



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Forming Saints for Christ and the Church*

DEC 10, 2023  
SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

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

## *Christmas Eve is on a Sunday?!?*

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day fall consecutively on a Sunday and Monday. PLEASE NOTE: Christmas Eve Mass **DOES NOT** fulfill your obligation to attend Sunday Mass. It is important that Catholics fulfill their obligation for both occasions separately. To help, we are altering the Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent and making attempts to keep the Sunday Masses as short as possible. Fr. Dustin and Fr. Matthew promise to have abbreviated homilies and we will not have any music at the Sunday Masses - which will not only shorten the Mass but give a beautiful contrast to the glorious celebrations of Christmas! Everyone should go to one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. Simply going to one Mass between Saturday evening and Monday morning of that week will not fulfill one's obligation.

*Don't start the Christmas Season in Mortal Sin! Go to both!*

CHOOSE ONE MASS FOR THE "4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT" AND CHOOSE ONE "CHRISTMAS MASS"

### **4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses**

#### **Pick 1 - for Advent**

##### **Saturday Evening - December 23**

- ♦ 4:00 PM - at St. Bridget
- ♦ 4:00 PM - at St. Mary
- ♦ 5:30 PM - at St. Mary
- ♦ 6:00 PM - at St. Gabriel

##### **Sunday Morning - December 24**

- ♦ 8:00 AM - at St. Gabriel
- ♦ 8:00 AM - at St. Mary

Unless you are sick, it is a grave sin to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Please welcome the Nativity of our Lord and the Christmas season by being in a state of Grace. Make the effort to get to Mass. This is one of the most important ways you will keep Christ at the center of your Christmas preparations and celebrations.

#### **Pick 1 - for Christmas**

##### **Christmas Eve - December 24**

- ♦ 4:00 PM - at St. Mary
- ♦ 4:30 PM - at St. Gabriel
- ♦ 6:30 PM - at St. Mary
- ♦ 8:30 PM - at St. Bridget

##### **Christmas - December 25**

- ♦ 12:00 AM MIDNIGHT - at St. Gabriel (begins with Lessons & Carols at 11:30pm)
- ♦ 12:00 AM MIDNIGHT - at St. Mary
- ♦ 9:00 AM - at St. Gabriel
- ♦ 10:00 AM - at St. Mary

## **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

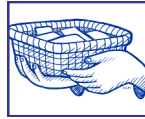
In honor and celebration of our Lord's Nativity, our offices will be closed from December 25th, 2023 through January 1st, 2024. The Parishes' Offices will reopen on January 2nd, 2024.



Monetary Donations are being accepted for Christmas flowers. Fill out an envelope found at all church entrances and drop into the regular Sunday collection or mail to the parish office. Thank you!



### Sunday Offerings December 3, 2023



Due to early submission of the December 10 bulletin, December 3 Sunday Offerings will be in the December 17 bulletin.

**THANK YOU!** The St. Mary Food Pantry wishes to thank St. Mary Catholic School/Preschool for their generous food donation to the pantry. ☺

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: DECEMBER 13-14

Wednesday, December 13th: St. Gabriel and St. Bridget's Penance Service at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 6p.m. followed by Confessions at 6:30p.m.

Thursday, December 14th: St. Mary Penance Service at St. Mary Catholic Church with Confessions beginning at 6p.m.



Thank you to all of those who generously donated to the purchase of the new Gather Hymnals. To-date: \$7,173.00 has been donated. Donations are still being accepted.



Please remember these St. Mary nursing home residents and home-bound with prayers, a card or a visit this holiday season.

#### Private Homes:

Harry Delbecq, Jeannie Hedrick, Bill Means, Dave Roberts, Sue Servies, Judy Smith, Nelda Wheeldon

**The Waters:** Mary Barr, Jenny Brown, Helen Busald, Roman Hood, Tim Meer, Dee Salzmman, Doris Thoman.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** - St. Gabriel - Connersville 1:00-2:00p.m.; Parish Meeting Room; Second Wednesday of Each Month; Everyone is welcome.

**WELCOME!** St. Mary welcomes Paul, Tracy and Trent Smith to our parish family.

### December Food Pantry Items:

Hot chocolate, marshmallows, ramen noodles. The pantry does not accept expired items.

*Annette Niehoff and Kevin Banks.*



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? Thinking about becoming Catholic? Then please consider journeying through RCIA at St. Mary's. Sessions are held on Sundays after the 7:30a.m. Mass. Please contact Fr. Matthew at the parish office.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

December 17 - Judy Smith

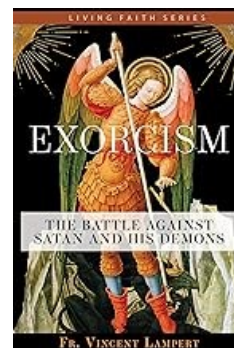
December 20 - Loren Richards



**SCRIP:** St. Mary Catholic School is dissolving the SCRIP gift card program. There are still several cards in the inventory for sale including: Amazon, CVS, Pizza King, Walmart, Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen and Home Depot. New cards will not be ordered. Please contact the school office. Think about SCRIP gift cards as Christmas gifts.

Fr. John Hall will be hearing confessions, during Advent. Sunday, December 10, 1:00-2:00pm. at St. Elizabeth in Cambridge City and Sunday, December 17, 11a.m. to Noon at St. Anne in New Castle.

Year End Giving: If you plan to give a year end gift to St. Mary Catholic Church, your contribution must be dated no later than December 31, 2023, in order to receive credit for 2023. Thank you!



### EXORCISM

*By Father Vincent Lampert*

If you would like to order a copy of Fr. Lampert's book, please contact the St. Mary Church office. **Deadline to order and pay is December 11, 2023.** Price is \$14.00. Make check payable to St. Mary. **Late orders will not be accepted!**

### December 10, 2023 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Please Join the St. Mary Core Team to learn how TMIY has made a difference for men in our Parish

**When: Tuesday January 16 @ 7 PM**

**How: <https://meet.google.com/bnq-qtyg-wof>**

### Mass Schedule: Dec. 11 – Dec. 17

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30a.m.</b>	+Russell & Marie Wheeler
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30a.m.	+Fred Pennington
	9:00a.m.	Adoration
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30a.m.	+Charles & Margaret Pavey
<b>Friday</b>	8:30a.m.	+Edward Neuman
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30p.m.	+Mohr Family
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30a.m.	+Richard & Loretta Busald
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Church
<b>NO 6p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 12.</b>		

### Servers - December 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Jocelyn Schwering & Peyton Jessup
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Needed
	10:00a.m.	Vada Frazier, Katie Corn, Kaylee Berkemeier

### Lectors - December 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ruth Koelmel
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Allen Leising
	10:00a.m.	Marty Connerly

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers-December 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Mike Owen, Mary Beth Burklow, Needed
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Tom Giesting, Ken & Nancy Schroeder
	10:00a.m.	Amaranta Kemple, Kevin & Debbie Banks

### Sacristans for December 16 & 17

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Mary Beth Burklow
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Dan & Kim Shanahan
	10:00a.m.	Tom Giesting

### Ushers for December 2023

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Steve & Curtis Schwering
Sun.	7:30a.m.	John & Austin Niehoff
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Mahan & Eric Wagoner

### Money Counters:

Dec. 11	Kathy Dean, Susie Case, Robin Land Mary Marlatt, Jane Pavey
Dec. 18	Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Margie Liggett, Jane Niccum

### Food Pantry:

Dec. 13	Melanie Krieger & Marty Connerly
Dec. 18	(Restock) Steve Pavey & Annette Niehoff

### Ministers-to-the-Sick

Dec. 11	Diane Gordon	Dec. 18	Lou Starkey
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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: Eric Harpring

**Finance Council** - Chair: Shawn Adkins

**School Commission** - Chair: Sam Gettinger

**Calvary Cemetery** - Chair: David Hoeing

**Baptism** - Call the parish office for scheduling.

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.

Tuesday.....5:20p.m.5:50p.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

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

800-273-TALK (8255)

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-799-7233

**Please pray for:** Wanda Adkins, Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Jonah, Quin, Beckett Swenson, Charlene Benson, Mabel Berkemeier, John Blankman, Sister Eileen Rose Bonner, Sister Bridget Bonner, Keaton Bower, Charles Bright, Patricia (Thorpe) Bright, Julie Brown, Steve Bruns, Larry Burch, Steve Burch, Mary Lou Carey, Benjamin Castro, Anida & Dave Concannon, Colette Concannon, Katy Curtis, Joe Downs, Mike Dugan, Julie (Joyce) Ellis, Brad Ervine, Jane Fry, Maggie Fudge, Bud Garland, Gavin, Sam Gettinger, Jacob Goble, Karen Land Graves, Faith Sadler Hankins, Greg Harcourt, Todd Harding, Norb & Bernie Harpring, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Larry Johnson, Tom Jones, Timothy Joyce, Kim, Martha Knecht, Catherine Knueven, Alex Kolb and family, Linda Lair, Marvin Leising, Steve Link, Ted & Toni Locke, Marti Lukin, Kyle Lux, Logan Marlatt, Paul Marshall, Donny Martin, Steve Mazelin, Dave Meyer, Gary Miller, Monna Miller, Janet Mitchell, Brenda Munchel, Kelly Jarman Munchel, Greg Musgrave, Mike Neeb, Mark Neuman, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Cinda Pavey, Barbara Proctor, Donnie Query, Kimmy Raisor, Richard Ralston, Peggy Rich, Anna Jo Richards, Gary Riggs, Thelma Robbins, Deb Rosfeld, Roger Rosfeld, Debra Sater, Meghan Schultz, Barbara Sembach, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Michael Shoemaker, Karen Spaeth, Margaret Ann (Roberts) Speranza, Ken & Jean Stanley, Jane Swenson, Sue Taylor, Joe Thorpe, Gracie Tillison, Tim Tyler, Diana Pavey Voiles, Blaine Weber, Donna Williams.

**For those proudly serving our country:** Matthew Conner, Travis Pecar, Kody Griffin.

**Homebound:** Harry Delbecq, Jeannie Hedrick, Bill Means, Dave Roberts, Sue Servies, Judy Smith

**Residents at The Waters:** Mary Barr, Jenny Brown, Helen Busald, Roman Hood, Tim Meer, Dee Salzmann, Doris Thoman.

*United*  
in the Eucharist  
UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Pledge Goal:\$42,768;  
Amount pledged: \$20,235  
Percentage to goal: 47.3%  
Number of Donors:106  
Archdiocese: \$2.28 million



**New Parishioners**

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to call the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.