population of the Diocese.....	1,030,896
Number of Catholics	117,609
Parishes	41
Churches or Mission Stations	05
Diocesan Priests Resident in the Diocese	60
Religious Priests Resident in the Diocese	04
Members of Men’s Religious Institutions.....	37
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“Going out on Mission Appeal, for me, is a great means of evangelization and I see it as a win-win situation for both the people of God in the United States and the Church in Nigeria. First of all, when I go out to visit any parish that I am assigned to, I consider myself as being sent there by God. My approach may be different in the sense that I start with genuine gratitude to God and the people of God for all that they have done for the poor in Third World Countries. Let’s face it, *what would the world be like without the generosity of the American people?* . . . Personally, I believe that God is blessing America because of the generosity like the ones we experience when we go on Mission Appeals . . . Our churches are increasing day by day in number, our seminaries and convents are filled with young people who offer to serve God in the priesthood and religious life. Some of our priests and nuns are now serving in Europe, the Americas, and other African nation-states. All these would not have happened without the support of the Church here in the United States.” -Fr. Joseph Ekpo

Thanks to Fr. Joseph’s coverage of Masses here this weekend, I am taking the opportunity to go on my annual retreat. The Church asks that every priest go on a five day retreat every year for the renewal and strengthening of his spiritual life. I am spending this week at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio. Christ the Bridegroom Monastery is a community of religious women (pictured to the right) in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. I have known this community for a little over a year, I met them through a good friend of mine from college who is now a Byzantine Catholic monk. They have been a great support to me in prayer and I am happy to be able to spend this week with them in prayer. I left Saturday morning and I will be returning in the evening on Thursday. **There will not be daily Mass this week from Tuesday to Thursday. The normal daily Mass schedule will resume on Friday.**

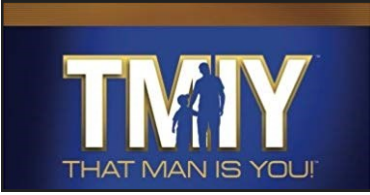


Please pray for me this week, know that I am praying for you.

-Fr. James



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) RCIA is for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic Christian or just learning more about the Catholic faith; everyone is welcome. Classes are held on Sunday, at 8:30a.m. in the rectory conference room. Contact Jerry Rudolf at 812-374-8446 or Monica Neuman at 812-614-4873 for more information.



**Sunday Mornings
St. Mary School
8:30a.m.
September 23, 2018
Session #2
September 30, 2018
Session #3**

St. Mary Parish now offers Online Giving. This service is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stmaryrush.org and select the Online Giving link on the home page at the upper right.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Choir practice will start on Thursday, September 27 in the church choir loft. We will start promptly at 7p.m. and end promptly at 8:30p.m. We will be preparing for Midnight Mass. I hope you work this fun activity into your weekly schedule. The choir is open to all in the 7th grade to age 99! Questions, contact Cindy Powers at cindy.powers83@gmail.com or 765-561-3776. Hope to see you on the 27th! Keep in mind: He who sings, prays twice!



St. Mary welcomes the LeSar family: Jon, Summer, Evie and Mason.

Please remember in prayer:

Larry Atkins, David Alfred, Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Ralph Becraft, Marie Beaver, Barbara Ann Bitner, Patricia (Thorp) Bright, Larry Burch, Don Burkhart, T.J. Cartwright, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Peggy Cooper, Tyler Craft, Jim Craven, Pat Cudworth, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Tom Jones, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Martha Knecht, Aidan Kuhn, Patty Lefforge, Paul Leising, Steve Link, Michael Lombardo, Judy McKay, Gary Miller, Janet Mitchell, Jo-Clare & Chris Moody, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Philip Parish, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Thelma Robbins, Rhondalynn Rushing, Debra Sater, Marilyn Schroeder, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Cathy Smith, Tammy Smith, Molly Spaeth, Pat Springman, David Starkey, Meaghan Swensen, Karen Taff, Anna Telker, Dawn Moran Trent, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dusty Wickliff, Dean Williams, Glenn Wood, Ron Zimmer.

For those proudly serving our country:

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

Homebound: Bob Jenkins, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor:

Jenny Brown, Katie Carpenter, Ann Gilliam, Wayman and Marge Mahan, Paul Niehoff, Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Norman & Dorothy Snyder

Those who have passed away: Carolyn (Dickson) Newkirk, Dale Haley, Carol Saxon, Hugh Willey, Fred Pennington, Robert Wagner.

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Sunday Offerings
September 16, 2018



Adults (135 Envelopes + 7 Loose Checks)	\$ 6,703.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,425.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 302.05
Total	\$ 10,432.05
Weekly Budget (2018/2019)	\$ -8,200.00
	\$ +2,232.05 ☺

Sunday 9/16/18	\$ 10,432.05
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 210.00
Votive Candles	\$ 17.00
Food Pantry	\$ 230.00
POH2	\$ 4,927.00
TOTAL 9/16/18	\$ 15,816.05

Mass Count 9/16/18 – 573



New Adult Faith Opportunity
Wednesdays at 7:00p.m.
St. Mary Catholic School
The Turning Point
A Study of the Gospel of John.

Update to Handbook Supplement: The supplement to the Parish Handbook is undergoing an update. If you are no longer the contact person for the listed ministry or if your contact information has changed, please call or text Debbie Bruce at 765-561-3804 or email at djbruce@live.com.



OCTOBERFEST

St. Joseph Catholic Church
125 E. Broadway St., Shelbyville, IN
Saturday, September 29, 2018
5:00p.m. - 11:00p.m.



Mass Schedule: September 24 - 30

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:30a.m.	+Clarence & Frances Meer
Saturday	5:30p.m.	+Donna Becraft
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Parish
	10:00a.m.	+Justin Schroeder

St. Mary Catholic School/Preschool News

Music Teacher: Do you, or someone you know, enjoy music and want to share that love with children? St. Mary Catholic School is looking for a music teacher to work with preschool-6th grade. Our schedule is fairly flexible; so if you think this may be a good fit for you or someone you know, please contact Mrs. Stonebraker at jstonebraker@stmaryrush.org or 765-932-3639.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale, benefitting the St. Mary School PT0, will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E ST RD 44) on Friday, September 28 from 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, September 29 from 9a.m.-1p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, September 27 from 9a.m.-6p.m. at the CONSERVATION CLUB. Anyone wanting to donate items for the bake sale may also bring those items to the CONSERVATION CLUB on Thursday. Please contact Mandy Horn (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions.



Kroger Community Rewards

Has 90+ households supporting St. Mary Catholic School/Preschool. Thank you to those who shopped at Kroger from 1-1-18 to 6-30-18. Kroger contributed \$1,188.98 to SMS. To register your Kroger Plus Card visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. If you have any questions, please contact the school or Susan Spaeth at 561-3124. Thank you for your support.

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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: Theresa Alexander

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

Ministry Schedules

Servers – September 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Katie Ripberger, Emma Tressler,
Megan Alexander

Sun. 7:30a.m. Alexis Fenimore, Glen Harpring
10:00a.m. Will Cowan, Edgar Fernandez,
Gabby Pavey

Lectors - September 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Donna Smith

Sun. 7:30a.m. Lori Hoeing

10:00a.m. Aaron Snow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - September 29 & 30

Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn, Denise Small,
Shelly Bostic

Sun. 7:30a.m. Tom Giesting, Holly Bess,
Doug Krieger

10:00a.m. Jason Pavey, Steve Pavey,
Kim Yager

Ushers for September 2018

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

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

10:00a.m. Roy and Marilyn Mohr

Ministers to the Sick:

Sept. 24 Linda Jenkins Oct. 1 Janet Pike

Money Counters:

Sept. 24 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum,
Linda Shanahan, Margie Liggett

Oct. 1 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,
Diana Leising, Jane Ariens

Food Pantry Volunteers:

Sept. 26 Jody Carmony & Family

Oct. 1 (Restock) Dave Moeller, Mary Ann Harpring

Oct. 3 Marcia Alexander, Lori Ernestes,
Danny Hoeing

Rush County Chorale will be starting rehearsals for their Christmas Concerts (Dec. 8 & 9) every Monday evening from 7-9p.m. in the RCHS Choir Room starting Sept. 17, 2018. New and seasoned members from all sections - soprano, alto, tenor, bass - are welcome and appreciated. There is no audition, just show up and bring a friend! David Doyle directs. Look us up on Facebook and YouTube!

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.