

Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

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But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden.

And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.

Matthew 6:1-18

THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – MARCH 4**

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

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

Religious Ed. – 6:30 p.m.
 Confirmation large group – 6:30 p.m. - Gym
 No Stations of the Cross – 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY – MARCH 6

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community: Jacob Johnson, Lynda Keillor, Paul Koors, Aaron McCrary, Ginny Meyerrose, Roy Miller, Dottie Ricke, Carol Rosebrough, Leonard Schoettmer, & Tom Schoettmer.

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, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett, 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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Lent 2008***“To Be Transfigured – Body, Mind, & Spirit”***

“Together” with the great gift of God’s grace, we will journey through this season of Lent and Holy Week, hoping to reach the goal of EASTER with joy in our hearts.—As a community of believers, we will pray to accept God’s invitation to follow His teaching of **“LOVING and FORGIVING.”**

“Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, Loving and forgiving are you.”

Family Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Religious Ed families (and anyone else wishing to pray this special Lenten devotion.) – This Lenten season we will be praying the Stations of the Cross, along with the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist on the Wednesday evenings of the Religious Education program when the church is available. Please watch the bulletin. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:45 p.m. and last approximately 30 minutes. We hope you will plan to be there as together we pray this special Lenten devotion. No stations on February 27 and March 5.

The Assembly’s Book of Petitions will once again be placed in the rear of church for your special intentions. Each weekend we will pray for the intentions of the assembly.

All Liturgical Ministers (Usher, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, Art & Environment)

Please mark your calendars for our evening of enrichment and fellowship which has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Hope to see you all there. No bad weather, PLEASE!

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)**Women’s Weekend – March 1 & 2, 2008**

We are very excited about being able to offer this program at St. Mary’s. We ask that you keep our participants and team in prayer during their weekend. Participating in the women’s weekend are: Paulette Duerstock, Amber Effing, Patricia Ehner, Maryetta Hagerty, Gina Hoeing, Brenda Holzhaus, Karen Koors, Judy Leising, Reita Mazingo, Renee Muckerheide, Lori Nobbe, Sharon Nobbe, Cara Phillips, Diann Reisman, Stacie Reisman, Mary Jo Rennekamp, Amy Schneider, Betty Schneider, Cathy Schwering, Carrie Somers, Wendy Stier, & Lorie Young.

Sylvia Ortman will celebrate her 95th birthday on March 8th! Let us all congratulate her and wish her many more wonderful years.

Adoration Chapel - We need **permanent adorers** for the following hours: ***Tuesday/5:00 p.m. & Saturday/7:00 p.m.*** Please call Monica O’Brien at 663-2514 if you can take on a permanent or rotation basis. Also, please consider stopping in at Adoration Chapel during Lent, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament as a way to deepen your prayer life.

Please pick up your pictorial directory at the parish office.

Fish Fry at the K of C every Friday night during Lent. Cost: Adult/7:00, Children/\$3.50 and Children under 5 years free.

K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance March 8

Cost: \$35.00 per couple. Corned beef or Ham and cabbage dinner will be served. No tables will be reserved. Happy Hour from 6:30 to ????. Free beer and cash bar but no alcoholic beverages may be carried in. Entertainment provided by Nuttin' Fancy from 8:00-12:00.

St. Mary's School is starting something new this year...an Art Club! This is open to any 5th or 6th grader who is interested in art, and who would like to explore art using more of their favorite mediums or to learn about different forms of art. (We are currently working on an art club t-shirt and will learn about silk screening.) Art Club will be held 2 Tuesdays a month (maybe more) after school until 4:00. We have already begun to meet, but new members are always welcome to join us. Our goal is to spend part of our time helping to enhance the school in some way, and spend the other part of our time enhancing the students' individual art abilities. There is a parent permission form that can be found at school that needs to be signed before a student may attend. Questions? Contact art teacher Carol Blankman at 663-2804 or cblankman@stmarysgreensburg.com.

Attention Moms:

Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into your Catholic faith, join a Bible study or share ideas or Christian parenting books with other moms? Perhaps you've been Catholic forever and are wondering how to pass this blessing of faith onto your kids in an increasingly "me" focused world. We are considering starting a Catholic mom's group here at St. Mary's with childcare and in the morning, while the rest of the family is at school/work. Let's pray together for our kids and draw strength and wisdom from Mary, our mother and other saints who lived Godly lives. If you or someone you know from a nearby parish might be interested, please spread the word and call the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,

Less is more.

God knows that our minds, bodies, and spirits need renewal. On the Sabbath, we set aside that which consumes our time the rest of the week to abide in our Creator's presence and to listen for Him. Your family can develop a deeper appreciation of God's movements in our lives by observing the Sabbath.

Are you ready to stop doing and begin being? The Sabbath offers a life-changing opportunity to jump off the hamster wheel of work and experience God. Once you say yes to the Sabbath, you'll wonder how you ever existed without it. Excerpts of this article are from John Anthony Page, author of *The Almighty in the Ordinary* (Writer's Club Press). Anita Navarra

The **Batesville Knights of Columbus** will be having their annual Gibault Breakfast on March 16th at the hall in Batesville. We will be serving from 7 A.M. to Noon. The menu includes sausage, grits, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, rolls, coffee cakes, juice and coffee. Carryouts are available and it's a free will offering.

Dear Community,

We have sold \$1,022.00 worth of aluminum cans since July 1, 2007. Keep dropping off your aluminum cans at the rectory garage. The money is used for youth activities. Thanks.

This Sunday we have a collection for the Catholic Relief Services.

You are invited to the first Christian Church this afternoon from 12:00-3:00 for an open house for their new addition.

I will be at St. Louis, Batesville for a penance service this Monday at 7:00 p.m.

This Tuesday we have a School Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. I will be at Bright for the Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday night there will be a speaker in the gym at 6:30 for the Confirmation Class. On this same night we will have a Penance Service and reconciliation in church at 6:45.

The Batesville Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold a day of Reflection on Thursday, March 6 at St. Peters Franklin Co., 1207 East Rd. presented by Nicholas Lohskamp, registration at 9:30, conference at 10:00, Mass at 11:00, Lunch at 12:00 (\$7.00) conference and closing at 1:00 p.m.

K of C and St. Pat's Dinner Dance at the K of C this Saturday, March 8. Call them for details.

Training on Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention – Saturday, March 8
It's vital that adults who work regularly with young people—on retreats, in youth or campus ministry programs and educational settings, etc.—know the warning signs of teen suicide and are equipped to respond decisively and appropriately. Similarly, when crises occur we must be prepared to respond competently, pastorally, and immediately. When the worst happens, it's too late to prepare. For these reasons, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is pleased to provide these workshops on Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention, presented by Steve Durkee, professional counselor and ordained Deacon. Follow the following link for details:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/training/SuicideCrisis/index.htm>.

Keep smiling, **Msgr. Knueven**

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – MARCH 3**

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY – MARCH 4

7:15 a.m. Lyda Preuss

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

7:15 a.m. Dennis Bueing

8:30 a.m. Don Bergmeier

THURSDAY – MARCH 6

7:15 a.m. Neal Humpert

2:30 p.m. Mary Joan Schoettmer

(Odd Fellows Nursing Home)

FRIDAY – MARCH 7

7:15 a.m. Donna Allgeier

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 8/9

4:30 p.m. Wilbur Senft

7:00 a.m. For all People

9:00 a.m. Robert J. Koors

11:00 a.m. Don Firsich

SERVERS**WEEKDAY/MARCH 4-7 (Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri.)**

7:15 a.m. Erin & Allison Hamilton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 8/9

4:30 p.m. Blake Simon – Jeremy Sherman

7:00 a.m. Tony & Jacob Moorman

9:00 a.m. Travis & Craig Schebler

11:00 a.m. Jordan Lloyd – Adam Swinford

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 8/9**

4:30 p.m. Johanne Davis – Kathie Davis

Deb Greiwe – Sandy Meyer

Rachel Redmon – Bob Scheidler

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Davis – Diane Reisman

Paulette Duerstock – Mike & Diane Novak

Carol Schwendenmann

9:00 a.m. Susie Colson – Nancy Fogg

Mary Green – Rose Hellmich

Bernie & Janet Hagerty

11:00 a.m. Bev Stiers – Diane Robbins

Bernice Menkedick – Rosemary Schroeder

Tom & Jenny Schebler

LECTORS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 8/9**

4:30 p.m. Brian Wenning

7:00 a.m. John Nieman

9:00 a.m. Don Wickens

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at St. Mary's Parish we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church entitled "Catholics Returning Home." The series will begin after Easter on Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information call Anita Navarra, 663-8427, anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com.

Ed Clark representing Diocesan Publications (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference March 15th

Treat yourself with a daughter, sister or friend to a great day out. You are all invited to a very enjoyable and informative day! Dynamic speakers, a fun raffle, great lunch as well as Mass with Msgr. Joseph Schaedel and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some of the topics include: *The New Feminism; What Our Lady Wanted to Say at Guadalupe; and The Mystery of the Eucharist in Daily Life*. Program to be held at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. Look at our lineup of speakers at: www.indianacatholicwomen.com where you can register, or call us at: 317-924-3982 or 317-888-0873 if you have questions.

The **Batesville Knights of Columbus** will be having an all you can eat Chicken Dinner on March 8th at the hall in Batesville. We will be serving from 5pm until 8pm, and the cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 8 and under. Carryouts will be available. The proceeds from the dinner will be given to the St Nicholas Mission Team. Please come out and support this worthy cause. Any questions please feel free to call the clubroom at 934-2729.

Pastoral Council Update - March 1 & 2

The Pastoral Council met on February 20th for its monthly meeting.

The council discussed goals based upon the ideas about the vision for our parish. The discussion included: (1) Strengthen the relationship between school and religious education programs (Nancy Schroeder, principal of St. Mary's, suggested having the school teachers collaborate with catechists on how they approach certain subjects); (2) Special activities for children to take place during Mass (Andi McKee, St. Mary's Youth Minister, is investigating this); (3) Importance of the liturgy; (4) Leadership role on facilities, involve all leadership groups; (5) Get more parishioners more involved. The pastoral council members have read the book "Growing an Engaged Church" by Albert Winseman, to assist in developing ideas for all parishioners to become engaged in our church activities and parish.

The reports from the parish commissions included:

Plans are underway to celebrate Monsignor's 50th anniversary of ordination on May 18 with a special Mass.

There are also plans to celebrate the parish's 150th anniversary which could include an activity apart from the parish picnic, possibly a dance or dinner or other activity for adults, opening the time capsule, and possibly an all-parish Mass at the fairgrounds.

The school commission reported that 34 have registered for 2008-09 preschool and 24 so far for kindergarten. Work on the dress code is continuing.

The finance council reported that it is working on publicizing the levels of giving for 2007 (how many or what percentage gave at various levels). In March, a report will appear in the bulletin regularly on the income and expenses of the parish.

Monsignor Knueven reported that beginning on March 31st we will be offering the program, Catholics Coming Home, for Catholics who have stopped attending church. Also, confirmation interviews have taken place and the candidates have a range of reasons for being confirmed, which is different from the days when they were confirmed at a younger age. Monsignor thought the interview process was a good one.

The members of the Pastoral Council and the other parish commissions are listed in the bulletin. Each commission welcomes parishioners' thoughts, ideas, suggestions or questions, so please use the list to contact these members.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be March 31st.

Fatima Retreats

March 4, 2008 8:30 am-1:00 pm

Morning for Moms: Spirituality in Marriage with Fr. John McCaslin \$30 per person includes childcare but space is limited!

March 10, 2008 7:00-9:00 pm

Spirituality in Marriage for husbands of all ages with Fr. John McCaslin \$15 per person includes beverages, snacks and the program.

March 14-15, 2008 Friday 6:30 pm registration through Saturday at 7:00 pm

Sabbath Presence: A book retreat with Sr. Romona Nowak

\$75 per person or \$125 per married couple

March 16, 2008 4:30 pm

Outdoor Stations of the Cross with Fr. Keith Hosey and Sr. Mo Mangan No charge but goodwill donations will be accepted for our Genesis Assistance Fund.

March 31, 2008 9:00 am

Friends of Fatima monthly Mass and continental breakfast.

No charge but good will donations are graciously accepted! A great way to introduce a friend to Fatima Retreat House!

More information, please call (317) 545-7681 or e-mail spasotti@archindy.org.

Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Adventure
June 9-13, 2008

YOUTH NEWS

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

Bible Verse of the Week: "If God is for us who can be against us?" ~ Romans 8:31

Random Question

Last week's winners: High School – Gina Ricke Jr. High – Jordan Kramer

Last weeks answer: The Frisbee originated as a pie tin.

This week's question: **What is the name above the door of Winnie the Pooh's house?**

Leader Board

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| Stephanie Hoeing | 9 |
| Gina Ricke | 9 |
| Aaron Hoeing | 7 |
| Kelsey Johnson | 3 |
| Jordan Kramer | 2 |

Penny War: These are the results as of Wednesday, January 31st.

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| 1st ~ 7th grade (18,255) | 4th ~ Freshmen (12,484) |
| 2nd ~ Seniors (14, 044) | 5th ~ Juniors (9, 120) |
| 3rd ~ 8 th grade (13,874) | 6th ~ Sophomores (7,207) |

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

Bible Challenge: Don't forget about the Bible Challenge that is going on. Memorize the bible verse that is in here each week. When ever you see me (ball games, grocery store, etc.) tell me that verse and get a point for your class. Each individual may only tell me the verse once in a week. For every 5 correct recitings your class will earn a piece of an ice cream sundae (bowl, spoon, ice cream, etc.). Teachers you can play too. Once your class has built a full sundae I will come to your class on a Wednesday night for an Ice Cream Party.

Senior Retreat: Seniors this is a retreat just for you. Come join us for a laid back weekend. We will give you tips and advice to help survive the first year of college. Take a break from all the scholarship work and schoolwork to hang out with your friends and God for a weekend. The retreat is Friday, March 7-9 at Peg Polanski's cabin in Greensburg. **This weekend is your last chance to sign up.**

Freshmen/Sophomores: If any of you are interested in helping out with the Jr. High retreat that will be held April 12 & 13, let me know.

SMUBS: St. Mary's Ultimate Bible Study meets all Sundays, except the 2nd Sunday of the month (that is SMUS). We are moving in to learning about Noah and the flood. How does that story you've known since elementary school apply to your life today? Come to the basement at 6:30 p.m. to find out.

Jr. High Bowling: The Cosmic Bowling from last weekend has been rescheduled for Friday, March 7th from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Parkside Bowling. The cost is \$10 and you can still sign up. Call the office.

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.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who said prayers for all of the high schoolers and adults that went snow tubing last weekend. It was a great time and everyone arrived home safe. The only hang up were a few vehicles getting stuck in the mud, but that just added to the fun of the weekend. The lock-in was a success as well. Thank you to all who prayed and for all teens for being so willing to join and especially to the adults who volunteered your time and gave up sleep to be with us. It would have been impossible without you.

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