

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 16

Prayer group – 7:00 p.m.
Faith Formation – 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

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
Finance mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – upstairs
Faith Formation – 7:00 p.m. - office

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18

Religious Ed. classes – 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation – 6:30 p.m. - gym

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 19

ACT – 7:00 p.m. – office
RCIC & RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – church

PRAYER REQUESTS

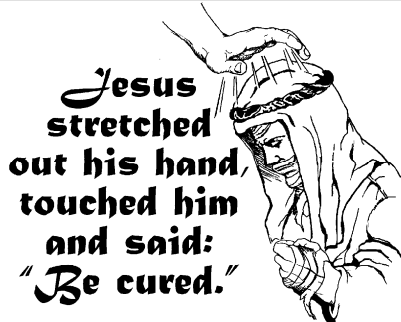
Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:

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

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

especially for: Stephen AmRhein, 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

It's Almost Here! Do you have your ticket?

Late Night Catechism 2 - Come join "Sister" for raffles, refreshments, and lots of laughs!

Saturday February 28 - Grbg Junior High School Auditorium.
6:30pm - St. Mary's Youth Choir **7:00pm** - Show begins

Ticket holders are automatically eligible for a prize drawing. Proceeds will benefit the Decatur County Special Olympics.

Tickets are available at St. Mary's office building, Jean and Co., Doerflinger Insurance, Main Attraction, and the chamber office, and online. www.entertainmentevents.com.

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door for this professional show. The first 200 tickets sold receive preferred seating! Groups of 10 or more purchasing tickets *at the same time* receive a special rate 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). **What a great Valentines Day gift for someone that you know!**

CALLED BY NAME

St. Mary's has been taking part in the Archdiocesan Called By Name program. This program offered 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 religious life.—This is the last weekend to place nomination forms in the collection basket or return them to the office.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for vocations.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

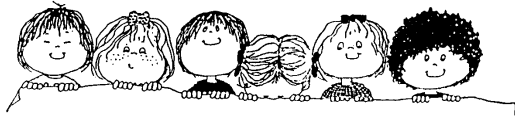
Phone _____

Approx. Age _____

Your Signature (optional) _____

Rosary

We will say the rosary after 4:30 mass Saturday, February 21 for the Men's CRHP weekend. Anyone is welcome to stay and pray with us.



SCHOOL ZONE

Welcome to the World of Preschool! St. Mary's Preschool has 3 classes with a total of 39 students. The program is Christ-centered with many areas of learning covered throughout the school year. Each week the students are introduced to a new scripture reading. One of the favorites is Joseph and his many colored coat which we are talking about at this time. The preschool students know that Jesus is ever present in the classroom and in their lives.

We have been busy reviewing letters and sounds studied while being introduced to a new letter each week! The subject of math includes counting to 100, shapes, patterns, and some math facts by the end of the year. To celebrate the season of winter we have been talking about hibernation facts too! The children made a hibernation pocket to take home. Fun Time! We sing many songs of learning during the year with "I Think I Can" being our theme song.

During Catholic Schools Week the students have honored the theme "Celebrate Service" by being of service while "hosting" prospective preschoolers and parents. They are also in the process of doing the same for their parents as a thank you for sending them to St. Mary's School.

A special part of February in preschool is a fire safety program geared to 4 and 5 year olds and presented by St. Mary's own Fireman Brian Wenning. Fireman Brian will visit each class four times during February and March. He is a marvelous teacher! The information is presented in a way the boys and girls can understand and practice. We are blessed to have him share so much of his time and talent with us!

As we continue toward the months of March, April and May there is much to look forward to...praying our way through the Lenten season, the arrival of Spring, celebrating Easter, welcoming the visiting caterpillars, releasing the butterflies and hanging out with our 4th grade buddies a couple of times.

The preschool students teach us so much! Each day is a new day and new beginning!

May God bless your days with the enthusiasm of a preschooler!

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

Dear Community,

Fr. Lucas will be taking the weekend and the weekday Masses February 15-20 at the neighboring parishes.

Fr. Lucas and I will both be making the CRHP weekend February 21-22. Fr. Clifford Vogelsang, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will cover the weekend Masses and confessions. Fr. Vogelsang and I both taught at the Latin School many moons ago.

On February 15 one of the intentions for the 9:00 Mass will be a memorial Mass for Blanche Russell.

There will be reserved seating for new parishioners at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 15. There will be a luncheon for them in the Ed Building following the Mass.

February 16 is President's Day, but we have school, a snow day make-up day.

There will be a Faith Formation meeting, Monday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m., moved from February 17.

The finance meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. At 4:30 the same day there will be a Design team meeting.

Fr. Jonathon Meyer will be here February 18 to talk to the young people who will be confirmed. I will hear confessions at St. Nicholas that same evening from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The topic for RCIA this week is Lent and the Scrutinies. Joan Koors will lead the class.

In today's Gospel the man with a skin rash says to Jesus, "If you want to, you can make me clean." The leper is cleansed.

Anyone who has faced a skin disorder knows the misery it inflicts. It wears us down and drives us crazy. It's exciting to imagine the instant healing that Jesus allowed in the Gospel story, and even more wonderful to think of the man being restored to his family and community. What destroys us is being cut off from others. This miracle of reconnection is continually offered to us by Jesus. His touch is always there.

On the Lighter Side

- A better deadline for our taxes than April 15... how about February 31?
- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving.
- The world has seen many spectacular advances in communications (with satellites and all), but the quickest is still the "wink".

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – FEBRUARY 16****7:15 a.m.** Mary Ann Trenkamp**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 17****7:15 a.m.** Dale Wilson
Lawrence Schneider**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18****7:15 a.m.** Geneva Tunny**8:30 p.m.** Albin Wenning**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 19****7:15 a.m.** Mildred Koors**2:30 p.m.** Marie Harpring

(Hickory Creek Nursing Home Mass)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 20**7:15 a.m.** Frank & Clara Krieger
Nettie Grote**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 21/22****4:30 p.m.** Howard & Maryann Ernstes 65th
Wedding Anniversary**7:00 a.m.** Margaret Hartman Wuestefeld**9:00 a.m.** Dale Wilson**11:00 a.m.** For all People**👤 SERVERS****WEEKDAY/FEBRUARY 16-20****7:15 a.m.** Sydney Reynolds – Cara Zeigler**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 21/22****4:30 p.m.** Madison Bower – Tanea Herbert**7:00 a.m.** Clare Welage
Haley Vanderbur**9:00 a.m.** Joel Chase – Kyle Colson**11:00 a.m.** Allison & Erin Hamilton**👤 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 21/22****4:30 p.m.** Mary Ann Welage – Betty Baker
Greta Solgere – Kathy Whitmore

Ruth Springmeyer – Jim Tebbe

7:00 a.m. Tim & Kim Stone

Phyllis Schwering – Helen Wagner

Gabriel & Lydia Abellada

9:00 a.m. Barb Schasney – Linda Simons

Shirley Ryle – Bob Scheidler

Mark & Lorie Young

11:00 a.m. Tom & Jenny Schebler

Angie Hersley – Tom Ricke

Diana Robbins – Travis Schebler

📖 LECTORS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEB. 21/22****4:30 p.m.** Linda Weigel**7:00 a.m.** Sandy Meyer**9:00 a.m.** Dick Rust**11:00 a.m.** Monty Shields**Is God calling you to be a Franciscan sister?**

A Come and See Weekend for single, Catholic women 18 yrs. and older interested in learning more about Franciscan religious life on Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22 at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. The convent is located 3 miles off I-74 at exit 149 half way between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. No charge for the weekend. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Joan Miller, P.O. Box 100 Oldenburg, IN 47036; phone: 812-934-6417; email joanm@oldenburgosf.com.

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.

CASA Program Seeks Volunteer Child Advocates

Advocates for Children is in need of volunteers to serve as CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Decatur County. CASA's are specially-trained volunteers who are appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of children who are involved in cases of abuse and neglect. The CASA volunteer researches the case and makes the best recommendation *based upon the best interests of the child*.

CASAs need no particular background, but must be nonjudgmental, good communicators, and be willing to make a commitment of at least one year. The average CASA volunteer works 12 hours per month on his or her case under the guidance of professional staff. Volunteers are needed to serve children in Decatur County.

Our next training session is scheduled to begin in March. If you are interested in finding out more about what it means to become a CASA and positively affect the life of a child, please call our office toll-free at 877-604-9402.

Branson Show coming to Batesville February 19

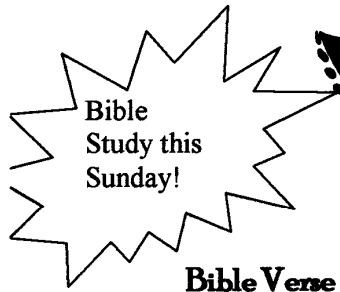
"Red, Hot... & Blue!" The award-winning music revue from Branson, MO., is coming to Batesville February 19. The show features a cast performing live music from the decades, beginning with the Ragtime 20s to the disco of the 70s. The one time performance, sponsored by the Rural Alliance for the Arts, will be at the Batesville High school Auditorium Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$15 and \$20, with a discount to RAA members or groups of 8. Call 812-933-0355. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Chicken Dinner: The Knights of Columbus are having a chicken dinner March 14 at the hall in Batesville. Serving is from 5 – 8 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and under. Proceeds will benefit St. Nicholas Young Apostles' Mission trip this summer. Please come and support them!

St. Martin Church, Yorkville/Lenten Fish Frys

February 27-April 3.

Cost: \$8.00/Adults & \$4.00/Children



Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31 (today's 2nd reading)

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 15th- 21st

Sun:

Mon: Alex Colson

Tues: Hailey Ballantini

Wed:

Thurs: Anna Smith

Fri: Christopher Hockaden
Natasha Hockaden

Sat: Morgan Hahn

Prayers for Safety

On Friday, February 20th some Jr. High and High School teens as well as adult volunteers will be heading to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg to snow tube. We will be tubing from 9:30pm to 12:30am. We ask for prayers for safe travel to and from as well as for our safety while tubing. We know it will be a great time. Thank you in advance for your prayers!!

Last weekend we had the blessing of throats. What's that all about?

On the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3), Catholics may walk up the aisle to have their throats blessed after Mass. The priest holds two blessed candles in criss-cross fashion around the throat of each individual, while praying:

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may you be delivered from every ailment of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the fourth century, was a physician before becoming a priest and then a bishop. During a resurgence of Roman persecutions, a small boy, choking on a fish bone, was brought to St. Blaise, who was awaiting a martyr's death in prison. Because no one knew the Heimlich maneuver back then, praying was all that could be done. After St. Blaise blessed the boy, the fish bone popped out of his mouth miraculously, and the boy's life was saved.

~excerpt from *Catholicism for Dummies* by: Rev. John Trigilio Jr. PhD, ThD and Rev. Kenneth Brighenti, PhD

PASSION DRAMA

If you are interested in being a part of the Passion Drama as a mime on Palm Sunday weekend you need to contact the parish office to let Andi know. Please do so ASAP!

- ✠ You must be in High School to participate
- ✠ You must be able to be at ALL 4 masses that weekend April 4th and 5th
- ✠ You need to be able to come to most of the practices ~ they will be on Sundays and at least 1 Wednesday after Religious Ed.

In honor of Presidents' Day here are some quotes by some of our country's past leaders.

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." -Abraham Lincoln

"An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory." -Millard Fillmore

"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition." -Abraham Lincoln

"Great lives never go out; they go on." -Benjamin Harrison

"Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them." -Abraham Lincoln

St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week February 15, 2009 Reaching All People

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (The Leper Will Dwell Apart)

Adults - Who are today's "lepers" that society fears? What is a Christian response to this?

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (Be Imitators of Christ)

Children - What is my favorite Story about Jesus healing someone?

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 (The Healing of the Leper)

GOOD NEWS! WE WILL HAVE A PARISH MISSION. As a parish we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is. For that reason we have scheduled parish mission for the period of **March 8-12, 2009**. Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Chicago will lead these days of renewal entitled "Symphony of Faith." The main services will be in the evening but there will also be a morning Mass and talk each day.

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.

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.

Lenten Bible Study – "Two Edged Sword" – Based on the Gospel message found in John, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but my have eternal life" (John 3:16). Each day we make choices and can choose to keep our focus on Jesus. During Lent especially let us draw closer to God and be conscious that the decisions we make lead us nearer to God's love.

We have 30 books available for this 6-week bible study at no cost to our parishioners. Call some friends – get a group together – come in and pick up some books. Or pick one up for individual use. (While supplies last).

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

- The men attending so far are:
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| Don Butz | Mike Cuskaden |
| John Elsner | Dave Giddings |
| Jeff Koors | Kelly Hipkind |
| Chris Kramer | Kellen Lawrence |
| Lee Meer | John McCullough |
| Dan Yager | Dan Schroeder |
| Mark Young | Ken Nobbe |
| John Hogg | Doug Haskamp |
| Hector Aguliar | Charles Herbert |

Life Challenges – Job Loss

Do you find yourself in a life challenge or trial - not sure which way to turn? Many in our community have found that a job loss suddenly changed the whole pattern of their life and plan for the future. Life Challenges can shake you at your very core. Here is website with articles that may help you find comfort for your past, practical help for today, and lasting hope for your future.

<http://www.allaboutlifechallenges.org/coping-with-job-loss.htm>

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