



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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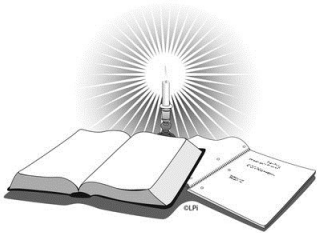
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*The Nativity of the Lord*

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**Faith Formation**

Faith formation, religious education and catechesis are all terms that describe efforts to teach the Catholic faith in ways that draw all people closer to Jesus and deepen their participation in His Church. St. Mary's strives to provide comprehensive, womb-to-tomb catechetical programs.

Religious Education - Preschool through grade 6 is offered on Sunday from 8:45-9:45a.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - RCIA is a process of inquiry, instruction and preparation for those interested in learning about and/or joining the Catholic Church. If interested, please call Fr. Gries at the parish office. Classes will begin in August 2016.



**Adult Faith Classes**—Led by Fr. Jeremy M. Gries are held on Wednesday evenings, 7- 8:15p.m. in the school multipurpose room.

Jan. 13	The Church I
Jan. 20	The Church II
Jan. 27	The Church III

Come to one, come to all.  
Bring your Bible & Catechism!

**"Save the Date"**  
**St. Mary Parish Mission**  
**January 30, 2016 - February 3, 2016**

**Our St. Mary Prayer Line**

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179  
 Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790  
 765-663-2444

**New Parishioners**

Welcome to St. Mary Parish!  
 You are invited to call or stop by the parish office.



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 date. No date may be considered reserved until initial meeting and the necessary paperwork have been completed.* Call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism - Congratulations on your little one! Call the parish office for scheduling.

Reconciliation/Confession - Saturday...4:30p.m. - 5:15p.m.; Tuesday...6:00p.m. - 6:25p.m. or by appointment.

Confirmation - The Sacrament is received during the eighth grade year.

Adult Confirmation - The Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers Confirmation for Baptized Catholic adults each year on Pentecost Sunday (May 15, 2016). If you are interested, please contact Father Jeremy Gries, for information and preparation.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, following the 8:30a.m. Mass.



**-Youth Group-**

Activities of the St. Mary Youth Group include: A Live Nativity, Easter Egg Hunt, Nursing Home Visits, Parish Grotto, Haunted House, Ski Trips and Kings Island. Parents or young adults, if you would like to help with the St. Mary Catholic Church Youth Group, please contact Debbie Banks at 317-402-8108 with questions or to volunteer.

**-Vacation Bible School-**

Vacation Bible School, for preschool—grade 6, is offered, Monday-Friday, during the month of July. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Jill Kuntz.

**-Quilting Group-**

Come join other quilters on Wednesdays, in school, following the 8:30a.m. Mass. No quilting experience is necessary. Veteran quilters will teach you. Quilts made are donated and raffled at our annual St. Mary Fall Festival.

**-Food Pantry-**

Food is distributed, to those in need, on Wednesday from 5:00-6:00p.m. at the garage on the northeast corner of the St. Mary parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, call the parish office at 765-932-2588.

**-Pastoral Care-**

Utility, rent, prescriptions and transportation needs are just a few of the special needs met through our Pastoral Care. Funds can be donated, for this purpose, at the parish office. If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact Fr. Gries.

**Parish Fall Festival-**

The 2016 annual St. Mary Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 11. Chicken dinners, grand raffle, auction, fun and games for the whole family.



*The angel said to the shepherd, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

~ Luke 2:10-14

May you receive the arrival of Christ with much joy, hope, and peace! May the celebration of Christmas remind, renew, and reinvigorate your amazement at a God who loves you so deeply, so intimately, so personally, that He would come in the flesh to save you and to bring you to Himself. He will come again. A Happy and Blessed Christmas to one and all! May God the Father bless you this day and every day, by the coming of Emmanuel, God with Us, Our Lord, Jesus Christ born of the Holy Spirit through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

~ Fr. Jeremy Gries

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### *Christian Education since 1868*



- Graded "A" by the Indiana State Board of Education in 2014-15
- Daily religious instruction in Roman Catholic faith, plus Mass weekly
- Meets or exceeds all standard elementary school curriculum as required by the Indiana Department of Education and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
- Focus on technology with new computer lab and an iPad for EVERY student enrolled
- All students enjoy library, music, art, computer, physical education, and Spanish classes weekly in addition to Sacrament preparation, after school tutoring, and a uniform dress code policy
- At least two field trips per year per grade to many exciting locations within the state
- Tuition assistance, State Voucher Program, and SGO tuition grants are available, for qualifying families
- Rush County School bus services
- We gladly embrace and accept students of all races and creeds

We would love for you to be a part of the St. Mary family. Call us today at (765) 932-3639, for more information or to schedule a personal tour.