



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

JAN. 7, 2024
EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD

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

The Epiphany of Our Lord



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Faith on 44!
**Evenings to Grow in
Faith and
Fellowship...with Food!**

Join Fr. Dustin, Fr. Matthew,
and parishioners from all
three parishes for

Faith on 44

- nights of Spiritual Discussions and Pitch-In
Dinners. Events will rotate between
parishes and the topic will vary.

**Our next Faith on 44: January 11 6pm
in the new building at
St. Gabriel in Connersville.**

For the Pitch-In, please bring a dish to share
that would serve 8 people. Based on your
last name, please bring one of the following:

A-J = Side Dish

K-R = Dessert

S-Z = Main Dish

Rushville ● Connersville ● Liberty
St. Mary St. Gabriel St. Bridget

We are... *United*
in the Eucharist

As a Church, we are stronger together. The impact of your
gift is essential to the people of our archdiocese and the
mission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Eucharist is the source and summit of
the life of the Church. Without it, there is
no Church.

Without vocations, we would have no
priests. Without priests, there would be
no sacraments, namely the Eucharist.

Supporting the United Catholic Appeal
means you are supporting vocations,
allowing young men who are answering
God's call to flourish.

2024 Goal is \$6.3 million



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TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

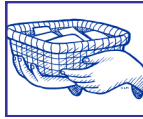
Please Join the St. Mary Core Team to learn how
TMIY has made a difference for men in our Parish

When: Tuesday January 16 @ 7 PM

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

WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Offerings December 17, 2023



Envelopes/Loose/Youth	\$	8,749.00
Online Giving	\$	3,035.00
Total 12/17/23	\$	11,784.00
Weekly Budget (2023-2024)	\$	<u>-9,400.00</u>
		+2,384.00
Sunday 12/17/23	\$	11,784.00
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	35.00
Food Pantry	\$	460.00
Cemetery	\$	25.00
Missions	\$	180.00
Candles	\$	38.00
Flowers	\$	620.00
Hymnals	\$	365.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL 12/17/23	\$	13,512.00

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. ©LPi



January Food Pantry Items :

Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Salt and Pepper. The pantry does not accept expired items.

Annette Niehoff and Kevin Banks.



The St. Mary Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

January 9 - Eleanor Yager

January 15 - David Roberts

January 31 - David P. Moran



GRIEF SUPPORT - St. Gabriel - Connersville

1:00-2:00p.m.; Parish Meeting Room; Second Wednesday of Each Month; Everyone is welcome.



Please welcome our newest parishioners, Paul, Tracy and Trent Smith! They moved to Rushville because Paul will be the new plant manager at Diamond Pet Foods. Tracy works at home for Higgins Companies, a company in Missouri. Paul enjoys working or building anything, farming, and riding side-by-sides. Tracy also enjoys riding side-by-sides and playing the piano. Fourteen year-old Trent plays baseball, trumpet, and piano and helped with VBS at their former parish. He would love to help with games, etc. at the Fall Celebration. Their older son still lives in Missouri. The Smith family is busy working around home or watching Trent play baseball with his travel team. They have two dogs and enjoy being here in Rushville and country living again. Welcome!

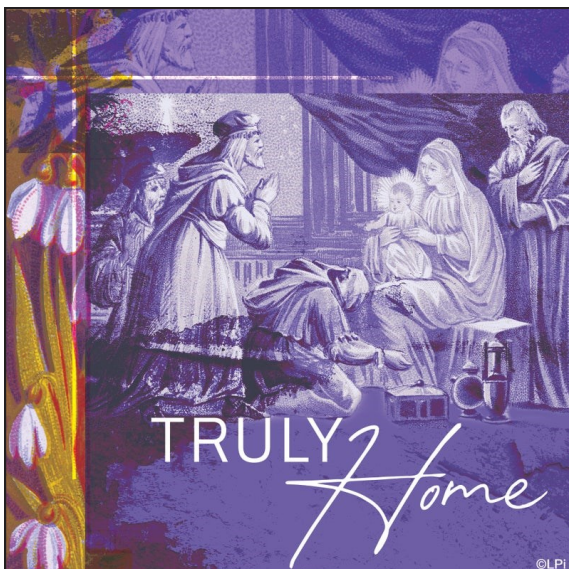
January 7, 2024—The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



Mass Schedule: Jan. 8 – Jan. 14

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:00p.m.	+Jerry Hoeing
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	+Earl Marlatt
	9:00a.m.	Adoration
Thursday	8:30a.m.	+Barb Craven
Friday	8:30a.m.	+Robert Cupp
Saturday	5:30p.m.	+Gloria Moran
Sunday	7:30a.m.	St. Mary Church
	10:00a.m.	+Virgil & Luzia Herbert

Servers - January 13 & 14

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Giovanny Leon
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Needed
	10:00a.m.	Nora Spaeth, Corbin Snow, Evie LeSar

Lectors - January 13 & 14

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers—January 13 & 14

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Cecilia Orr, Barbara Harcourt, Needed
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Mark Neuman, Anna Angle, Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Stephen Ariens, Debbie Banks, Tom Giesting

Sacristans for January 13 & 14

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Russ & Linda Jenkins
Sun.	7:30a.m.	John & Cinda Pavey
	10:00a.m.	Tom Giesting

Ushers for January, 2024

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Andrew Connolly & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Steve & Eric Wagoner
	10:00a.m.	Jonathan Flanary & Brandon Herbert

Money Counters:

Jan. 8	Kathy Dean, Susie Case, Robin Land, Mary Marlatt
Jan. 16 (Tuesday)	Rose Hoeing, Linda Shanahan, Margie Liggett, Jane Niccum

Food Pantry:

Jan. 8 (Restock)	Doug Osborne & Marty Connerly
Jan. 10	Steve Pavey & Julie Mahan

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Jan. 8	Diane Gordon	Jan. 15	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, Margie Clemons, Roman Hood, Tim Meer, Dee Salzmman, Doris Thoman.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL: Pledge Goal:\$42,768;
Amount pledged: \$32,090; Percentage to goal: 75%;
Number of Donors:146; Archdiocese: \$3.6 million

November 250 Club Winners:

\$100	#23	Greg Amos
\$ 75	#53	Open
\$ 50	#206	Margie Liggett
\$ 25	# 81	Jeff & Connie Amos



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.