



Jesus, the King of glory,
comes to his temple
to be a light for all the nations.

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THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 3**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – Church
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Ed. Building
 Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – Church
 School Commission – 6:00 p.m. - Office
 Pre-baptism – 7:00 p.m. – Office basement

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 4

Catechist Workshop – 6:30 p.m.
 No Religious Ed. classes

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 5

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. – Parish Office
 RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. Bldg.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7/8

Hispanic Mass – here at 6:30 p.m. with
 Fr. Tom Fox

PRAYER REQUESTS**Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:**

Michael Bower, Vickie Despain, Kristy Fasbinder, Paul Huber, Leonard & Margaret Mauer, Aaron McCrary, Ralph Meer, Jeremy Powers, Gish Ray, Ed Young.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.

especially for: Stephen AmRhein, Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Edward Hurt, Travis Kohrman, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright. If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

**WEBSITE**

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

February 2nd – will be celebrated this weekend

It is a time to celebrate and express a part of our heritage of catholic faith and practice. Blessed candles will be available. If you wish to take these candles home with you; an offering of \$3.00 will cover the cost.

The Rosary will be prayed before all masses the weekend of February 7/8.

Feast of St. Blaise

Throats will be blessed after all the masses next weekend.

Palm Branches

Next weekend February 7/8 you are invited to bring your old palm branches to mass to be burned. Baskets will be placed at the doorways. These ashes will be used to sign our foreheads on Ash Wednesday when we begin our Lenten Journey.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU...

Another beautiful Advent and Christmas has come and gone here at St. Mary's, except for the many THANK YOU'S to the many, many wonderful St. Mary's volunteers that helped to make it so. As the saying goes, "It takes a whole village to raise a child," so it is with St. Mary's Church—It takes US ALL to make our parish the great parish that it is. This year, it took even more of us because of the many of you who helped with the Christmas poinsettias and they were beautiful.

THANK YOU, each and everyone...those involved in the liturgies, the music, the youth who helped carry boxes, the decorators (putting up and taking down). Those who helped with the flowers. The generous giving of yourselves reflected our Advent meditation, "to see God's face, to hear God's voice, and to love like God loves" and then find ourselves becoming "what God is."

God bless you, each and everyone!

Joan Koors

Prayer Request

The Retrouvaille program for Hurting Marriages requests prayer for those couples who have begun the journey toward healing of their relationship. Please pray for continued healing and strength over the next three months.

Dear Parishioners:

The Stewardship Committee wishes to offer its sincere thanks to all those who pledged to St. Mary's Church during the 2008-09 parish stewardship drive.

In an effort to be good stewards of your dollars, the Stewardship Committee has opted not to send individual notes of appreciation. Instead, please acknowledge this as receipt of your generous gift. It is our intent to mail quarterly updates as need, as well as year-end contribution reports.

Again, many thanks for your support of our parish's mission.

Blessings,

2008-09 Stewardship Committee,

Brent Muckerheide, President

Late Night Catechism 2/ (She's BAAAAACK!!!!!!!!!!!!)

St. Mary's Adult Catechetical Team (ACT) is proud to sponsor Sister's return as she presents round 2 of Late Night Catechism! Many of you may remember watching Sister's first class a few years ago. This international hit comedy was enjoyed by over 400 people. It is an interactive catechism class that is sure to bring a lot of laughs! This would make a great Valentines Day gift for someone that you know!

The show will be held on Sat. Feb. 28 at the Greensburg Junior High School Auditorium. St. Mary's Youth Choir will perform at 6:30pm, and "class" will begin at 7:00pm. Each ticket holder will automatically be eligible for a door prize drawn at the end of the evening. Proceeds from the show will go toward the Decatur County Special Olympics.

Come join "Sister" for raffles, refreshments, and lots of laughs! Refreshments will be available compliments of the students going on the mission trip this summer. Tickets are available at St. Mary's office building, Jean and Co., Doerflinger Insurance, Main Attraction and the chamber office, as well as online this year!

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Tickets will be \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door for this professional show. The first 200 tickets sold receive preferred seating! Have a group you'd like to attend with – groups of 10 or more purchasing tickets at the same time receive a group discount of \$20 per ticket. For more information, or to have someone come speak to your group, please call Anita Navarra (663-8427), Carol Blankman (663-7315), or LeeAnn Diekhoff (663-9509).

Join us at **St. Nicholas church** each month as we gather at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Holy Mass with the intention to end abortion. Following each Mass, there will be a training class on how to effectively be Pro-Life and transform this culture of death. Call 812-623-8007 to register. Monthly Mass schedule for 2009: Jan. 27, Feb. 20, March 24, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8.

Celebrate 175 Years of Catholic presence in Indiana

Join us in a pilgrimage to historic Vincennes, IN - birthplace of our Archdiocese.

Thursday, March 12, 2009

cost: \$47 per person

Includes: bus, tip, morning snack & lunch

We will have Mass at Indiana's oldest church- The Old Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis Xavier and visit the "Jewel of the Wabash", the Old Cathedral Library - oldest library in Indiana and lunch with the Amish.

Pick up sites in Lawrenceburg, Aurora and Versailles

Please call Nancy Fahringer to register

812-933-6407 or 812-637-3347

Mass

There will be a double intention for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on February 15. The second intention will be in memory of Blanche Russell. If anybody wants to make a donation to the building fund in her honor, please feel free to do so. Just send your donation to the parish office. Thanks.

Dear Community,

Enjoy the Superbowl this Sunday. Too bad the Colts didn't make it this year. Who are you rooting for? The Arizona Cardinals or the Pittsburgh Steelers. I'm rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

There will be another Design Team meeting this Tuesday, February 3 at 4:30. The architects plan to have a model of our new parish plant. We will put the model in the back of our church so everybody can look at it.

The Men's CRHP will meet in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Alunday and I will be teaching about the early church and church history at the Inquiry class this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the religious education center.

The gym will be in use every Friday during February.

Come to the 4:30 Mass this Saturday, February 7, and celebrate with Ann & Kenny Stage for their 50th wedding anniversary.

For many, the word "exorcist" recalls the 1973 film of the same name. Nearly four decades have passed and people are still talking about it. Who could forget the terrifying image of actress Linda Blair's head making a slow 360-degree turn as evil light burns from her eyes? Author Peter Blatty, who wrote the Exorcist novel and the screenplay for the film, was inspired by hearing about an actual, documented exorcism performed by a Catholic priest on a 14-year-old boy in 1949.

In today's Gospel Jesus drives an evil spirit out of a man who came into the synagogue at Capernaum. It was the first time that Jesus used his power over demonic possession, and the news of the dramatic results spread quickly throughout Galilee. And over 2,000 years later, we're still talking about it!

The following quotes were taken from other church bulletins.

- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done. Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 2

7:15 a.m. Mildred Koors

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 3

7:15 a.m. Patricia A. Moeller
Albin Wenning

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 4

7:15 a.m. Marie Harpring
8:30 p.m. Edna Zobel

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 5

7:15 a.m. Heather Fisse
2:30 p.m. MaryAnn Trenkamp
(Odd Fellows Nursing Home Mass)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 6

7:15 a.m. Dale Wilson
Lawrence Schneider

SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 7/8

4:30 p.m. Lorraine Bickle
7:00 a.m. For all people
9:00 a.m. Mildred Schroeder
11:00 a.m. Lawrence & Dolores Schoettmer

☪ SERVERS

WEEKDAY/FEBRUARY 2-6

7:15 a.m. Caroline Pratt
Alexandra Louder

SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 7/8

4:30 p.m. Haley Vanderbur
Lillie Wolter
7:00 a.m. Tyler Luber – Adam Swinford
9:00 a.m. Tommy Colson – Brent Bohman
11:00 a.m. Bryant Himes – David Navarra

☪ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7/8

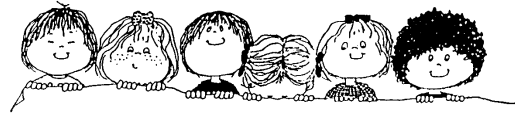
4:30 p.m. Deb Greiwe – Rita Hellmich
Diane Humpert – Priscilla Kramer
Bert McQueen – Sandy Meyer
7:00 a.m. Diann Reisman – Kathy Nobbe
Mary Ann Luken – Carol Ann Nobbe
Mary Ellen Menkedick – Sr. Pat O'Bryan
9:00 a.m. Carol Kramer – Jean Kramer
Donna Lecher – Hank Martin
Steve Meyer – Anita Navarra
11:00 a.m. Jen Blankman – Angie Hersley
Lynne AmRhein – Darlene Banks
Maryellen Connor – Angie Fontanilla

☪ LECTORS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7/8

4:30 p.m. Bob Blankman
7:00 a.m. Scott Johnson
9:00 a.m. Linda Ricke
11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

Adoration Chapel - We need permanent adorers for Tuesday @ 7:00 a.m. Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can pray at this hour weekly or on an alternate basis with a family member or friend. Thanks for your help!



SCHOOL ZONE At St. Mary's School we have a terrific teacher to get the preschoolers off to a great start in their education. Mrs. Carol (Fry) Schwendenmann has been at St. Mary's School for twelve years. The preschool students call her "Mrs. S." Mrs. Schwendenmann is married to Tom, and they both attended St. Mary's School, as did their three children. Kristy teaches at St. Mary's School in North Vernon, Shelley lives and works in Indianapolis, and Aaron is taking classes in Terre Haute.

Mrs. S enjoys reading, walking, golf and tennis. Her favorite books are any books with an inspirational message. Blue is her favorite color and she enjoys the sport of basketball. Italian restaurants are her favorite places to go out to eat.

She cherishes the friendships that she made in her elementary school years, and notes that many of these friendships are "alive and well" today. She enjoys working at our school because: "The faculty, staff, students, and parents of St. Mary's share a faith and caring attitude that makes St. Mary's School a wonderful place!"

CALLED BY NAME

Parishes of the (Arch) diocese of Indianapolis are participating in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocation awareness. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members to share their gifts in priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps you know a single man or woman (eighteen years or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest, sister, or brother. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form below. Place the completed form in the collection basket.

CALLLED BY NAME

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person has qualities needed in a future priest, sister, or brother. Perhaps, Jesus is calling him or her to his particular path of discipleship.

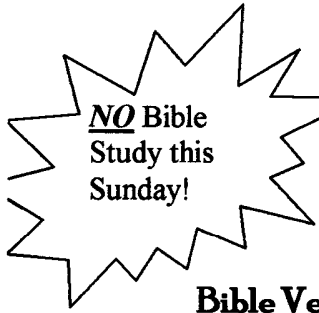
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Address _____

Phone _____

Approx. Age _____

Your Signature (optional)



NO Bible Study this Sunday!

Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. ~Deuteronomy 18:18
(today's 1st reading)

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1st – 7th

Sun:

Mon: Evan Solgere
Austin Diekhoff
Madison Bower

Tues: Olivia AmRhein

Wed:

Thurs: Jacob Chase
Alex Fischer

Fri:

Sat:

SNOW TUBING

Attention Jr. High and High School mark you calendars now for Friday, February 20th. We will be going snow tubing at Perfect North Slopes. This is always a good time. We will need adults to drive. Look for more information in class.

CONFIRMATION

Many of you are doing a great job of turning in your service vouchers. A handful are even totally finished. Please continue to work on them and get them turned in ASAP, so your file can be updated.

What exactly is a sacrament?

To paraphrase the *Catechism*, a sacrament is a sign instituted by Christ to give us God's grace. It is covenant ritual in which we encounter Jesus in powerful and tangible ways. In each sacrament there is a symbol that becomes a reality. For example, in baptism a person goes into the water and comes out again. This is symbolic of going into the tomb with Christ and rising again with Him to new life. As this action is performed the transformation that is symbolized (dying to one's "old self" and rising to new life in Christ) actually happens, just as Scripture tells us it does (Jn 3:5 and Acts 2:38, among others). The baptized person becomes a "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17).

In the sacrament of confirmation a person is anointed with oil which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. At that moment, the Holy Spirit actually anoints that person in a new and deeper way. The bread and wine used at Mass symbolize the body and blood of Christ and they become what they symbolize: they actually become the body and blood of Christ (even though they keep the appearances of bread and wine).

God does not shun the material universe; after all, it is His creation. He didn't choose to be some distant cosmic reality that we need to put our spiritual antennas up to tune in to. He took matter (flesh) unto Himself. He has a face and name, Jesus. He gave us the Church and the sacraments, and promised He would remain with us and in His Church until the end of time (Mt 28:20; Jn 15:4-5; Eph 1:22; 1 Cor 12:27). In the Incarnation, He is a God we can see, hear and touch. He is a God who meets us in our human condition, as bodily creatures.

Sacraments have been an essential part of the Church's life since its very beginning. In Acts 2, after Peter preaches to a crowd, they ask him the question that all preachers long to hear, "What then are we to do?" His response was: "be baptized" (Acts 2:38). This same passage concludes by saying that, "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day" (Acts 2:38,41). For two thousand years, the Church has continued this same practice. Those who heed the word of Christ, as taught to us by the Church, find in the sacraments the living Christ. As the *Catechism* beautifully says, it is the sacraments that "manifest and communicate to [us]...the mystery of communion with the God who is love" (CCC 1118).

~Excerpt from *Do I Have to Go?* by: Matthew Pinto & Chris Stefanick

St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week **February 1, 2009** The Holy one of God

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (I Will Raise Up a Prophet)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Free of Anxieties)

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (Teaching with Authority)

Adults

In what ways have I experienced the presence of Jesus in my life, freeing me from the power of evil?

Children

Do I remember to pray to Jesus for help when I am tempted?

Happy Valentines Day! 

Looking for a gift? Wish you could find something different to give?

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ATTENTION MEN & WOMEN!
You are Invited!

We are called to
"Love the Lord, our God, with our whole heart, mind, strength and soul; and to love our neighbor as ourself."

With this in mind, we ask you to take some time out of your busy schedule to renew your personal commitment to the Lord.

Have you been meaning to get more involved in your faith? Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to grow in your faith while at the same time experiencing the fruits of Christian community.

Join us for
St. Mary's Christ Renews His Parish faith experience for men, February 21 & 22 and for women, March 28 & 29, 2009, right here at the church.

Call the parish @ 663-8427 to sign-up or for information.

Coming Soon.....

St. Mary's Parish Lenten Mission

"A Symphony of Faith"
March 8-12, 2009

With Rev. George Knab.

Evening Sessions – 7:00 p.m.
Morning sessions – 8:30 a.m.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Books – available for sale, \$5.00 at parish office – while supplies last.

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