

THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY – JANUARY 13**

Confirmation large group mtg.-6:30 p.m.–gym

TUESDAY – JANUARY 15

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.–School library

Finance – 7:00 p.m. – Parish office

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 16

Religious Ed. – 6:30 p.m.

1st Eucharist Parent mtg. – 6:45 p.m. – church

Pastoral Council – 7:00 p.m. – Parish office

THURSDAY – JANUARY 17

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. – Parish office

RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Ed building

ACT – 7:00 p.m. – Parish office

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

Betty Behlmer, Rick Blair, Danny Burgmeier, Bret Dwenger, Linda Dwenger, Dorothy Hardebeck, Paul Huber, Jacob Johnson, Rob Karmon, Clifford Knueven, Paul Koors, Rosemary Koors, June Laudsburg, Jerry Mann, Aaron McCrary, Tim McNeal, David Miller, Larry & Nellie Pfeister, Gish Ray, Dottie Ricke, Ruby Rubenbeck, Lawrence Schoettmer, Delores Simon, Dona Thomas, Amy Tonges, Clarence Veerkamp, Andy & Regina Weaver & Gary Wilkerson.

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

especially for: Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett & Francis Young.

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.

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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.

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.....January 12-13, 2008

The Christmas season draws to a close with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

On this day when we remember the baptism of our Lord Jesus, it is fitting that we also remember our own baptism. The promise we made on that day—or that was made for us by those who loved us—was to follow Jesus wherever he leads us. We don't know the road, but we know the destination because we know the Guide. This weekend as we renew our baptismal promises, let us pray that we, too, will hear the voice of God proclaim about us, "This is my Beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Parish Mission- February 24 – 28, 2008

Friar Justin Belitz, OFM will lead our parish mission focusing on relationships. Relationships bring us great joy BUT can also bring pain and sorrow. This statement is true for us today as it has been for centuries. However, we all have free will. That means we can choose to enjoy all of our relationships, whether they are with ourselves, with others, with things, with life-experiences, or with God. The key is to know how you relate, and Understanding 7 principles that govern all relationships. Join us for our parish mission to learn more about strengthening your relationships. *"Relationships are essential to life. Use them to create a Full Life!"*

1st EUCHARIST MEETING – Parents of 2nd grade children are invited to an information meeting about the sacrament of 1st Eucharist. The meeting will be held January 16 at 6:45 p.m. in church. This meeting is for parents (children do not need to attend).

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND SPONSORS – You are reminded of our large group meeting to take place January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please plan to attend.

St. Mary's School would like to welcome four new students: First grade student Xander Gillespie, third grade student Grayson Dwenger, fifth grade student Rhett Dwenger, and preschool student Max Schwering. We are glad to have these students as part of our school family.

St. Mary's School will be having an Open House for future preschool and kindergarten students on Monday, January 28, 2008. The Open House will take place from 8:30 to 11:30; and 12:30-2:30. We hope you will stop by and see the exciting things happening in our preschool and kindergarten.

Kindergarten 2008-09

Parents interested in sending their children to St. Mary's School for kindergarten in 2008-2009 are asked to call the school office at 663-2804. Thank you.

School parents, please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. We will be having a meeting to discuss possible changes to the school dress code. Your input into these changes will be appreciated.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

The Decatur County Family YMCA will be hosting area youth and their parents for an exciting, new faith based purity program. *Transformed* challenges both junior and senior high teens and their parents to, "Be no longer conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their mind" (Romans 12:2). The Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana will be presenting this educational program, designed to address tough issues regarding sexual integrity from a Biblical perspective.

An introductory parent session will be held **at the YMCA at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 24, 2008**. All interested adults are invited to attend. All additional sessions will be held **at the YMCA at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, January 31st through February 21st**.

Please prayerfully consider participating as we strive to encourage, enlighten and empower teens and their parents through God's truths.

You may contact Lisa Newton, Transformed Coordinator at 812-378-4114 or pcc-lisanewton@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or would like more information. You can also contact Anita Navarra at our parish office.

Transformed is a four-week, scripture based, sexual integrity program which challenges teens and their parents (who will attend together) to "be no longer conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their mind" (Romans 12:2)

This program challenges participants to transform their thinking from asking, "How far can I go?" to having a new mindset of asking, "How pure can I be?"

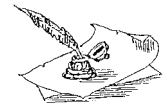
Transformed has been designed to approach the topic of sexual integrity in an interactive, Biblical and respectful way. Starting with a parent orientation and continuing through four additional sessions, it is our mission to teach God's truths while cautiously leading participants through the tangled web of cultural lies. There is no room for condemnation in this program. God's forgiveness, renewal and strength through the Holy Spirit are taught as essential in making sexual wholeness a reality on our lives.

James 1:25 describes God's standards as, "the perfect law that gives freedom." We invite you to join us as we seek to transform the lives of youth by helping them understand their abundant life, dignity, passions and dreams come true are all found within God's boundaries.

7th Annual Indianapolis Catholic Men's Conference: This annual event will be hosted by St. Christopher Church on February 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The theme of this gathering is "Unity and Diversity in the Catholic Church." Fr. Boniface Hardin, OSB, President and founder of Martin University, will be the keynote speaker. Prayer experiences, keynote talks, breakout sessions led by experienced Catholic lay leaders, and a hot catered lunch are included in the \$35.00 registration fee. For additional information, visit www.saintchristopherparish.org or contact David J. Burkhard, conference chairperson at 317-241-6314 ext. 126 or at djb@saintchristopherparish.org.

Thank you to my St. Mary's Parish family for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family during the illness and death of Larry Simons. I/we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Linda, Brenda, Joe, Josh and Jennifer



Dear Community,

Thanks to all who helped decorate for the Christmas season. I think the decorations looked more beautiful than ever. Thanks to all the choir members, the guitar group and all the other ministers who helped make our holidays very sacred.

From his presidential office window overlooking his large factory, the father puts his arm around his son and says, "I just want you to take an interest in the company." The young man flashes a hopeful smile and says, "How about 50 percent?"

Father/son relationships can be difficult. Some fathers are disappointed in their sons or daughters no matter how hard the children try to please. Therapists have notepads filled with the anguished stories about a lack of approval and love from a demanding father.

God, the Father, teaches us all a great lesson of love when he speaks the words all of us would want to hear from our own fathers. At his baptism, when Jesus rose from the Jordan, he heard the thunderous voice of God echoing down from heaven: "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

On the Lighter Side

- A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"
- When my three-year-old son opened the Birthday gift from his Grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not pleased. I turned to mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Mom smiled and then replied..... "I remember."

Keep smiling, **Msgr. Knueven**

✚ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – JANUARY 14****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**TUESDAY – JANUARY 15****9:00 a.m.** Living & deceased members of the Ralph Meer Family**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 16****7:15 a.m.** Ginny Bruns**8:30 a.m.** Edna Zobel**THURSDAY – JANUARY 17****7:15 a.m.** Martha Holman**2:30 p.m.** Estella Merkel
(Hickory Creek Nursing Home)**FRIDAY – JANUARY 18****7:15 a.m.** Jeanette Schroeder**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 19/20****4:30 p.m.** Don Hellmich**7:00 a.m.** For all People**9:00 a.m.** Barb Maudlin**11:00 a.m.** Eleanor Peters**☪ SERVERS****WEEKDAY/JAN. 15-18 (Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri.)****7:15 a.m.** Morgan Springmeyer
Katherine Teague**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 19/20****4:30 p.m.** Jessica Hensley
Megan Blankman**7:00 a.m.** Tony & Jacob Moorman**9:00 a.m.** Mary Young – Miranda Kessens**11:00 a.m.** Haley Vanderbur – Lillie Wolter**☪ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 19/20****4:30 p.m.** Betty Baker – Sara Stier
Mike & Christy Bokelman
Chris & Kristy Tebbe**7:00 a.m.** Art & Ana Alunday
Linda Luber – Vince Schwering
Sheila Kirchhoff – Jill Fuel**9:00 a.m.** Steve & Mary Adam
Claude & Dott Bilbrey
Rita Burkert – Susie Colson**11:00 a.m.** Darlene Banks – Bill Powers
Ernie & Patty Stephens
Dennis Hagerty – Lindsay Hart**☪ LECTORS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 19/20****4:30 p.m.** Sandy Meyer**7:00 a.m.** Dennis Doerflinger**9:00 a.m.** Brent Muckerheide**11:00 a.m.** Don Wickens

Adoration Chapel - We need **permanent adorers** for the following hours: **Saturday/7:00 p.m.** Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take on a permanent or rotation basis. Thanks

SMAFA Chili Supper

It's that time of year again! St. Mary's Alumni and Friends Assoc. (SMAFA) is sponsoring their annual Chili Supper and Carnival on Friday, January 25th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Chili, hot dogs, cookies and drinks will be served from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The evening will also include kid's games, a large raffle, a live auction, and a silent auction of theme baskets filled with items donated by St. Mary's students. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before and after all Masses next weekend, January 19th and 20th. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Mark your calendars for an evening of food, fun and games!

Rav Family - If you would like to help the Ray (Mike, Gish, Courtney & Kristina) Family with a monetary gift an account has been set up at Fifth Third Bank for their benefit.

Men & Women – Have You Signed Up?

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. All of our commitments, including our commitment to Christ, need continued renewal if we are to be faithful. CRHP is an effective spiritual renewal process, which calls together the members of the parish in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish.

We are very excited about being able to offer this program at St. Mary's. **A men's weekend is scheduled for February 16 & 17. And a women's weekend is scheduled for March 1 & 2** and will take place here on the parish grounds. Our number will be limited to 20 for each weekend and is open to men and women who are at least 19 years old. CRHP is for anyone seeking spiritual renewal, desiring to build up the Body of Christ or gain a deeper sense of purpose within the parish community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you - COME! Call the office to reserve your spot.

SMWC TO HOST CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 12

High school juniors and seniors who are interested in learning more about the undergraduate campus program at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) are invited to attend SMWC's Campus Open House on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Open House is a great opportunity to see and experience The Woods. Prospective students and their families will have the chance to meet faculty, staff, coaches, and current students; learn about SMWC's athletic and academic programs; ask questions about college planning, financial aid and scholarships; and tour campus. High school seniors will also have the opportunity to compete for The Woods Writing Achievement Award, which could earn them a one-time award of up to \$1,500 towards the cost of attendance for Fall 2008 enrollment. In addition, students who apply to the College during the event will have their \$30 application fee waived.

The Campus Open House on Jan. 12 will last from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register for the event, or for more information, call the SMWC Office of Admission at 812-535-5106 or 1-800-926-SMWC. Students can also register for the event online at openhouse.smwc.edu.

YOUTH NEWS/Andi's e-mail: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" ~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

Random Question

Winners for December 30:

High School: Aaron Hoeing Jr. High: Stephanie Hoeing
Last week's winners: High School - Olivia AmRhein Jr. High – Austin Diekhoff

Last weeks answer: A rhinoceros' horn is made of Keratin.

This week's question: **Who stole from the rich and gave to the poor?**

Leader Board

Stephanie Hoeing	6
Aaron Hoeing	5
Gina Ricke	4
Kelsey Johnson	3
Amanda Parker	2

Penny War Update: These are the results as of December 12th.

1st ~ 7th grade (17,030) 4th ~ Sophomores (5,908)
2nd ~ 8th grade (11,653) 5th ~ Freshmen (5,028)
3rd ~ Seniors (7,853) 6th ~ Juniors (4,024)

*The penny war will go on until the end of Religious Ed. this school year.

Bible Study: St. Mary's Ultimate Bible Study (SMUBS) will begin Sunday, **January 20th at 6:30 p.m.** in the basement. It will be held on the 3rd, 4th, 5th (if there is one) and 1st Sundays of the month. SMUS will still be on the 2nd Sunday giving us a break between sessions. The first session will be lead by Kristy Lowe and focus on Old Testament stories and how they relate to your life. This is open to all High School Students. Bring your friends!!

Summer Church Camp: The informational meeting was last weekend and due to the original place we were going to attend filling up we had to change our date. We will now be going to Champaign, IL, Sunday, July 20th through Saturday, July 26th. **Remember your deposit is due Friday, January 18th.**

SMUS: There will be no SMUS this weekend due to the Confirmation Large Group meeting that will be in the gym.

Confirmation: A reminder to all candidates and sponsors that there is a Large Group meeting this Sunday (13th) at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. If you have any service vouchers bring them with you.

Youth Council: Our meeting is **Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the basement.

Can Collection – We are still collecting aluminum cans – bring yours to Msgr.'s garage anytime! This money collected will go towards helping the youth attend church camp.

What is going on with the youth:

This weekend is the Freshman-Sophomore Retreat. We will be here at St. Mary's on Saturday and Sunday. The theme for this retreat is "All You Need is Love." We will have a total of 48 adults and teens in attendance. Please keep all of us in your prayers this weekend.

Retreatants: Ali Langferman, Ellen Weigel, Gina Ricke, Molly Wenning, Kristen Koors, Tasha Zobel, Emily Springmeyer, Tony AmRhein, Olivia AmRhein, Rebecca Horan, Luke Schmidt, Laura Welage, Joe Vanderbur, Jamie Reed, Lauren Reed, Andrew Dougan, Paige Owens, Hannah Doerflinger, Tony Moorman, Olivia Fischer, Jessica Horan, Carly Bice, Justin Kirchhoff, Hayley Schwering, Melissa Buening, Rachel Blackburn, Greg Beagle, Trevor Kinker, Chas Lecher. **Team:** Ben Fischer, Cory Fischer, Aaron Hoeing, Taryn Owens, Sara Stier, Nikki Vanderbur, Ann Weigel, Sara Welage, Larry Bishop, Carol Bishop, Barbie Brown, Josh Shields, Brian Lang, Sandy Welage, Joe Springmeyer, Ann Marie Colson, Janet Dougan, Kathy Vanderbur, and Andi McKee.

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Date _____

As a convenience to St. Mary's Parishioners, we offer Automatic Debit Services for Sunday contribution commitments. Your checking or savings account can be debited weekly, monthly, or yearly in order to meet your stewardship pledge.

If you would like this free service, please complete the authorization below and return to the parish office. All information will be confidential. Questions may be directed to Sally Koors.

Automatic Debit Authorization

St. Mary's Church will electronically debit funds from your account according to the following terms:
Please include a blank voided check from the account that you want funds taken from.

Amount: _____ **Frequency:** weekly _____ monthly _____ yearly _____

Day/Date: _____ **Name of Bank:** _____

Account Holder's Name: _____

Type of Bank Account: Checking _____ Savings _____

Bank Account Number: _____ **Bank Account Routing Number:** _____

Said amount \$ _____ is to be applied to _____ contribution record at St. Mary's Church.
(Family Envelope #)

An electronic transfer deemed non-sufficient will be re-presented to your financial institution for its face value.

I hereby authorize St. Mary's Church to electronically transfer funds from my account according to the above terms.

(Parishioner Signature)

(Date)

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