



St. Mary's Church THE PARISH SPEAKER

Greensburg, Indiana – November 2008

Matthew 29: 19 - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!"

Our Mission: To Proclaim The Good News And To Become The Body Of Christ!

PARISH EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2008

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 4

Pre-baptism session – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Office Youth Room

FRIDAY-SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7-9

Confirmation Retreat

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 12

1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Celebration – 6:45 p.m. - Gym

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15/16

Baptismal weekend

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 20

4th Grade First Reconciliation – 6:45 p.m. – Church

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 22

2nd & 3rd grade First Reconciliation – 9:00 a.m. – Church

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23

Feast of Christ the King

THURSDAY/FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 27/28

Thanksgiving Break – School & Parish Office closed

Thanksgiving Mass – 8:30 a.m./November 27

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent

Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 2

Pre-baptism session – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Office Youth Room

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church

MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception – Mass/7:00 & 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 18

Communal Penance Service – 7:00 p.m. – Church

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church

Christmas Pageant – 6:30 p.m – School gym

**Saturday, November 1/All Saints Day Mass
at 9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, November 27/Thanksgiving Mass
at 8:30 a.m.**

Rest in Peace

Let us remember and pray for all of our deceased family, friends and loved ones. May they rest in peace.

Leonard Fry – 9/29/08

Raymond Hardebeck – 10/14/08

“What we keep in memory is ours unchanged forever.”

REMEMBER

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



The names below are those who have died in our parish since last November.

Edmund Fry	Loretta Moore
Richard Louden	Edna Zobel
Letha Meyer	Larry Simons
Elenora Bartholomew	Agnes Middendorf
Robert McFarland	Luella Brockman
Kathleen Fry	Rosemary Koors
David Miller, Sr.	Clarence Feldman
Cesar Limjoco	Pauline Holtkamp
Robert Wolter	Daniel Burgmeier
Heather Fisse	Eugene Owens
Leonard Welage	Paul Koors
Crystal Stuehrenberg	Clifford Knueven
Richard Dissett	Lawrence Schoettmer
Clifford Meyer	Laura (Knecht) Peters
Dale Muckerheide	Leonard Fry
Raymond Hardebeck	

Christ Renews His Parish

Christ Renews His Parish is a program designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ.

Weekends begin at 8:00 on Saturday morning. Participants stay overnight at the parish and are served excellent meals. The weekend closes around 3:00 or 4:00 on Sunday. There is no fee for participating, only a free-will offering.

A team of people who have made the weekend present the retreat. The program will continue until every adult in the parish has had an opportunity for this spiritual renewal, which has been so successful in over 600 parishes in the United States.

Christ Renews His Parish will be provided February 21/22 for men and March 28/29 for women here at St. Mary's Parish. Open to all parishioners, age 19 and older. Call the office to reserve your spot!

Our annual Cemetery Service will be held, Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Update on future parish facilities:

1-Who is the design committee? We are a group of people asked to implement the decision of the parish council. That decision of the council was to split the building project into phases. The first phase was to move both the school and the church to the new property, and to design for future growth (hopefully in the very near future).

2-One or 2 levels? We were asked to look at building a one level facility.

3-How much will we build right now? We are looking at building space needs to meet what we are currently doing at the parish (ie: grades pre-6) while allowing room for expansion in the future.

4-Will our new parish look exactly like the current drawings? No. It will probably be very similar. This drawing isn't exact...it is a general idea of what it will look like and where things will be. Specifics still need to be worked out.

5-How will we know what is going on? The design team will be working on updates to put into the monthly parish speaker to keep everyone updated as much as possible.

6-How big will the church be? The goal is to put 800 seats in the church if the budget will allow this.

7-How much money do we need? Do we have a budget? No, we don't have a budget right now. We are currently working with Bruns and Gutzweiller and Entheos to attain this. They are helping us to build the best possible buildings using the most cost effective materials available. Any figures that you are hearing are only speculations and guesses. Our hope is to be as frugal as possible, while at the same time building a facility that will serve our needs. This would be a facility that we can be proud of and will serve us well into the future.

8-What is the next step? Architects have recently met with various school and parish leaders to refine space needs (evaluating how spaces can be shared and used most efficiently to fit multiple needs).

9-After that... a new budget and revised space needs will be presented to the parish council and capitol campaign committee for further direction.

10-Then... the design committee will begin meeting every 2 weeks to help with details as we move forward.

Ultimately, the finished product will be determined by the strength and courage of EACH ONE OF US as we support the future of our faith community.

Suggestions and comments are encouraged. Please direct them to the parish office, attention Design Committee.

The theme **Stewards of God's Gifts** challenges us to each consider our gifts from God to use them in service to others. When we act as good stewards of God's gifts, we act as disciples, true followers of Christ's teaching and example.

In the time of Jesus, a steward was one to whom the owner of household entrusted the management and care of property and other resources. To better understand what stewardship means in today's world, it is helpful to reflect on adjectives that describe such a responsibility and then to apply them to daily life.

Christian stewards are faithful. We treasure the gift of faith and carefully pass it on to others with dedication and generosity.

Christian stewards are committed. They give their all for that which they hold precious: the Gospel and their students.

Christian stewards are attentive. It takes a certain amount of both humility and awareness to discern the gifts one has been given to share. By focusing attention on our strengths instead of our weaknesses, we are apt to discover what our gifts are and how to put them to good use.

Christian stewards are resourceful – Rather than seeing a need to acquire more possessions, good stewards utilize what they have. How might we simplify our lives in order to focus on the things that matter most?

Christian stewards are thankful – Fostering an attitude of gratitude in ourselves enhances our ability to recognize the fullness of life rather than focus on its deficits. Before going to bed at night, we might take a mental inventory of the day and thank God for each blessing we have received.

Christian stewards are generous – They give out of love rather than a sense of obligation. We might consider ways to give more of ourselves through acts of charity and justice. We might also single out someone who serves the parish and offer him or her a word of thanks.

Christian stewards are bold – The need to give witness to our faith can be daunting. It is easier to keep it a secret between oneself and God. We witness our faith each day through what we say and how we respond to others. We can make this a more intentional witness by educating ourselves about social injustices and seeking ways to become involved in solution-reaching institutions and organizations.

Applause for our Religious Education Catechists!

A Catechist plants the seed; spreads the word; shows the way; shares the faith!

Our Catechists and aids for preschool through 12th grade religious education classes participate in the Archdiocesan program for formation and certification which is designed to enable catechist to share their faith and lead others into Christian discipleship. There are two levels of certification. The Intern Catechist Certification level is awarded upon the completion of at least one year in ministry as a catechist and completion of 20 clock hours in selected courses. The Catechist Certification level is awarded upon completion of at least two years of ministry as a catechist, completion of the Intern level and completion of an additional 20 clock hours in selected courses.

Currently our St. Mary's program has 100% participation of our catechists in this process. 2 of our catechists have completed both levels – Deb Greiwe and Kristy Lowe, 8 have completed the Intern level – Carol Bishop, Carol Blankman, Karen Dwiggin, Vonda Elsner, Tom Horan, Kim Meyer, Robin Nobbe, and Linda Weigel, and 29 are working toward the Intern level.

We are proud of our catechists who uphold the policy to continue their education and spiritual growth in order to provide our youth with quality and rewarding faith formation!

SERVERS

SAT./SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15/16

4:30 p.m. *Dillon Siefert – Joel Chase*
7:00 a.m. *Kyle Colson – Brandon Hempstead*
9:00 a.m. *Madison Bower – Madelyn Hunger*
11:00 a.m. *Taylor Lang – Morgan Springmeyer*

WEEKDAY – NOVEMBER 17-21

7:15 a.m. *Danielle Schroeder – Molly Redmon*

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22/23

4:30 p.m. *Allison & Erin Hamilton*
7:00 a.m. *Tyler Luber – Jacob Moorman*
9:00 a.m. *Jordan Lloyd – Blake Rolf*
11:00 a.m. *Blake Thomas – William Wattering*

WEEKDAY – NOVEMBER 24-28

7:15 a.m. *Tiffany Springmeyer – Megan Schmidt*

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. *Adam & Katie Swinford*
SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29/30

4:30 p.m. *Mary Young – Sara Kramer*
7:00 a.m. *Sarah Herbert – Tanea Herbert*
9:00 a.m. *Alexandra & Natasha Rather*
11:00 a.m. *Sabrina & Samantha McCullough*

WEEKDAY – DECEMBER 1-5

7:15 a.m. *Aaron Moorman – Tristan Land*

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6/7

4:30 p.m. *David & Abby Bokelman*
7:00 a.m. *Blake Simon – Shane Ploeger*
9:00 a.m. *Ry Burkert – Tom Lawrence*

11:00 a.m. *Joe Buening – Brent Bohman*

WEEKDAY – DECEMBER 8-12

7:15 a.m. *Molly Oesterling – Nick Oesterling*

MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. *Molly & Nick Oesterling*
8:35 a.m. *Childrens Liturgy*
7:00 p.m. *Katherine Teague – Claire Welage*
SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DECEMBER 13/14

4:30 p.m. *Bryant Himes – David Navarra*
7:00 a.m. *Taylor Reed – Tommy Colson*
9:00 a.m. *Megan Blankman – Jessica Hensley*
11:00 a.m. *Lillie Wolter – Haley Vanderbur*
WEEKDAY – DECEMBER 15-19
7:15 a.m. *Michael Blankman – Ryan Welage*

LECTORS

SAT./SUN. – NOVEMBER 22/23

4:30 p.m. *Linda Ricke*
7:00 a.m. *Scott Johnson*
9:00 a.m. *Laura Jo Tebbe*
11:00 a.m. *Dick Rust*

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. *Hugh Miller*

SAT./SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29/30

4:30 p.m. *Sandy Meyer*
7:00 a.m. *Rick Nobbe*
9:00 a.m. *Ed Dwenger*
11:00 a.m. *Linda Weigel*

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 6/7

4:30 p.m. *Rosemary Schroeder*
7:00 a.m. *Dennis Doerflinger*
9:00 a.m. *Brent Muckerheide*
11:00 a.m. *Don Wickens*

MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. *Peg Polanski*
8:30 a.m. *School Mass*
7:00 p.m. *Dick Glaser*

SAT./SUNDAY – DECEMBER 13/14

4:30 p.m. *Brian Wenning*
7:00 a.m. *Linda Greiwe*
9:00 a.m. *Donna Swinford*
11:00 a.m. *Youth Mass*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT./SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22/23

4:30 p.m. *Rita Hellmich – Diane Humpert*
Priscilla Kramer – Bert McQueen
Sandy Meyer – Cindy Nelson-Schlarb
7:00 a.m. *Sally Koors – Mary Ann Luken*
Carol Ann Nobbe – Kathy Nobbe
Mary Ellen Menkedick – Linda Luber
9:00 a.m. *Rita Burkert – Susie Colson*
Sharon Crites – Nancy Fogg
Ben Fischer – Mary Green
11:00 a.m. *Darlene Banks – Dennis Hagerty*
Jennifer Blankman – Maryellen Connor
Angie Fontanilla – Marietta Hagerty

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. *Vince Schwering – Linda Ricke*
Irene Schwering – Diane Reisman
Rita Schoentrup – Carol Schwendenman

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29/30

4:30 p.m. *Emilie Pank – Dorothy Redelman*
Rachel Redmon – Rosemary Schroeder
Irene Schutte – Greta Solgere

7:00 a.m. *Paul & Irene Schwering*
Phyllis Schwering – Vince Schwering
Tim & Kim Stone

9:00 a.m. *Jill Fuel – Rose Hellmich*

Charles & Linda Greiwe

Bernard & Janet Hagerty

11:00 a.m. *Angie Hersley – Teresa Horan*
Bernice Menkedick – Kim Meyer
Bill Powers – Tom Ricke

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6/7

4:30 p.m. *Ruth Springmeyer – Jim Tebbe*
Kathy Whitmore – Betty Baker
Mike & Christy Bokelman

7:00 a.m. *Helen Wagner – Marge Bruns*
Gabriel & Lydia Abellada
Art & Ana Alunday

9:00 a.m. *Pat Koors – Carol Kramer*
Jean Kramer – Donna Lecher
Hank Martin – Steve Meyer

11:00 a.m. *Diana Robbins – Travis Schebler*
Tom & Jenny Schebler
Bev Stiers – Angie Wesseler

MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. *Sr. Pat O'Bryan – Mary Ann Luken*
Denny Doerflinger – Sheila Kirchhoff
Paulette Duerstock – Mary Ellen Menkedick

8:30 a.m. *School Mass*

7:00 p.m. *Anita Navarra – Barb Noah*
Mike & Diane Novak
Tony Owens – Taryn Owens

SAT./SUNDAY – DECEMBER 13/14

4:30 p.m. *Barb & Becky Brown*
Johanne Davis – Kathy Davis
Ed & Brenda Dwenger

7:00 a.m. *Sally Koors – Linda Luber*
Helen Froehling – Kathy Nobbe
Carol Ann Nobbe – Diann Reisman

9:00 a.m. *Mary Preble – Shirley Ryle*
Bob Scheidler – Barb Schasney
Linda Simons – Karen Conley

11:00 a.m. *Ernie & Patty Stephens*
Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe
Lynne AmRhein – Darlene Banks

GREETERS

SAT./SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22/23

4:30 p.m. *Patty & Ernie Stephens*
Tim & Carol Blasdel
7:00 a.m. *Mike & Sheila Kirchhoff*
9:00 a.m. *Dave & Linda Weigel*
11:00 a.m. *Charlie & Carol Kramer*
Carl Stier – Luann Cain

SAT./SUN. – NOVEMBER 29/30

4:30 p.m. *Kathie Davis*
7:00 a.m. *Roger Welage*
Frank Schmidt
9:00 a.m. *Art & Ana Alunday*
11:00 a.m. *Monty & Kathy Shields*
Heidi Laudick

Elvera Muckerheide

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 6/7

4:30 p.m. *Don & Barb Horan*
Dan & Tami Wenning

7:00 a.m. *Pat & Mona Hahn*

9:00 a.m. *Gary Ortman/Al Knecht*
Herb Summers/Dale Crites

11:00 a.m. *Andrea McKee – Norm Wolter*
Bill Obermeyer – Teresa Horan

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 13/14

4:30 p.m. *Kenny & Nancy Buening*

7:00 a.m. *Kenny & Sally Koors*

9:00 a.m. *Mike & Patty Hensley*

11:00 a.m. *Brian & Patty Wenning*
Tom & Suzanne Horan

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)

SAT. – NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

4:30 p.m. (Captain) *Herman & Agnes*
Wagner, Ron & Helen Graue

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:00 a.m. (Captain) *Kenneth Kress, Tom*
Meyer, Paul & Irene Schwering
9:00 a.m. (Captain) *Art Koors, Charlie*
Herbert, Bob Schoettmer, Tim Blasdel
11:00 a.m. (Captain) *Dan Scheidler, Chris*
Menkedick, Harold & Bernice Menkedick

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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday – 3:30 p.m.

Communion – Holy Communion is taken to the elderly and the sick regularly. Please let us know if you wish to receive Communion at home.

Weddings – Please contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

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