



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

NOVEMBER 19,
2017
THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN

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



I spent four hours this past Friday at the Indianapolis Convention Center hearing confessions for teens and adult volunteers participating in **NCYC – National Catholic Youth Conference**. It was a full day of ministry, and to be honest very humbling and edifying. I can sometimes be pessimistic about the future of things, but after a day spent with 23,000 Catholic young people from across the country, I am filled with much optimism and hope for Christ's Church. There was so much energy, devotion, faith, and good-hearted fun, one could not help but smile. St Mary's had 2 teens and 2 adults attend the Conference. Hopefully, when NCYC comes around again in 2019, we can send an even larger group to experience the joys, enthusiasm, & faith of the Church.

This will be a short workweek for most people with the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. As Christians, **gratitude and thankfulness** should be who we are not just in November but every month, every day, every hour, every moment as we acknowledge all that God has graciously bestowed upon us. God is good. God has richly blessed me... *better than I deserve*. Let me share a few blessings God has given me: the call and grace of the priesthood – while challenging at times, it is truly a blessed life for those so called. Opportunities to spend time with the parish school and RE children – being around young people helps open my eyes to the wonder around us and of our faith. My St Mary Parish Assignment – the Holy Spirit certainly guided that appointment. I'm thankful for the many ways our parish community has come together and what we have managed to accomplish together. I've been blessed to work with the dedicated parish and school staff and various parish ministry volunteers. I'm thankful for the faithful Catholic Christian witness of my parents and grandparents – truly this has been the best of gifts. I do hope you spend some extra time intentionally calling to mind some of the countless blessings you too have received from God. Why not come to 8:30a Mass on Thursday to say thanks!

If you have not yet prayerfully discerned and submitted your annual Archdiocese of Indianapolis **United Catholic Appeal pledge**, I invite all parish households to do so. Priests of the Connersville Deanery have been encouraged by recent discussions over the past 6 months with Catholic Charities. We are working to provide a Catholic counselor in our area to help strengthen and heal hurting families, couples and individuals. While this is not yet a full reality, Catholic Charities throughout the Archdiocese is, in part, supported by UCA funds. Please help do your part. There is no reason every parish household cannot return a pledge card. 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 pray about the blessings God has given you and then discern how you can use a portion of those blessings directly on His Kingdom and Ministry.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL
Christ Our Hope

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Class TODAY, November 19, in the school. Topic: The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 26 - NO meeting - Thanksgiving

Prayer REQUESTS Rhondalynn Rushing



St. Mary Catholic School Gym will be open on Tuesday evenings, after Mass, for those parishioners interested in walking. Participants must be St. Mary parishioners 18 years and older.



Craig Hunt Lower, son of Clayton and Megan Lower, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on November 26, 2017. Welcome Craig!



Our Sympathy to Mike and Sherry Owen at the recent death of Mike's sister, Sherry McIntire.

Our Condolences to Frank and Karen

Harpring and the Eder family at the death of Betty Eder.



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

Spaghetti & Sauce

Cereal or Oatmeal

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Hamburger Helper

Canned Tuna

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Dish Soap

Mac & Cheese

Ramen Noodles

Pork & Beans

Bread/Eggs

Tuna Helper

Canned Soups

Laundry Detergent

Paper Towels

Bar Soap

The Rush County Chorale

sings of how

He Came All So Still

Saturday
December 2, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Sunday
December 3, 2017
2:30 p.m.



Director, David Dwyer
Laughlin Center for the Performing Arts
Rushville Consolidated High School

Tickets for Our Christmas Concerts:
\$5.00 each - available at the door
or from any Chorale member

Rush County Chorale will be presenting a beautiful assortment of music from across the centuries, celebrating the birth of Christ, on December 2 at 7:30p.m. and December 3 at 2:30p.m. at the RCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each and available at the door or from any Chorale member.

You are invited on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6p.m. to the Catholic Center Assembly Hall, Indianapolis for an archdiocesan Christmas Tree Lighting and Prayer Service. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ and celebrate those who have shared their own light by establishing memorial endowments in the names of loved ones. For a donation of \$10 or more, you can dedicate a luminaria in memory of a loved one. Gifts will be invested in the CCF to support the growth of parish, school and agency ministries. A reception will follow the service. To RSVP by Wednesday, November 29, and/or make a donation, please visit archindy.org/CCF/Evening Of Lights.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Ruth Stuckey

Eugene Ripberger

Barbara Kiefer

Virginia Northam

JoAnn Herbert

Teresa Duffy

Eugenia Fussner

Justin Schroeder

Florence Herbert

Betty Shanahan

Marjorie Niehoff

Steve Harpring

Horst Richter

Peggy Siefert

Dorine Rosfeld

Jo Ellen Durbin

Martha Todd

Joseph Childers

Amelia Parish

Fredric Patterson

Elverna Comer

Glenn Thompson

Sunday Offerings November 12, 2017



Adults (128 Envelopes + 12 Loose Checks)	\$ 9,295.00
Youth (2 Envelopes)	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 401.50
Total	\$ 9,698.50
Weekly Budget (2017/2018)	\$ -8,000.00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	\$ +1,698.50 ☺
Sunday 11/12/17	\$ 9,698.50
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 660.00
Votive Candles	\$ 114.00
Food Pantry	\$ 320.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 235.00
Catholic Campaign Human Development	\$ 20.00
TOTAL 11/12/17	\$ 11,047.50

Mass Attendance - 11/12/17 - 570



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 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 skirschner@stmaryrush.org, if you are interested.

Main Street Christian Church is preparing the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal for the elderly, shut-ins, and needy persons across Rush County. The meal will be prepared on Nov. 20th and 21st. Serving will begin at 5p.m. on Nov. 21st. Volunteers are needed. The need for pies and rolls donations is great. Call the church office at 765-932-2997 with any specific questions.

Mass Schedule: November 20 - 26

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	Richard & Loretta Busald
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Jo Ellen Durbin
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Steve Harpring
Friday	8:30a.m.	Zelda Patterson
Saturday	5:30p.m.	Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Church
	10:00a.m.	Lawrence Schmitter



November 19 - Session 11
November 26 - Thanksgiving
December 3 - Session 12



Adult Faith Opportunity **BIBLE STUDY**

Psalms: The School of Prayer

Nov. 22 No Meeting
Nov. 29 2. Seeing & Hearing the Psalms
Wednesdays 7-9p.m. School Multipurpose Room.
Bring your Bible & Catechism!
Faith + Fellowship + Fun



"Well done, good and faithful servant..." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Fr. Gries at 765-932 2588 or e-mail frgries@stmaryrush.org.



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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

November 23 - 8:30a.m. Thanksgiving

Servers: Savanah & Eliza Snow, Bradley Krieger

Lector: Allen Leising

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Kim L. Yager,
Steve Pavey, Jane Ariens

Servers – November 25 & 26

Sat. 5:30p.m. Evan Moore,
Nick & Macy Hoeing
Sun. 7:30a.m. Hayden Walls, Glen Harpring,
Adam Leising
10:00a.m. Olivia Cain, Richard Barnes,
Danny Corn

Lectors - November 25 & 26

Sat. 5:30p.m. John Blankman
Sun. 7:30a.m. Tom Giesting
10:00a.m. Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - November 25 & 26

Sat. 5:30p.m. Steve Richards, Alan Niehoff,
Shelly Bostic
Sun. 7:30a.m. Kevin Dolan,
Ken & Nancy Schroeder
10:00a.m. Annette Niehoff, Susan Hoeing,
Kevin Spilman,

Ushers for November, 2017

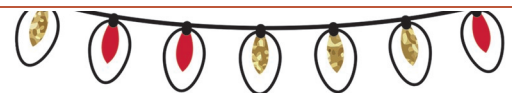
Sat. 5:30p.m. Teo & Manuel Ordas
Sun. 7:30a.m. Doug Krieger & Ed Harpring
10:00a.m. Doug Osborne & Rob Ash

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 20 Jeanie Spaeth Nov. 27 Joan Meo

Money Counters:

Nov. 20 Rose Hoeing, Jane Niccum,
Margie Liggett, Linda Shanahan
Nov. 27 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,
Diana Leising, Donna Land



Holiday Schedule

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.**