



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

NOVEMBER 12 2017
THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

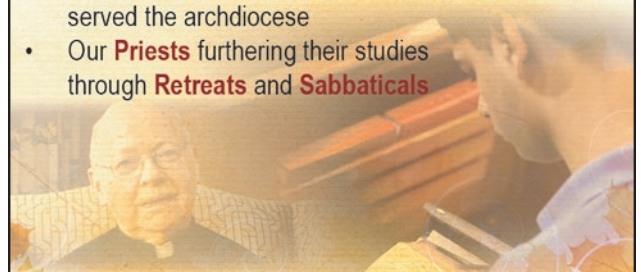
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This weekend, all parishioners are invited to commit by to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis **United Catholic Appeal**. The UCA helps to ensure ministries that are greater than any one single parish are accomplished and to advance the mission of the church by funding seminary studies for discerning men to the priesthood. St Mary's has been a strong UCA supporter, pledging 303% of our goal last year. While our goal has increased this year to \$19,541, I expect we will once again go over, due to your amazing generosity. As you know, I'm much more interested in the parish engagement and participation than the dollars. Even if you cannot make a financial contribution or pledge at this time, please return your pledge card with a zero, as that helps the parish with the participation rate. I've already made a pledge, and I increased it over last year. I invite you to do the same.

Seminarian Education & Clergy Care

Giving hope to:

- **24 Seminarians** training to be our future priests
- **21 Deacons** ordained in 2017 to enter parish ministry
- **More than 40 Retired Priests** who have faithfully served the archdiocese
- Our **Priests** furthering their studies through **Retreats** and **Sabbaticals**



UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL
Christ Our Hope



Last week, there was a flyer for a **St Mary Parish and School Christmas Art Contest**. I hope many of our children participate. The Catholic Church has a long and rich tradition of supporting the visual arts. If one goes to nearly any museum of art, you will find countless artistic expressions of our Catholic Christian faith on display among the most priceless pieces. Since Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took on Flesh and walked the earth, we Christians have had a renewed and reinvigorated sense of the sacred image. Jesus is the image of the Father. "Whoever has seen me [Jesus] has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Since the days of the catacombs, Christians have been making images as a way to express, explain, and evangelize the faith to others. Even today, many

who would never pick up and read the Bible, see in various places and settings artistic images drawn from the Scriptures and the life of Christ that often serve as a first explanation of the Mystery of God. Saint John Paul II once said, "For everyone, believers or not, the works of art inspired by Scripture remain a reflection of the unfathomable mystery which engulfs and inhabits the world... Beauty is a key to the mystery and a call to transcendence. It is an invitation to savor life and to dream of the future... Artists of the world, may your many different paths all lead to that infinite ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. May you be guided and inspired by the mystery of the Risen Christ, whom the Church in these days contemplates with joy." (*Letter to Artist*, 04 April 1999).

As a parish community, we do well to encourage our young people to seek after Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. The arts can be a wonderful avenue for this holy pursuit. May the Word become Flesh draw each us ever deeper into the wonderful Mystery of God.

St Mary, Mother of Artist, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries

WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Class TODAY, November 12, in the school. Topic: The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life.

On behalf of Catholic Charities Relief Efforts, I would like to thank you for your generous parish donation of \$5,708.41. Because of your contribution and commitment to the cause of the recovery of the victims of recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida, the church will be able to help many people in dire need.

*David Bethuram, Executive Director,
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Indianapolis.*

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 12 - 10a.m.-1p.m. Youth Mass & Choir, Lunch and Activity - St. Mary Church and School
November 16-18 - All Day - NCYC - Indianapolis



Penelope Rose Leon, daughter of Oracia Leon and Niki Cain, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Welcome, Penelope!



Please support Rush County families in need by donating any of these items, throughout the month of November and at the Thanksgiving Mass on November 23. All monetary donations will go to Pastoral Care to help families with utilities and rent. If you would like to donate hamburger, hot dogs or other meat products, please contact Susan Hoeing. Thank you for your generosity.

16 oz. Jar Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti & Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Cereal or Oatmeal	Pork & Beans
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Bread/Eggs
Hamburger Helper	Tuna Helper
Canned Tuna	Canned Soups
Toilet Paper	Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste	Paper Towels
Dish Soap	Bar Soap

November Birthday
Nursing Homes & Homebound
November 21 - Kathryn Carpenter

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool are looking for mega blocks, Knex, doll house, Barbies, match-box cars, small trucks, tractors, livestock, and nerf balls for inside recess. If you have any extras in good condition please bring them to school.



Bradley Krieger, son of Doug and Connie Krieger, proudly displays his Family Faith Formation project.

Coping with Grief During the Holidays

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017

Time: 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church - Greensburg (1331 East Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg, IN)
The Bereavement Ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church invites you to join us for a very special program on coping with grief during the holidays. This program is open to the public.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Ruth Stuckey	Steve Harpring
Eugene Ripberger	Horst Richter
Barbara Kiefer	Peggy Siefert
Virginia Northam	Dorine Rosfeld
JoAnn Herbert	Jo Ellen Durbin
Teresa Duffy	Martha Todd
Eugenia Fussner	Joseph Childers
Justin Schroeder	Amelia Parish
Florence Herbert	Fredric Patterson
Betty Shanahan	Elverna Comer
Marjorie Niehoff	Glenn Thompson

Sunday Offerings November 5, 2017



Adults (120 Envelopes + 17 Loose Checks)	\$ 11,113.00
Youth (6 Envelopes)	\$ 10.20
Loose	\$ 407.05
Total	\$ 11,530.25
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +3,530.25 ☺
Sunday 11/5/17	\$ 11,530.25
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 140.00
Votive Candles	\$ 56.00
Food Pantry	\$ 463.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 1,255.00
All Saints & All Souls	\$ 1,669.00
TOTAL 11/5/17	\$ 15,113.25

Mass Attendance - 11/5/17 - 482



A Message from the SMS 150 Committee

We are trying to put together an updated alumni list for St. Mary School. If you or any member of your family attended St.

Mary School at any time in the past 150 years, please send your information to Cheryl Riggs at CLRXRAY@yahoo.com. The committee needs old school pictures, class composite pictures, and any memorabilia you might have.

Two members of the committee, Marilyn Spilman and Marty Connerly, are looking for alumni to interview. We would love to hear about and record your personal connection to St. Mary Catholic School. Contact Marty Connerly at 317-402-3719; meo49.connerly@gmail.com or Marilyn Spilman at 765-561-6986; marilyn.spilman@farmcredit.com.



St. Mary Catholic School 4th, 5th, and 6th grade had an All Saints parade into the church on All Saints Day. They presented a few things they learned about the Saints, in the school. Great Job!

Mass Schedule: November 13 - 19

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Andy & Trudy Ariens
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Ann Parish (Sodality)
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Jared Chance
Friday	8:30a.m.	Jack Tweedy
Saturday	5:30p.m.	St. Mary Church
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Joe & Louise Freese family
	10:00a.m.	Jared Krieger



November 12 - Session 10

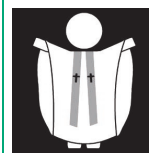
November 19 - Session 11



Adult Faith Opportunity BIBLE STUDY

Psalms: The School of Prayer

- Nov. 15 1. Getting the Big Picture
Nov. 22 No Meeting
Nov. 29 2. Seeing & Hearing the Psalms
Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.
Bring your Bible & Catechism!



"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Contact Father Gries at 765-932 2588 or by e-mail frgries@stmaryrush.org.

St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool is looking for a part-time music teacher to cover a maternity leave. All classes are in the afternoons and include music and 6th grade writing. Call Mrs. Kirschner at 765-932-3639 or e-mail her at

Prayer
REQUESTS

Tammy Smith

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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 – November 18 & 19

Sat. 5:30p.m. Kate & Anne Thoman

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

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

Lectors – November 18 & 19

Sat. 5:30p.m. Cecilia Orr

Sun. 7:30a.m. Regenia Ripberger

10:00a.m. Aaron Snow

Extra-Ordinary Ministers – November 18 & 19

Sat. 5:30p.m. Rita Corn, Bob Dwenger,
Denise Small

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

10:00a.m. Denise Hoeing, Kim S. Yager,
Jason Pavey

Ushers for November, 2017

Sat. 5:30p.m. Teo & Manuel Ordas

Sun. 7:30a.m. Doug Krieger & Ed Harpring

10:00a.m. Doug Osborne & Rob Ash

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 13 Jerry Rudolf Nov. 20 Jeanie Spaeth

Money Counters:

Nov. 13 Kathy Dean, Debbie Banks, Robin Land,
Sheila Zwickey

Nov. 20 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum,
Margie Liggett, Linda Shanahan

Food Pantry Volunteers:

Nov. 15 Michelle Amos, Lori Ernestes,
Marcia Alexander

Nov. 20 (Restock) Steve Pavey & Marty Connerly



Holiday Schedule

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Christmas: December 24 - Mass at 4:p.m.,
6:p.m.and 12 Midnight. December 25 - 9a.m.

New Year's: January 1 - Mass at 8:30a.m. and
6:30p.m.



**HOLIDAY
OFFICE
HOURS**

**The Parish Office
will be closed on
November 23 & 24 for
Thanksgiving.**