



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

NOVEMBER 26,  
2017

OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST

512 North Perkins Street ✕ Rushville ✕ Indiana ✕ 46173

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I have a small confession to make... I ate too much last Thursday on Thanksgiving. I suspect I'm not alone. While I've had moments of hunger, I've never truly been hungry or malnourished. I've never been unable to obtain needed food and sustenance. I've been... no, I am blessed. In this weekend's Gospel, we hear Jesus' teaching regarding the Final Judgment. There at the end of time, Jesus Christ the King will separation of the 'sheep' from the 'goats' – the sheep to the right and the goats to the left. The sheep will go off to eternal glory, while the goats, eternal punishment. And what is the criterion for judgment to be used by the Son of Man? One's personal treatment of Christ present in the poor and needy in body, mind, and spirit. Given that I just ate myself stuffed full and nearly sick, I'm left wondering about the hungry around me. Fortunately, it is no sin to have enough to eat (glutton may be another matter), but we must always be aware of our Christian duty to provide for the poor always with us.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: 'Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you'; 'you received without pay, give without pay' (Mt 5:42; 10:8). It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When 'the poor have the good news preached to them,' it is the sign of Christ's presence (Mt 11:5; Cf. Lk 4:18). "The Church's love for the poor... is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, the poverty of Jesus, and His concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to 'be able to give to those in need' (Cf. Eph 4:28). It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty." (CCC #2443-4).

Not only is giving assistance to the less fortunate important, but how we do so is as well. St John Chrysostom once said, "Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done. If you show resentment because you are helping the person out of a reluctant sense of duty, then the person may receive your help but may feel awkward and embarrassed. This is because he will feel beholden to you. If, on the other hand, you help the person in a spirit of joy, then the help will be received joyfully. The person will feel neither demeaned nor humiliated by your help, but rather will feel glad to have caused you pleasure by receiving your help. And joy is the appropriate attitude with which to help others because acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver."

For us Catholic Christians, both the Ends and the Means are utmost importance. Let us not only help the poor and less fortunate, let us love them as Christ from a generous and thankful heart.

## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

## SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Admonish the Sinner
- Instruct the Ignorant
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Comfort the Sorrowful
- Bear wrongs Patiently
- Forgive all Injuries
- Pray for the Living / Dead

*St Mary, Mother of Christ the King, pray for us. ~ Fr. Gries*

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) NO Class TODAY, November 26. Thanksgiving Break.

### YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 26 - NO meeting - Thanksgiving

Family Formation Parent Child Session K-6th Grade  
Sunday, December 3 from 8:40-9:50a.m.



Allie Dawn Marie Neuman, daughter of Ryan and Kaitlyn Neuman, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on November 26, 2017 following the 10:00a.m. Mass. Welcome Allie Dawn Marie!



Owen Eugene Nobbe, son of Chris and Kayla Nobbe will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on December 3, 2017, following the 10:00a.m. Mass. Welcome Owen!



St. Mary Catholic School no longer receives money from the recycling dumpster. The recycling dumpster will remain free of charge, so you can continue to recycle. We may not make money, but we can still help the earth!



Thank you to everyone who donated items at the Thanksgiving Mass. The response was overwhelming! Thank you, also, to Farm Credit Services and Copeland for their generosity. The items for December are: Pork and Beans and Cereal. The St. Mary Food Pantry is in **need of three new volunteers** to work the pantry. Please call Susan Hoeing at 561-1040. The pantry is currently out of meat. If you can donate meat, please call Susan Hoeing to make delivery arrangements.

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.

### Please remember in prayer:

David Alfred, Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Ralph Becraft, David Bedel, Marie Beaver, Barbara Ann Bitner, Patricia (Thorpe)Bright, Don Burkhardt, Mary Busald, T.J. Cartwright, Benjamin Castro, Patrick Coffin, Colette Concannon, Tyler Craft, Jim Craven, Katy Curtis, Bill Dickson, Erin Doyle, Link Fraley, Bill Fudge, Bud Garland, Jim Griggs, Lucille Hahn, Ethrem Hale, Faith Sadler Hankins, Barbara Hasbrook, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Dick Joyner, Claudette Kamm, Martha Knecht, Aidan Kuhn, Paul Leising, Steve Lempke, Steve Link, Michael Lombardo, James McGinnis, Judy McKay, Tom Meyer, Janet Mitchell, Quinn Mohler, Jo-Clare & Chris Moody, Bob Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Vicki Murphy, Carolyn Dickson Newkirk, Paul Niehoff, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Nancy Ratekin, Jami Reed, Dave Roberts, Steve Roberts, Rhondalynn Rushing, Debra Sater, Marilyn Schroeder, Meghan Schultz, Margie Schwering, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Cathy Smith, Tammy Smith, Molly Spaeth, Pat Springman, David Starkey, Mona Stewarf, Karen Taff, Dawn Moran Trent, Lexi Wethington, Don Wheeldon, Dean Williams, Glenn Wood, Ron Zimmer.

### For those proudly serving our country:

William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Ian McKnight, Mitchell McKnight, Travis Pecar, Derek Sickbert, Kevin Dobbyn, Kody Griffin.

**Homebound:** Bob Jenkins, Angela Godar, Kathryn Smiley.

**Residents at Millers Merry Manor:** Jenny Brown, Mary Busald, Katie Carpenter, Norma Connor, Ann Gilliam, John and Mary Schlechtweg, Betty Spilman, Doris Thoman.

**Flatrock River Lodge:** Dorothy Jarman, Norman & Dorothy Snyder, Edna Wehr.

**Those who have passed away:** Betty Eder, Sherry McIntire, Mark Pickering.



## Sunday Offerings November 19, 2017



Due to the early submission of the November 26, 2017 bulletin, the November 19 Sunday Offerings will be in the December 3, 2017 bulletin.

### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL *Christ Our Hope*

Every registered household should have received an intention card in the mail. Please drop your completed card in the regular collection, mail to the address on the envelope or bring to the parish office.

Even if you cannot make a pledge at this time, please return your card marked "0".

Our 2017 parish goal is \$19,541.00.



#### 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



"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink" Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest?

Call Fr. Gries at 765-932 2588 or e-mail frgries@stmaryrush.org.

## Mass Schedule: Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30p.m.	Jane Stumpf
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	Steve Oesterling
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	Virge & Joan Brenner 50th Wedding Anniv.
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	Louise Childers
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	Steve Harpring
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	George Siefert
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Church



November 26 - Thanksgiving

December 3 - Session 12

December 10 - Session 13



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

Psalms: The School of Prayer

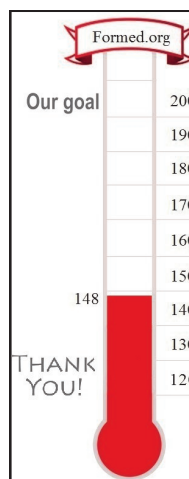
Nov. 29 2. Seeing & Hearing the Psalms

Dec. 6 3. Learning to Pray with the Psalms

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

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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 – December 2 & 3

Sat. 5:30p.m. Katie Ripberger, Evan Moore,  
Meghan Alexander

Sun. 7:30a.m. Glen Harpring, Nick Amos,  
Bradley Krieger

10:00a.m. Matthew Komlanc,  
Sofia & Clara Kemple

### Lectors - December 2 & 3

Sat. 5:30p.m. Jonathon Blankman

Sun. 7:30a.m. Regenia Ripberger

10:00a.m. Cecilia Orr

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers - December 2 & 3

Sat. 5:30p.m. Denise Small, Shelly Bostic,  
Bob Dwenger

Sun. 7:30a.m. Jerry Rudolf, Doug Krieger,  
Holly Bess

10:00a.m. Theresa Komlanc, Laura Ash,  
Amaranta Kemple

### Ushers for December, 2017

Sat. 5:30p.m. Steve Schwering & Volunteer

Sun. 7:30a.m. John Niehoff & Volunteer

10:00a.m. Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner

### Ministers-to-the-Sick

Nov. 27 Joan Meo

Dec. 4 Janet Pike

### Money Counters:

Nov. 27 Nancy Newbold, Lucille Hinton,  
Diana Leising, Donna Land

Dec. 4 Kathy Dean, April Yager, Royanna Eck,  
Mary Ann Harpring

### Food Pantry Volunteers:

Nov. 29 Mary Ann Harpring, Annette Niehoff,  
Ron Copple

Dec. 4 (Restock) Marilyn Spilman & Danny Hoeing



## 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.



### December Birthdays-Nursing Homes and Homebound

December 7 - Kathryn Smiley

December 11 - Dorothy Snyder