



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

SEPT. 10, 2017  
TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

512 North Perkins Street ✕ Rushville ✕ Indiana ✕ 46173  
Parish: 765-932-2588 ✕ School: 765-932-3639 ✕ [www.stmaryrush.org](http://www.stmaryrush.org)

## WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND GUESTS!



As St Mary hosts its annual Fall Festival, we are glad to see so many guests, visitors, and extended family with us this weekend. Please know you are always welcome at St Mary.

St Mary Catholic Church is full of warm, friendly people who are striving in small and large ways to grow closer to Christ, to be faithful to His Church, and to build His Kingdom in our community. My hope and efforts are that this parish forms people into *Saints for Christ and the Church*. This formation takes place in several ways: We do this

in **prayer** in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and private devotions. We do this by **learning** through our many Faith Formation opportunities for children through adults, both on-site and home learning. We also mold young children in and through St Mary Catholic School and Preschool (a fully accredited academic institution). We do this by **service** to those of the community in need by the St Mary Food Pantry, Person-in-Need Assistance, and other forms of outreach. Lastly, we do this in **generosity** in both financial and personal volunteering. If you live in Rush County (perhaps even beyond!), we would love for you to make St Mary Catholic Church your spiritual home, and we your spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ.

The **St Mary Fall Festival** is not just a great way to gather for some fun, family, and friends; it also helps support and sustain the mission and ministry of St Mary Parish. Every dollar raised helps provide the many activities and opportunities of our parish life. Funds raised above those required for the ordinary operations budget will be dedicated to two purposes. First, as has been the custom for the last several years, St Mary will dedicate 10% of the net for outreach to those in the community. This assistance is beyond that already budgeted by the parish. Second, excess funds will be earmarked for future Capital Improvements to our parish campus. If you look at the parking lot or at the exterior of our parish school building as you enjoy the Fall Festival today, you will notice they both need some TLC. These two projects are next on the parish To-Do list. As you can imagine, they are not inexpensive improvements. So, please know of our thanks and gratitude in supporting the renewal of our parish facilities.

Finally, thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered for the success of this weekend's Fall Festival events. A couple of weeks ago, someone innocently enough asked me if things were ready for the Fall Festival. After a pause and dumb look from me, they said, "I gather you don't plan it?" I replied, "No, **the great parishioners of the parish make it happen.**" You always do. Thank you! A special thank you must be given to **Theresa & Greg Alexander, Eric & Lisa Wagoner, and Dede Small** for chairing the overall events. Great job as usual!

St Mary, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MANDATORY Confirmation Candidate/ Sponsor/Parent Night

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) **No class**  
this weekend (Fall Festival).

Our Condolences to: the Comer family at the death of  
Elverna Comer. May she rest in eternal peace!

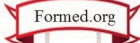

September Birthday: September 24 - Mary Schlechtweg

### **St. Mary Youth Group**

September 24 - Meeting - 4 to 6p.m. (SMS)



Doug Wicker, son of J.D. and  
Rebecca Wicker, and Audrey  
Neuman, daughter of Mark and  
Michelle Neuman, will be united in  
marriage on Saturday, September  
16, 2017 at 2:30p.m. Congratulations!

  
Our goal   
THANK YOU!

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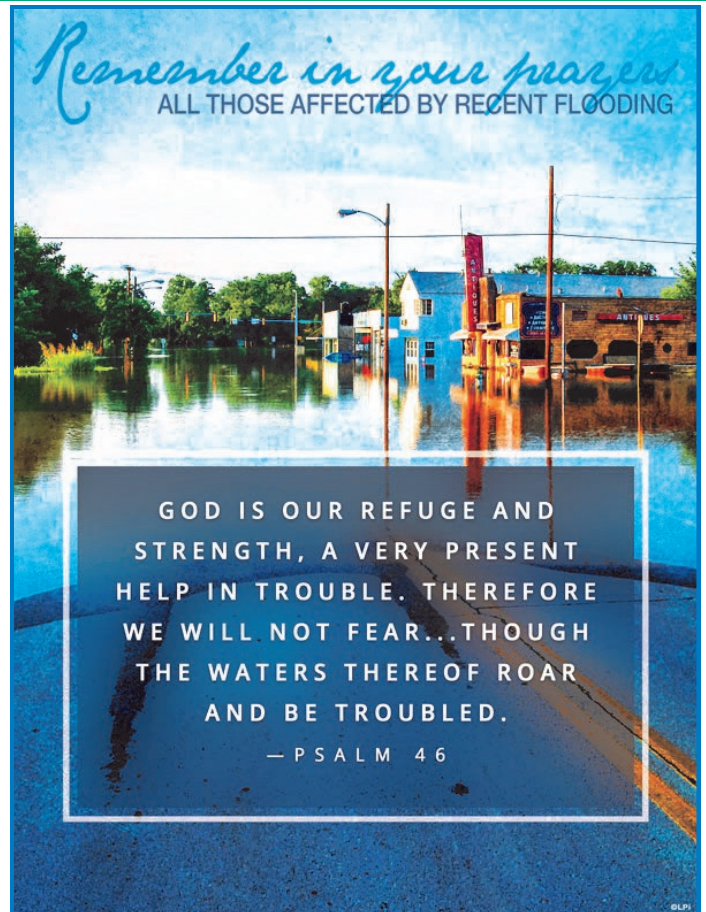
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### **A Christ Focused Widows Retreat September 22-24, 2017 Benedict Inn, Indianapolis**

Widows of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. While the retreat will include elements of the Catholic faith, widows of all faiths are welcome to join on this journey of hope and healing. For more information and to register: [www.archindy.orPeaceInTheMorning](http://www.archindy.orPeaceInTheMorning) or call Deb VanVelse at 317-236-1586.



Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Indiana Convention Center † Indianapolis  
For more information or to register go to  
[www.indianacatholicmen.com](http://www.indianacatholicmen.com)  
or call 317-331-1328

## Sunday Collection September 3, 2017



Adults (140 Envelopes + 13 Loose Checks)	\$ 8,750.00
Youth (3 Envelopes)	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 374.11
Total	\$ 9,127.11
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +1,127.11 ☺

Sunday 9/3/17	\$ 9,127.11
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 135.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.00
Food Pantry	\$ 413.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$ 5,808.41
Preserving Our Heritage	\$ 250.00
TOTAL 9/3/17	\$ 15,740.52

Mass Attendance - 9/3/17 - 592

### **HIGH-5 DAYS - FALL 2017:** Sponsored by Chapter M of P.E.O.

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

### St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool Fall Mum Sale:

Pick up will be Wednesday, September 13 from 2:30-5:30p.m. in the school parking lot between the church and school.



The Annual Fall Rummage Sale, benefitting the St. Mary School PTA, will be held at the CONSERVATION CLUB (1204 E ST RD 44) on Friday, September 29 from 9a.m.-1p.m. Please start gathering your donations. Drop off for rummage sale items will be on Thursday, September 28 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 Rya Meo (561-0226) or Susan Spaeth (561-3124) with questions. Thank you.



St. Mary Catholic School & Preschool  
Mark your place in history—order a personalized paver today! All orders due by September 29, 2017. Contact St Mary Catholic School for an order form.

## Mass Schedule: September 11- 17

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Kay Ruhlman
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Bud Harpring
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Clara Eckerle
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Betty Shanahan
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	Helen & Leona Siefert
	10:00a.m.	Gus & Clara Niehoff



September 10 - No Session (Fall Festival)

September 17 - Session 4

St. Mary School Gym

It is not too late to register.



### Adult Faith Opportunity **BIBLE STUDY**

Revelations: Kingdom Yet to Come

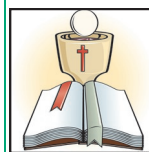
Sept. 13 Rev 6-7: Opening the Seals

Sept. 20 Rev 8-11: 7th Seal Unleashed Seven

Trumpets

Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.

Bring your Bible & Catechism



"Where two or three are gathered in My name..." The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Gries at 765-932-2588 or [frgries@stmaryrush.org](mailto:frgries@stmaryrush.org)

The Rush County Chorale has resumed their weekly practice schedule, in preparation for their Christmas concerts, on Monday evenings from 7-9p.m. in the RCHS choir room. Long-time members, off & on members, and completely new members are all welcome and encouraged to attend!



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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 – September 16 & 17

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

Sun. 7:30a.m. Nick, Tyler & Jacob Amos

10:00a.m. Hallie & Alexis Fenimore

Mitchell Cowan

### Lectors - September 16 & 17

Sat. 5:30p.m. Donna Smith

Sun. 7:30a.m. Regenia Ripberger

10:00a.m. Mary Beth Burklow

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers - Sept. 16 & 17

Sat. 5:30p.m. Susan Hoeing, Ruth Koelmel,  
Bob Dwenger

Sun. 7:30a.m. Gary Nigh, Holly Bess,  
Tom Giesting

10:00a.m. Denise Hoeing, Kim S. Yager,  
Laura Ash

### 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

Sept. 11 Linda Jenkins Sept. 18 Janet Pike

### Money Counters

Sept. 11 Jeanie Spaeth, April Yager, Royanna Eck,  
Mary Ann Harpring

Sept. 18 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Robin Land  
Sheila Zwickey

### Food Pantry Volunteers:

Sept. 11 (Restock) Danny Hoeing & Ron Copple

Sept. 13 Annette Niehoff, Mary Ann Harpring,  
Marilyn Spilman

### 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.