



THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – MAY 5

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 – 7:00 p.m. – office basement

WEDNESDAY – MAY 6

Religious Ed. classes – 6:30 p.m.
 Jr. High finale

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Dana Byrd, Anna Deputy, Jameson Friend, Gerald Hall, Mary Hensley, Paul Huber, Bryce Koors, Hunter Koors, Leonard & Margaret Mauer, Theresa Mauer, Dorothy Maupin, Bernice Menkedick, Caitlin Miller, Aaron McCrary, Dale & Bev Phillips, Bessie Ploeger, Gish Ray, Kortney Snyder & Rita Sallee.

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

especially for: Stephen AmRhein, Ben Buening, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Paul Huber, Edward Hurt, Travis Kohrman, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, 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.



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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

Pre-school 2009/10

We still have openings for next school year pre-school. For more information please call St. Mary's school at 663-2804.

GRADUATION MASS - On May 17, High School Seniors are invited to our annual graduation mass at 9:00 a.m. We ask that you wear your cap and gown. We will meet in the school gym at 8:30 a.m. to organize.

The Knights of Columbus is offering a breakfast following the mass for seniors and their immediate families. Please call the office building by May 6 to make your reservation for the mass, breakfast, or both.

Adoration Chapel

We need a permanent adorer for Friday/12:00 midnight. Please call Monica O'Brien, 663-2514, if you can take this hour. Thanks for considering this wonderful devotion.

ARTS FEST! - St. Mary's School - (grades K-6) - 6:30-9:00pm
 7:00 Music Program in the gym

All St. Mary's students in grades K-6 are presenting an all school ARTS FEST to celebrate our music and art programs... and YOU are invited to come join us! Doors will open at 6:30pm and allow time to view artwork prior to the music program. The music program will begin at 7:00 in the gym with the theme "Walk With Jesus". Each class will feature a song to highlight the different stories that we hear in the bible. After the program you will be invited to finish viewing the artwork and getting refreshments in the cafeteria. Don't forget to vote for the People's Choice Award!!! The students have worked very hard all year and we appreciate this opportunity to highlight their talents!

Carol Blankman (Art teacher)
 Ann Marie Colson (Music teacher)

Mother's Day Breakfast

Knights of St. John will have a mother's day breakfast Sunday, May 10th beginning at 7:30 a.m. Menu: sausage, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, eggs and pastries. First 50 ladies will receive a flower.

St. Mary's Financial Summary

3/31/09

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Revenues	\$148,072.99	\$1,249,398.85
Total Expenses	157,196.92	1,295,778.24
Revenues Minus Expenses	(\$9,123.93)	(\$46,379.39)

Thank you for your generosity at this time. With everyone's support and some small additional sacrifices of weekly giving we can turn the negatives into positives. *The Finance Committee*



THE SCHOOL ZONE

Almost five years ago, St. Mary's School added a new program to better serve its families. St. Mary's Playhouse daycare and after school care serves school families and future school families with childcare onsite. Students can arrive before school in the morning and then walk over when it is time for school and they can go to the cafeteria after school to eat a snack, do homework, and play games. Over at the Playhouse, children from newborn to preschool age can stay while their parents are at work and play with other children, eat a school lunch, and even do some crafts and games. These programs are a great compliment to our school and help families find a safe, Christ-centered environment for their children while they work.

The daycare is run by two parishioners and some part time support staff. Kathie Davis is the director. After 25 years of babysitting in her home, she decided to serve her parish with her childcare experience. She is married to Stephen and they have six children between them: a daughter, Jenny (Dan) Smith, sons Kevin (Heather) Buhr, Jeff Buhr, Daniel (Philann) Davis, Ben (Nikki) Davis, and Tim Davis. She has a total of 12 grandchildren, four of whom come to the Playhouse for daycare with Grandma.

Kathie is a native of Cincinnati, OH, where she attended grade school at St. Teresa, St. Antoninus for grades 7 and 8, and Seton High School. She has fond memories of the weekly spelling bee in grade school where the winner got a holy card. She has many still tucked into her Sunday Missal! She went to the University of Cincinnati for 2 years where she majored in home economics. Her hobbies include sewing, reading, baking, scrapbooking, and grandkids. Her favorite book is Gone With the Wind and her favorite color is purple. She likes to watch baseball and enjoys going out to eat at Texas Roadhouse. When asked why she enjoys working at St. Mary's, Kathie said, "This has always been like family to me, from the very first day I moved here. Everyone really cares about each other. The very best people work here!"

LuAnn (Scheidler) Cain is the assistant director at St. Mary's Playhouse after previously serving the parish as youth minister for four years. She is married to Joe and they have three children: Samantha (9), Clayton (7), and Morgan (3). She is a proud alumna of St. Mary's School. She has many memories of her elementary school years including putting together skits for prayer services and hiding under Mrs. McAuliffe's desk in fourth grade. She went on to attend Greensburg Junior High and graduated from Greensburg High School.

When LuAnn is not watching one of her children participate in a sporting event, she enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with family. Her favorite books are those written by Karen Kingsbury. She likes the color purple and enjoys eating at El Reparó. Her favorite sports are tennis, softball, baseball, football, and basketball. LuAnn likes working at St. Mary's because everyone knows everyone; you are not just a person in the crowd. It is like a big family and people support one another through good and bad times. Everyone looks out for each other. Isn't that what daycare ministry is all about?

Dear Community,

Please don't forget to go to Lucas Oil Stadium this afternoon by 3:00 p.m. I would suggest you go early to get a parking spot in their parking lot.

Our children will be confirmed. There will be a jubilee marriage celebration. About 20 bishops and some of our priests will be confirming our young people. There is no fee to get into the stadium but you have to pay for parking. The East and South gates will be open for entrance.

The Jr. High finale for religious education will be Wednesday.

Thursday, May 7, is a national day of prayer. I am sure something will be scheduled at the Court House.

The six graders will be camping out Friday night in the gym for a fund raiser.

Merlin Harn and his wife were driving by a railroad track in Menasha, Wis., last year when they saw a 3-year-old boy wandering alone on the tracks. As a train rushed toward the boy, the crossing lights and bells went off. Harn ran to the child, grabbed him under the arms and carried him to safety just seconds before the oncoming train passed them with its emergency brake screeching.

Harn was among 19 people who were awarded Carnegie medals last December for their courage. Like good shepherds, they all risked their lives in caring for the flock. Of the 19, three died while trying to rescue others from fires, drowning and other dangers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his followers: "I am the good shepherd who is willing to die for the sheep." And Jesus proved it when he died, saving us.

- "We are each of us angels with only one wing. And we can only fly embracing each other." Luciano de Crescenzo
- "The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved." Victor Hugo
- "Anytime you think you have influence, try ordering around someone else's dog."
- "The world doesn't want to hear about the labor pains, they just want to see the baby."
- "What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself." Abraham Lincoln
- "Why is it that the wettest dogs are always the friendliest dogs?"

Keep smiling, **Msgr. Knueven**

✚ MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – MAY 4

7:15 a.m. Alfred Feldman

TUESDAY – MAY 5

7:15 a.m. Larry Simons
Loretta Bedel

WEDNESDAY – MAY 6

7:15 a.m. Elmo Redelman
8:30 a.m. Patrick Joseph Hensley

THURSDAY – MAY 7

7:15 a.m. Mary Rose Quick
2:30 p.m. Clifford Knueven

Arbor Grove Village Nursing Home Mass

FRIDAY – MAY 8

7:15 a.m. Neal Humpert
Lawrence Schneider

SATURDAY – MAY 9

4:30 p.m. Lyda Preuss

SUNDAY – MAY 10

7:00 a.m. For the people
9:00 a.m. Joey Shields
11:00 a.m. Nancy McKee

☪ SERVERS

WEEKDAY/MAY 4-8

7:15 a.m. Ryan Welage – Aaron Moorman

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MAY 9/10

4:30 p.m. Allison & Erin Hamilton
7:00 a.m. Madelyn Hunger–Tanea Herbert
9:00 a.m. Ry Burkert – Tom Lawrence
11:00 a.m. David & Abby Bokelman

☪ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MAY 9/10

4:30 p.m. Mike & Christy Bokleman
Barb Brown & Becky Brown
Johanne Davis – Kathy Davis
7:00 p.m. Linda Lubber – Mary Ann Luken
Mary Ellen Menkedick – Carol Ann Nobbe
Kathy Nobbe – Diane Reisman
9:00 a.m. Pat Koors – Carol Kramer
Jean Kramer – Donna Lecher
Hank Martin – Steve Meyer
11:00 a.m. Chris & Kristy Tebbe
Sara Welage – Lynne AmRhein
Ernie & Pattie Stephens

☪ LECTORS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MAY 9/10

4:30 p.m. Dave Weigel
7:00 a.m. Linda Ricke
9:00 a.m. Monty Shields
11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

Archdiocese of Indianapolis 175th Anniversary Mass

The Archdiocese's 175th Anniversary Celebration will culminate with a Mass at 3 p.m. on May 3, 2009 at the Lucas Oil Stadium. Everyone is welcome! We expect as many as 30,000 – 45,000 people to attend. Nineteen bishops and abbots will be participating including Cardinal George from Chicago.

In addition to thanking God for 175 years of blessings on our Archdiocese, we hope that Catholics who may not be active will see this as an opportunity to reconnect with their faith. We also hope that people with no Church home may be inspired to come and learn more about the Catholic faith.

The doors to the stadium will open to the public at 1 p.m. Choirs will perform before the Mass starting at 1:30 p.m. We will also show videos that will highlight the history of the Archdiocese before the Mass. The Mass will begin promptly at 3 p.m. and should last roughly two hours.

Confirmation – nearly 3,000 youth and adults will be confirmed at the Mass.

First Communion – We will be recognizing the children who made their first Communion this year. Two first communicants from each parish will take part in the procession. From St. Mary's in Greensburg, Olivia Wilmer and Trevor Foster will participate in the procession. All additional first communicants are invited to attend the 175th Anniversary Mass and sit with their families.

Golden Wedding Jubilee – The 175th Anniversary Mass will replace the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass normally held in September at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral for both 2008 and 2009.

Mass Location Change

“The 4:00pm Saturday Mass that is normally held at St. Maurice Church in St. Maurice Decatur County will be rotated to St. John's Church in Enochsburg beginning May 2nd through October.”

**St. Mary's Greensburg
Easter Sunday Collections
4/12/09**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekend Contributions	\$26,564.98
Capital Improvement Fund	\$77.00
C & E Europe	\$25.00
Catholic Relief	\$30.00
Good Friday	\$35.00
Home Missions	\$25.00
Lenten Offering	\$648.00
Flower Donations	\$60.00
Total Easter Sunday Collections	<u>\$27,464.98</u>

Thank you for your generous contributions.

St. Mary's Faith Formation

Questions of the Week **May 3, 2009** Jesus the Good Shepherd

Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12 (Salvation Through Christ) Gospel: John 10:11-18 (Giving Life for the Sheep)

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2 (We Shall See Him As He Is)

Adults Do my motives and actions reflect Christ's presence within me?

Children What other Bible stories do I know about shepherds?

"More Adult Programs to be Scheduled"

A survey taken by our parishioners less than a year ago suggests that a majority of adults are interested in 4-6 week bible study or faith sharing sessions. We want to offer these to you. In order to do this, **we'll need your help.** First, you are being asked to consider serving as an adult catechist. A beginning training session will be offered here at St. Mary's very soon. What does that mean? It means you have received faith and are willing to share it, perhaps by facilitating a small group of adults.

You are also being asked to attend the sessions. The FFC and ACT are very aware of the busy schedules and time restraints of our parishioners. We ask that you prayerfully consider the importance of continuing faith development. More will be in the bulletin next week. For now, consider these ideas. In order to pass your values and faith on to others, including your children, it is critical that adults acquire deeper knowledge and vision of their faith and traditions so to be empowered to live the Gospel fully.

Wednesday Youth Religious Education Reminders

Registration Cards - Parents please return the green enrollment cards with your child this week at class. This will help us tremendously in planning for this fall.

Finale Nights! - Jr. High Finale (Grades 6, 7, & 8) will take place this Wednesday, May 6.

Elementary Finale takes place May 13 for grades preschool through 5th grade. Students will meet in the classroom and then come to the gym for a **Carnival Event!**

We look forward to celebrating a successful year with our students and catechists. Parents, thank you again for your commitment to religious education for your child.

Becoming a Lifelong Partner

One of the challenges of marriage is balancing individuality with togetherness. Spouses in a healthy marriage don't give up their own personality, interests, and opinions when they say "I do." But joining your lives together means compromise. You can't always get your own way.

Commitment is important because we act differently when we know that our futures are tied together.

LIFELONG PARTNERS NEED TO:

2. Understand how your Family of Origin influences you long after you've established your own home

Each of you brought into your marriage different childhood experiences and different models of marriage. Couples generally have many similarities and some differences in their backgrounds. Sometimes it takes years to understand each other's values and habits.

Read more about Family of Origin and your marriage.

http://www.foryourmarriage.org/interior_template.asp?id=20398741

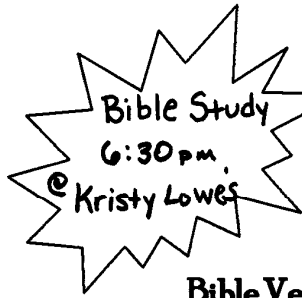
Vacation Bible School

June 8-12, 2009

We need many **volunteers**. Registration forms for children and volunteers are available at the parish office.

Donations needed: paper towel tubes, old metal keys (not plastic), Pringles lids. (we have enough egg cartons, canning jars, and fabric).

Donation tags – please bring your items to the parish office this week. We have a couple of tags left from the donation quilt if you would like one.



Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ~ 1 John 3:2 (today's 2nd reading)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☛ Sun. June 14th SMUS (St. Mary's Ultimate Sports) High School only 7:00-8:30pm
- ☛ Wed. July 22nd Pool Party for incoming 7th grade through outgoing seniors
- ☛ Sat. August 8th Back to School outdoor movie and weenie roast 7th-12th grades

BIRTHDAYS

May 3rd – May 9th

Sun:
 Mon:
 Tues: Rachel Sexton
 Wed: Blake Butz
 Thurs: Ethan Rich
 Fri:
 Sat:

Open to any High Schooler on May 16th game time is 7 pm. We will sit in the outfield cost is \$9. **Please sign up by Friday, May 8th.** This will give us time to set up drivers. We will need driver please. Forms were available at the Finale but extras can be found in the office basement.

I thought I would give you a little food for thought this week. This is a little something from Ask the Bible Geek who is Mark Hart.

What's the only word that God doesn't know?
Let's use His dictionary.

For with God nothing will be impossible. ~ Luke 1:37

Situation Explained
 "He'll *never* change." "That'll *never* happen." "We'll *never* agree."
Never may be a word for us, but I was reading through God's dictionary the other day (He invited me to His house for a barbeque. Adam was making his famous ribs, Eve made applesauce, and Moses was making "manna-cotti"), and the word *never* isn't in God's dictionary. Why isn't the word *never* in God's dictionary?

Solution Offered
 This might be the easiest verse to memorize out of any that we've looked at so far. Memorize this one. Learn it. Know the chapter and verse. This is one that we should *never* - oops...what I meant to say is that this verse is one that we should always remember.
 I always laugh at how little faith I have. There have been situations in my life when I'd say things like you read above - like, "No matter what happens, they'll *never* change." Sometime later God always seems to knock me off my seat and remind me that I can't ever say that someone will *never* change, because I don't know the will of God, and I can't begin to understand how deep His love and mercy are.
 St. Augustine is known as one of the greatest thinkers and saints of our Church, but he didn't surrender his life to God until well into the middle of his life - and only after years upon years of intense, consistent, and sincere prayer by his mother, Monica (also a saint - well, she better be after all of that prayer. huh?)
 The mere fact that we humans use the word *never* so often just goes to show how little faith we have. But remember what St. Luke's telling us today: "With God nothing will be impossible." That area of your life that you struggle with, don't surrender to it. Keep fighting it, keep trying, keep offering it up in prayer, and someday, with God's help, you will win out.
 That person in your life whom you want to give up on - the one who constantly hurts you or themselves, the one who won't listen to you no matter how hard you try - that's the one you need to keep praying for, because through prayer, the will of God will be done in that relationship. This doesn't mean that we should stay in an unhealthy relationship or allow people to continue to hurt us; it means that we need to be big enough people to pray for those who hurt us or make our lives more difficult (Mt 5:44).
 Just remember to never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never say *never* when you're talking about God or dealing with God because what does Luke tell us in chapter 1, verse 37, everybody?
 You got it! I've *never* been prouder. Um, what I, uh, what I mean is I can't think of a time in which I have been prouder of you.

Salvation Given
For with God nothing will be impossible. ~ Luke 1:37
 Never underestimate the power to change yourself. (There I go again.)

Bible Geek

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