



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY
OF THE
LORD

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



The Nativity of the Lord



Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means *God is with us*.

~ Matthew 1:23

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to All
~ Fr. Jeremy M. Gries ~



Faith Opportunity BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
School Multipurpose Room
Bring your Bible & Catechism!
Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Dec. 21 Acts 13 - 14 - Paul's 1st Missionary Journey
Jan. 4 Acts 15 - 16 - Jerusalem Council & 2nd Journey
Jan. 11 Acts 17 - Converts & Conflict

Kroger Community Rewards: Have you attached St. Mary School to your Kroger Plus Card? Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Choose **10058 or St Mary School Rushville**. You must renew in January of each year. This is free money for our school! Call Susan Spaeth at 561-3124, if you have any questions or problems when registering your card.



Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers. Envelopes are at church entrances. Fill out the envelope and drop it into the regular Sunday collection.



Thank you to those who have donated hygiene items, food and money during this holiday season. Please continue to remember those in need throughout the year. Items always needed for the pantry are: cereal, pork and beans, canned fruit and canned soup.

Sunday Collection

Due to the holiday bulletin submission deadline to LPi, the December 18 collection figures will be in the January 1, 2017 bulletin.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to St. Mary Parish. Please continue to be generous as you remember all of your blessings this holiday season. Contributions for the 2016 tax year must be dated on or before December 31, 2016. Contributions dated January 1, 2017 will be reflected on 2017 contribution statements.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Fighting the Evil One in the Name of Jesus



VS

**Father Vincent Lampert**

Authorized Exorcist
of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
to speak about the Ministry of Exorcism



When: Friday the 13th, January 2017 @ 7p

Where: St Mary Catholic Church

512 N Perkins St, Rushville IN 46173

Who: Adults – 18 years & older

Cost: *Free as the Saving Mercy of Christ*



Please mail your 2016/2017 United Catholic Appeal pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Even if you cannot pledge at this time, mark your card "0" and return.

| Date | Pledge Cards | Pledge Amount |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 12/15/16 | 206 | \$38,995 |
| Goal | 450 | \$14,255 |
| % of Goal | 46% | 274% |

Father Gries would like to see 50% participation!

Using the envelope provided, please mail your 2016/2017 pledge card directly to the Archdiocese or drop into the Sunday collection. Thank you!

Holiday Mass Schedule

December 31 - 5:30p.m.

January 1 - 7:30a.m. and 10:00a.m.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Patricia (Saxon) Banta, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Mary Busald, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Peggy Cooper, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Bud Garland, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Nettie Harpring, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Florence Herbert, Terry Honaker, Deborah Jarvis, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Barb Kiefer, William King, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve Lempke, Steve Link, James McGinnis, Sherry McIntire, Judy McKay, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, David P. Moran, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Paul Niehoff, Maddie Marr Owens, Philip Parish, Jacob Ping, Nancy Ratekin, Dave Roberts, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Peggy Siefert, Cathy Smith, Wanda Sowder, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Kitty Vail, Susie Walker, Don Wheeldon, Dean Williams, Mardell Wilson, Glenn Woods.

For those proudly serving our country: William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: Katie Carpenter, Vernie Comer, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Norma Connor, Betty Eder, Alice Niedenthal, Marjorie Niehoff, Ginny Northam, Ann Parish, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

Flatrock River Lodge: Ann Gilliam, JoAnn Herbert, Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Martha Todd, Edna Wehr.

Those who have passed away: Steve Harpring, Gene Ripberger, Len Jarvis, Emil Kuntz.

RCIA: Catechumens: Ethan Brown, Jennifer Hay, Jessica Spaeth. Candidates: Mike Owen, Karen Hall, Ingeborg Auditore, Brenda Gilliam, Kevi Baumgartner, Rachel Amos, Kirstie Ryckman.



The Parish Office will be closed December 26 through January 2, 2017. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 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.

Mass Schedule: December 26 - January 1

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| Monday | | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 6:30p.m. | William & Virginia Shanahan |
| Wednesday | 8:30a.m. | Pat Osting |
| Thursday | 8:30a.m. | Dorothy Dusing |
| Friday | 8:30a.m. | Louise Childers |
| Saturday | 5:30p.m. | Merlin Herbert Marilyn King |
| Sunday | 7:30a.m. 10:00a.m. | Gene Ripberger St. Mary Parish |

Ministry Schedules

Servers – December 31 - January 1

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Will, Kate & Anne Thoman |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Nick, Jacob, Tyler Amos |
| | 10:00a.m. | Hallie & Alexis Fenimore, Richard Barnes |

Lectors - December 31 - January 1

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Rita Corn |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Lori Hoeing |
| | 10:00a.m. | Debby Williams |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Ruth Koelmel, Denise Small, Tom Giesting |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Kevin Dolan, Jerry Rudolf, Carol Yager |
| | 10:00a.m. | Kim L. Yager, Kim S. Yager, Annette Niehoff |

Ushers for January 2017

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Wayne & Sue Munson |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Steve Wagner & Joe Niedenthal |
| | 10:00a.m. | JD & Kris Herbert |

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Dec. 26 Janet Pike Jan. 2 Monica Neuman

Money Counters

Dec. 27 (Tues.) Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,
Diana Leising, Donna Land
Jan. 3 (Tues.) Jeanie Spaeth, April Yager,
Royanna Eck

Food Pantry

Dec. 28 No Food Pantry
Jan. 4 (Work Pantry) Danny & Susan Hoeing



January Birthdays Nursing Homes & Homebound

January 4 - John Schlechtweg
 January 11 - Betty Eder