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MASS TIMES

Holy days and weekday masses – check the bulletin

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Expectant couples/parents of newly born children,
contact the office for information.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office at least 6
months before the wedding and prior to making
other arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process through which adults are fully
initiated into the Catholic faith. For more
information, please call the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday / 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners. Come by or call the
office to register. When moving out of the parish,
changing address, phone number or any other
information, please notify the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due in the parish office by e-mail or in writing by
11:00 a.m. on Monday.

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THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – JULY 22**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building
 SMAFA – 6:30 p.m. – parish office
 Pastoral Council – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. Bldg.

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

Pat Buckner, Sheila Coffman, JoAnn Cronin, Sophia Fledderman, Clarence Fritz, Cory Hellmich, Paul Huber, Melissa Johnson, Alvina Kress, Ruth McClintic, Aaron McCrary, Cliff Meyer, Ginny Meyerrose, Caitlin Miller, Gish Ray, Dolores Redelman, Ruby Rodenbeck, Harold Ripperger, Don & Anna Marie Schwering, Kortney Snyder, Levi Wilson & Kayla Wyatt

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

especially for: Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Jonathan Gibson, Paul Hellmich, Adam Herbert, Kipper Hull, Edward Hurt, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Eric Saylor, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright, & 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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Celebrate With Us

When? Sunday, September 7, 2008

Where? Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

Why? St. Mary Parish is celebrating 150 years of its founding as a faith community!

St. Mary Parish had its humble beginnings about the same time that the railroad arrived in Greensburg, Indiana. It was 1853 when immigrants working on the railroad started to swell the ranks of Catholics living in the county to the point where trips by a visiting mission priest from St. Vincent's Church in Shelby County, became more regular. The priest was Fr. Edward Martinovic and he was the priest who gave the Catholic community of Greensburg and Decatur County the vision of building a Church of proper worship. Thus sometime between 1855 to 1858 the first Church for the newly formed Catholic Parish of St. Mary, Greensburg was built. St. Mary's was a mission to St. Vincent's for several years and with the arrival of our first resident pastor, Fr. John P. Gillig, the parish started thriving. By 1876, we had our first school built and staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg, IN. By 1884 our present Church was built.

Over the years St. Mary Parish of Greensburg has had a colorful history. The faith community here has endured the effects of wars, depressions, growth, prejudices and attacks on its mission and character. From its humble beginnings to our present day, we have endured with the countless commitment and support of so many faithful souls. With God's help and the guiding protection of Our Blessed Mother Mary, we will be here for a long time into the future serving the growing needs of our parish family.

So clear your calendar, take a trip down memory lane, and come celebrate 150 years of parish life at St. Mary Parish, Greensburg, IN. We will have Mass at the Decatur Co. Fairgrounds at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 7, 2008. There will be an old fashion Ice Cream Social following the Sunday liturgy and a balloon release with messages from our St. Mary's children.

We hope you will make plans to join in this historical celebration as we thank God for the past 150 years and ask His guidance for the future of St. Mary's Parish here in Greensburg, Indiana. God bless you!

Joan Koors – Celebrates 25 Years at St. Mary's Parish

Joan celebrates 25 years of employment this month at St. Mary's Parish. Ever faithful and always putting her St. Mary's family first, Joan continues as our Liturgy Coordinator. She works with all of our good volunteers who serve our liturgy, arranges and sets up for weddings, funerals, and sacraments, meets and coordinates liturgical events with our priests and deacons as well as visiting priests, and oversees the art and environment of our parish. There is so much more involved with liturgy and spiritual aspects of our parish that Joan is involved with too. As a member of the Parish Team, Joan is supportive of all programs at our parish and strives to create a sense of unity for our parishioners.

We congratulate Joan on her ministry at our parish and extend our appreciation for all she has given to her parish family.

The **Pregnancy Care Center** wishes to express their deep appreciation for the continuing support of St. Mary's Church. The Baby Bottle campaign amounted to \$674.00. Thank you one and all!

Why do Catholics.....?

Why do Catholics recite the creed every Sunday?

Although the creed is not recited at each and every Mass, it is proclaimed by the congregation at all Masses on Sundays, holy days, and solemnities. We recite the creed partly to remind ourselves of who we are and what we are about. It marks our identity as Catholic believers.

FEMA Disaster Assistance Information at all entrances of the church. The deadline to file is August 11, 2008.

The Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

SAUL STUDIED IN JERUSALEM

Paul was born before the year 10 A.D. to a Jewish family from Tarsus, in Cilicia (now Eastern Turkey). He received the biblical name Saul and the Roman name Paul (his father, most likely having been granted Roman citizenship, wished to show his gratitude to the Pauli family). He was educated in Jerusalem.

Paul himself recounted that, "At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God" (Acts 23:6), "circumcised on the eighth day" (Phil. 3:5-6).

THE PERSECUTOR

During the martyrdom of Stephen, The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul" (Acts 7:58) "...Saul was consenting to his execution. On that day, there broke out a severe persecution of the Church" (Acts 8:1).

Saul, who defended with zeal his "ancestral traditions" (Gal. 1:14), could have even been a Zealot (cf. Acts 22:3). His defense of the tradition of his ancestors would explain his expedition to Damascus to persecute Hellenist missionaries like Stephen who challenged the Temple, in order to subdue them at all costs, even torture. This would also clarify two strange episodes: Paul was not at peace with the Church of Jerusalem and he had to escape under the threat of death (Acts 9:26-30); later, forty Jews would form a conspiracy to kill Paul, who was at that time a prisoner of the Romans (cf. Acts 23:12-22) and it is very well known that the Zealot party punished all those who betrayed their solemn oath.

CONVERSION VOCATION

The Acts of the Apostles quote the famous phrase heard on the way to Damascus: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4).

The story that Paul himself recounts about the apparition of the Risen Lord betrays a great interior turmoil, according to the prophetic vocations/conversions of the Old Testament, which always announced a mission: "But when (God), who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles..." (Gal 1:15-17).

The radical "conversion" of Saul did not represent for him a change of religion: he felt more than ever before to be a Jew, because the "God of our Fathers" was sending him to spread the Gospel. The evangelizer of the pagans continued to preach to the Jews as much as he could, up to his final appeal to Rome. Paul's conversion and baptism meant that he had discovered his true and proper place in the life of Israel.

The date of this most important event is ignored; the letter to the Galatians may seem to indicate the years 33-35, a short time after the establishment of the first Church in Jerusalem, created around "Peter with the eleven" (Acts 2:14).

Dear Community,

Thanks to all of you who purchased ads in our parish bulletin. We get our bulletins printed for nothing and this past week we received a check for \$3,000 as a kickback from all your ads for 2007-08.

Thanks to all of you who sent sympathy cards at the time of my brother, Clifford's death. Your prayers are deeply appreciated.

Fr. Jack O'Malley will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. He represents Cross International.

There will be a blood draw on July 26.

Fr. Lucas returns to St. Mary's July 26.

I will be at the St. Meinrad Alumni meeting July 28-30.

Please forgive me for telling you this silly joke, but it works so well with today's Gospel, I have to use it. Ready? OK, here goes: What did the dandelion from outer space say to the Earth dandelion? "Take me to your Weeder." Today's Gospel parable is about a field in which the wheat and weeds are growing together. Jesus' solution is to wait until harvest time to pull the weeds first and burn them. Then, when the weeds are gone, the harvesters can gather the wheat into the barn.

In our personal lives, we need to follow the example of the space dandelion. We need to go to the Weeder so that Jesus can help us remove the weeds of sinfulness that try to consume us. Then, when we are free, he will gather us into his harvest.

We need a daily check up from the neck up to avoid stinkin' thinkin' which ultimately leads to hardening of the attitudes.

It's not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it's how you handle what happens to you.

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

Mr. Baseball

Congratulations to Alex Meyer on being named as the 2008 Indiana Mr. Baseball.

Congratulations to his parents also for their loving support and for the many hours they had to sit on the hard bleachers while their son threw his arm off and at the same time performed with good academics.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – JULY 21**

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY – JULY 22

7:15 a.m. John & Margaret Meer

WEDNESDAY – JULY 23

7:15 a.m. Irene Daufel

THURSDAY – JULY 24

7:15 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary

2:30 p.m. John Hillman

(Morning Breeze Nursing Home)

FRIDAY – JULY 25

7:15 a.m. Alvin & Mary Harmeyer

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JULY 26/27

4:30 p.m. Ed Hellmich Family

7:00 a.m. Martha Schwering

9:00 a.m. John Hellmich Family

11:00 a.m. For all people

✠ SERVERS**WEEKDAY/JULY 22 - 25 (Tues.-Friday)**

7:15 a.m. Madelyn Hunger

Taylor Lang

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JULY 26/27

4:30 p.m. Lillie Wolter

Vanessa Lawrence

7:00 a.m. Jesse Elsner – David Bokelman

9:00 a.m. Austin Diekhoff – Jordan Lloyd

11:00 a.m. Mary Young – Sara Kramer

✠ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JULY 26/27**4:30 p.m. Emilie Pank – Irene Schutte
Dorothy Redelman – Rosemary Schroeder
Jeremy Sherman – Rachel Redmon

7:00 a.m. Helen Wagner – Marge Bruns

Gabriel & Lydia Abellada

Art & Ana Alunday

9:00 a.m. Mary Green – Jill Fuel

Charles & Linda Greiwe

Bernie & Janet Hagerty

11:00 a.m. Clare Pratt – Tom Ricke

Diana Robbins – Travis Schebler

Tom & Jenny Schebler

✠ LECTORS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JULY 26/27**

4:30 p.m. Linda Weigel

7:00 a.m. John Nieman

9:00 a.m. Donna Swinford

11:00 a.m. Don Wickens

St. Mary's Youth Choir News**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!! (Grades 6 - Seniors)**

The St. Mary's Youth Choir is gearing up for another great year! We will be having our annual call-out on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th from 3:00pm-5:00pm** in the Religious Education Building. Homemade ice cream sundaes and fun will be had by all. If you like to sing, and love to have fun...then come join us. Information will be handed out about rehearsals, shirts, etc. We'd love to have you be a part of our group! **Rehearsals begin that next Wednesday, August 13th (6:30pm-8:00pm)!**

St. Mary's...Have You Got Talent?

Then we want you! Whether you can sing, dance, juggle, play piano with your toes, or any other talent we may not know about...we want you!

At this year's church picnic, we will be showcasing many of the talented individuals and groups within our parish and community. But time is limited...so auditions will be necessary. We will hold auditions on Sunday, August 17th, in three age groups (Elementary, Jr. High – College, and Adults). Please watch the bulletin for further details. And come show us what you got! If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Lowe @ 662-0401.

Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting, Thursday, July 24, 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is our regular monthly meeting, chairpersons for the meeting are Nancy Riedeman and Angeline Wessler. All members are invited to come and participate in activities. Also, I know it is a month away, but the August 28 meeting is our picnic and guest night, ladies please keep in mind about asking your friends about coming to participate in this great organization. We would love to have a full house at the August meeting.

Also, the Daughters of Isabella will not be having a booth at the Decatur County Fair, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Mass for all living and deceased members of **St. Lawrence Ladies Auxiliary #100** will be at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 24th.

Annual Picnic and Grand Opening Celebration

New Point Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate the opening of their new facility and annual picnic Friday, July 25 beginning at 4:15 p.m. Chicken dinners will be served from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Cost: Adults-\$8.00, Children \$4.00, children under 3 free and carryout-\$8.50. Games, raffle, etc. will be available.

Prayer Basket

Don't forget to put your prayer requests in the basket in the back of church. Prayer group will pray for each one at each meeting.

Thank You for your kind attention and your generous response to my mission appeal last week. Our Franciscan missionaries are grateful, and thank you with their prayers.

Peace and blessings, Fr. Maynard, O.F.M.

Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.
~Romans 8:27 (today's 2nd reading)

UP COMING EVENTS

Jr. High Cookout & Movie Under the Stars: Will be this Sunday, July 20th at Norb Kramer's Heavenly Hill. The cookout will start at 7pm and the movie at 8:30pm. Parents can pick you up at 11pm.

High School Cookout & Movie Under the Stars: Will be Sunday, July 27th at Norb Kramer's Heavenly Hill. We will be out there by 6:30pm giving you time to hang out before the movie starts at 8:30pm. Come anytime before the movie starts. We will have you out by 11pm. Please call the office by Wednesday, July 23rd so we can get an idea for food.

Prayers Needed

This Sunday, July 20th Kyra Domingo, Maddi Wenning, Olivia Fischer, Lauren Reed, Gina Ricke and myself will be going to a Catholic Heart Workcamp in Champaign, IL. We will be returning Saturday, July 26th. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travel, good weather, and God's will to be done while we help the people of Champaign.

BIRTHDAYS

July 20th -26th

Sun: John Rupp

Mon:

Tues: Kelsey Johnson

Wed: Nikki Vanderbur

Thurs:

Fri: Kyle Colson

Sat:

WEEKLY APOLOGETICS

What is Apologetics? It is the branch of theology that is concerned with defending or proving the truth of Christian doctrines. Specifically Catholic Apologetics explains the truths and doctrines of the Catholic faith.

Why is it a sin for non-Catholic's to receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

Rather than look at this as a sin, let's think about this from a different perspective... how about being faithful to what you believe in. What I mean is we, as Catholics, believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and the wine offered at Mass become, in truth and reality, the Body and the Blood of Jesus... am I right? Of course I am (its good to be the priest)!

So, that being true, if one of your non-Catholic friends is from a religious tradition that believes the bread and wine (or grape juice) at their services is a *symbol* of Christ, your friend wouldn't be true to their own faith if they receive the Eucharist in the Catholic Mass.

Looking at it this way, the non-Catholic who doesn't receive the Eucharist at the Catholic Mass is just being loyal to their beliefs... and if your friend says, "Well, I do believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist." Then get them into the RCIA program, because they're almost Catholic already!

~Answered by Fr. J at www.lifeteen.com/default.aspx?PageID=APHOME

Mark your calendar

Saturday, August 16th

St. Mary's YOUTH FEST is proud to bring you the 2008 Summer Whympics... where "whymp" Rule!!

Let the Games Begin!!!

In the great tradition of the Greeks, we continue to hold games displaying our most courageous and most heroic efforts at tasks challenging the intellect, the body and daring the spirit with in us all. However, unlike the Olympics, which cater to the strongest and the fastest among us... the Whympics is where any old shmoe can participate. So come out and show us just what kind of "whymp" you are.

Fall Registration for St. Mary's School (K - 6th grades) will be held on Saturday, August 2 from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm and Sunday, August 3 from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm in Room # 12 on the second floor of the school.

Book bills can be paid at this time and Pledge cards will need to be filled out at this time. Parents will also receive important information concerning the upcoming school year.

Families wishing to enroll new students for the first time, please contact the school office at 663-2804 for more information.

Volunteers from our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are greatly needed to distribute the Eucharist to our sick and shut-ins at the Nursing Homes. This is a much needed ministry as we reach out to those unable to join us for our Eucharistic celebrations each weekend. If you feel called to this special Ministry of the Sick, please call Joan at the office (663-8427).

Are you a "baby magnet"? Do young kids naturally flock to you? We are excited about our plans for a **Catholic Mom's Group** starting this fall. We are looking for a few kindhearted people who will be willing to provide childcare for our young children in the basement of the office building while we meet upstairs. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school year for approximately 2 hours after Mass. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Nancy Fogg 663-5666 or Jill Wilmer 663-9824 if interested.

Blood Drive will take place July 26 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's School Gym. Please help to give the gift of life.

St. Mary's Youthfest 2008...the Summer Whympics!

Attention Parents! It's that time of year again; when we start gearing up a night of fun and adventure as we watch our kids compete in the St. Mary's Youthfest. This year's theme is "2008 Summer Whympics...where 'whymp's rule" and will take place on Saturday, August 16th from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. It's a spin-off of the Olympics, which require much more strength and stamina than what we're looking for. We need many volunteers to make this night happen for the kids (Jr. High & High School) of our parish. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Kristy Lowe at 662-0401. Otherwise, she may call you! We also like to give away many prizes to the kids throughout the evening. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Larry Bishop at 663-3334. Thanks for your support!

Spotlight on our Catechist!

Kim Stone – Confirmation Catechist

Hi, my name is Kim Stone and my sister Becky Metz and I instructed the junior religious ed class this past year. Just like most other instructors the hesitancy played some tricks with our decision of whether or not to instruct. After much discussion I told Becky "if you'll teach, I'll host it at my house!" Well, bless her heart – we threw our hat in the ring! So, this past year not only did we get to meet and learn to know a few young people in our parish family, but we were able to be a part of them and their decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our end Blessing was to witness these young people doing so this past May.

Larry & Carol Bishop – 9 & 10 grade Catechists

We have been teaching 9th and 10th grade religious ed for many years. This ministry has been such a blessing to us. Teenagers are amazing – we love their energy, honesty and enthusiasm. Our favorite part of spending Wednesday nights with these young people is the opportunity to get to know them from the inside out. Listening to their insights and perspectives on life and various faith topics also helps us to continue to learn and grow in our own faith lives.

Have you been reading these articles from our catechists? Is this a ministry you'd like to learn more about? We have several opportunities this year for new involvement. Please call Anita at the parish office to learn more.

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