

St. Mary's Church

THE PARISH SPEAKER

Greensburg, Indiana – December 2009

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 DECEMBER 2009

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 1

*Pre-baptism session – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Room
Kristina Stout/handbell soloist – 7:00 p.m. - church*

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6

*Second Sunday of Advent
Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church*

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 8

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

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 13

*Third Sunday of Advent
Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church*

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 17

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

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent Evening Prayer – 4:00 p.m. - Church*

Christmas Pageant – 6:30 p.m. – gym

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3

Christmas Break – School and Parish Office closed

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve/Mass times 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., & midnight

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25

Christmas – Mass/9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve – Mass/5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – JANUARY 1

New Years Day – Mass/9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY – JANUARY 5

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

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 16/17

Baptismal Weekend

To our St. Mary's family...the Liturgy/Spirituality Commission sends our hopes and our prayers that this season of Advent will draw us closer to one another and strengthen our love and concern for each other. May the Lord bless each of you with His quiet peace and never-ending love during this Advent-Christmas season and the New Year.

**Delbert Conley – Tom Horan – Linda Ricke
Peg Polanski - Karen Conley
Carol Doerflinger – Joan Koors**

ADVENT 2009

As we begin this new liturgical year with the season of Advent and prepare for the celebration of Jesus coming to earth as a tiny baby—Christmas, we are also reminded that we must prepare for Jesus' second coming when someday each of us will die and meet the Lord Jesus.

We are living in times of turmoil and unrest, so, this year we will attempt to slow down and find some peace and quiet in our lives, as we meditate on this hymn and the prayer we will use each week we gather together as a parish family.

"Be Still and Know that I am God."

You are my chosen one, to whom my love I give.

My love is with you all your day.

"Be Still and Know that I am God."

Through our acts of kindness and thoughtfulness of others during this season of giving, we pray that we may be Christ-bearers to the restless, needy world around us. And, with open hearts and quiet minds, we pray that God's love will fill our lives with that special Christmas peace we all long for.

God's special blessings to each of you, Joan Koors

Rite of Welcoming

November 29 was a special day for a group of people who have begun to learn more about our Catholic Faith. At 9:00 a.m. Mass, the RCIA participants are welcomed by our parish as an acknowledgment of the journey they have begun. This group of people will now continue with their studies into the catechumenate. Welcome to the following: Allison Berkshire, Robert Best, Judy Brashars, Derrick Fulton, Cody Gault, Michael Lang, Matt Lawrence, & Susan Parmer.

This group along with their sponsors also had the opportunity to meet with their prayer partners on November 5. A presentation on prayer was given by Msgr. Knueven. We thank parishioners who are able to give their time as prayer partners for the RCIA group. This is a wonderful source of support for our candidates as well as all traveling on this journey of faith.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 – Christmas Eve/4:30, 7:30 & Midnight

December 25 – Christmas Day/9:00 a.m.

READY FOR A RECHARGE???

**WANT TO START THE
NEW YEAR RIGHT??**

Don't miss this!!

Matthew Kelly, AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

JANUARY 18-20, 2010 AT 7:00PM EACH NIGHT.

Does God really have a plan for your life?
Are you ready to start living your faith on a deeper level?
What does this mean for our relationships and our families?

IF YOU JOIN US, YOUR LIFE WON'T BE THE SAME!

IT'S POWERFUL.
IT'S PRACTICAL.
IT'S LIVEABLE.
... and, we promise... it's funny!

Who is Matthew Kelly?

- *New York Times* **bestselling author**
- One of the **world's best** speakers – he has spoken in more than 50 countries
- Invited to speak to over **50,000 high school** students last year
- "By far the **best speaker** we had all year", according to 95% of hosting parishes
- Author of **4 of the top 10** Catholic bestsellers

Come! Be energized! Invite someone!

Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most
dynamic and sought-after voices of our time!

For more information, call 812.663.8427.

AGES 12+ ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! DIFFERENT TALK BOTH NIGHTS!!

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 6 & 7 for women and February 27 & 28 for men here at St. Mary's Parish. Open to all parishioners, age 19 and older. Call the office to reserve your spot!

Stewardship Spotlight/Home Hospital

Did you know? Msgr. Knueven and several lay volunteers visit an average of 7 ailing parishioners a week.

Msgr. and other parish volunteers bring a peaceful presence to any homebound or nursing home parishioners.

Want to know more? If you'd like to know more about this committee, please contact Msgr.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26 - 4:30 p.m. (Captain) *Harold Koors, Brian Nobbe, Herman & Agnes Wagner*

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27 - 7:00 a.m. (Captain) *Roger Wenning, Carl Buening, Irene & Paul Schwering*

9:00 a.m. (Captain) *Richard Fisher, Gary Ortman, Don Horan, John Tumilty - 11:00 a.m. (Captain) *Mike Wagner, Jim Hagerty, Dave Herbert, Dan Schroeder**

SERVERS

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 19/20

4:30 p.m. *Shane Ploeger – Joel Chase*
7:00 a.m. *Tom Lawrence – A.J. Nobbe*
9:00 a.m. *Molly Redmon – Cara Zeigler*
11:00 a.m. *David Navarra – Aaron Moorman*

WEEKDAY – DECEMBER 21, 22, 23

7:15 a.m. *Rylie Smith – Elaine Welage*
THURS. – DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. *Francis Teague – Katharine Teague*

7:30 p.m. *Olivia Siefert – Dillon Siefert*

Midnight *Joe Buening – Reid Domingo*

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

9:00 a.m. *Paige Gillespie – Alexandria Louder*

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 26/27

7:15 a.m. *Sydney Reynolds – Caroline Pratt*

4:30 p.m. *Grace Burkhart – Joanna Fruchtnicht*

7:00 a.m. *Samantha Nobbe – Madison Bower*

9:00 a.m. *Ry Burkert – Kyle Colson*

11:00 a.m. *Tristan Land – Joel Chase*

WEEKDAY – DEC. 28, 29, 30

7:15 a.m. *Morgan Mauier – Danielle Schroeder*

THURS – DECEMBER 31 – New Years Eve

5:30 p.m. *Tom Colson – Shine Duncan*

FRIDAY – JANUARY 1 – New Years Day

9:00 a.m. *Jacob Moorman – David Navarra*

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 2/3

7:15 a.m. *Jacob Johnson – David Lawrence*

4:30 p.m. *Sara Redelman – Clarissa Simmermeyer*

7:00 a.m. *Molly Oesterling – Nick Oesterling*

9:00 a.m. *Spencer Burkert – Tom Lawrence*

11:00 a.m. *Miranda Kessens – Mary Young*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 4-6

7:15 a.m. *Anthony Treash – Keaton Bower*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 7-9

7:15 a.m. *Jacob Buening – Matthew Navarra*

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 9/10

4:30 p.m. *Abby Greiwe – Kasey Moeller*

7:00 a.m. *Travis Nobbe – Greg Schroeder*

9:00 a.m. *Nicole Ploeger – Paige Gillespie*

11:00 a.m. *Alexandra Louder – Molly Redmon*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 11-13

7:15 a.m. *Reid Domingo – Ben Newhart*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 14-16

7:15 a.m. *Nicholas Moorman – Brook Thomas*

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 17/18

4:30 p.m. *Madelyn Hunger – Taylor Lang*

7:00 a.m. *Francis Teague – Katherine Teague*

9:00 a.m. *Sydney Reynolds – Cara Zeigler*

11:00 a.m. *Michael Blankman – Adam Kunkel*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 19-21

7:15 a.m. *Julia Colson – Haleigh Reed*

WEEKDAY – JANUARY 22-24

7:15 a.m. *Rylie Smith – Elaine Welage*

LECTORS

SAT./SUNDAY – DECEMBER 19/20

4:30 p.m. *Sandy Meyer*

7:00 a.m. *Dick Glaser*

9:00 a.m. *Dave Weigel*

11:00 a.m. *Donna Swinford*

THURS. – DEC. 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. *Dennis Doerflinger*

7:30 p.m. *Brian Wenning*

Midnight *Glenn Tebbe*

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

9:00 a.m. *Ed Dwenger*

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 26/27

4:30 p.m. *Linda Ricke*

7:00 a.m. *Donna Stewart*

9:00 a.m. *Anna Rayner*

11:00 a.m. *Don Wickens*

THURS – DEC. 31 – New Years Eve

5:30 p.m. *Peg Polanski*

FRIDAY – JANUARY 1 - New Years Day

9:00 a.m. *Rosemary Schroeder*

SAT./SUNDAY – JANUARY 2/3

4:30 p.m. *Linda Weigel*

7:00 a.m. *John Nieman*

9:00 a.m. *Laura Jo Tebbe*

11:00 a.m. *Dick Rust*

SAT./SUNDAY – JANUARY 9/10

4:30 p.m. *Hugh Miller*

7:00 a.m. *Rick Nobbe*

9:00 a.m. *Linda Greiwe*

11:00 a.m. *Youth Mass*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DECEMBER 19/20

4:30 p.m. *Ed & Brenda Dwenger*

Karen Dwiggins – Deb Greiwe

Diane Humpert – Rita Hellmich

7:00 a.m. *Gabriel & Lydia Abellada*

Marge Bruns – Helen Froehling

Sheila Kirchhoff – Marilyn Davis

9:00 a.m. *Nancy Fogg – Ben Fischer*

Mary Green – Jill Fuel

Charles & Linda Greiwe

11:00 a.m. *Ernie & Patty Stephens*

Brianna Scheidler – Shirley Ryle

Keith & Penny Hipkind

THURSDAY – DEC. 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. *Greta Solgere – Linda Simons*

Rosemary Schroeder – James Tebbe

Kathy Whitmore – Ruth Springmeyer

7:30 p.m. *Charles & Linda Greiwe*

Teresa Horan – Rose Hellmich

Mike & Diane Novak

Midnight *Vince Schwering – Karen Conley*

Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

Barb Brown – Becky Brown

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

9:00 a.m. *Steve & Mary Adam*

Denny Doerflinger – Carol Blasdel

Hank Martin – Justin Martin

SATURDAY/SUN. – DECEMBER 26/27

4:30 p.m. *Priscilla Kramer – Bert McQueen*

Sandy Meyer – Cindy Schlarb

Emilie Pank – Rachel Redmon

7:00 a.m. *Sally Koors – Mary Ann Luken*

Mary Ellen Menkedick – Diane Reisman

Kathy Nobbe – Carol Ann Nobbe

9:00 a.m. *Bernie & Janet Hagerty*

Rose Hellmich – Pat Koors

Carol Kramer – Jean Kramer

11:00 a.m. *Chas Lecher – Lynne AmRhein*

Darlene Banks – Jenn Blankman

Nancy Buening – Karen Conley

THURSDAY – DEC. 31 – New Years Eve

5:30 p.m. *Chris & Kristy Tebbe*

Ernie & Patty Stephens

Jean Kramer – Wilma Cornn

FRIDAY – JANUARY 1 – New Years Day

9:00 a.m. *Carol Kramer – Donna Lecher*

Steve Meyer – Barb Noah

Keith & Penny Hipkind

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 2/3

4:30 p.m. *Greta Solgere – Ruth Springmeyer*

Kathy Whitmore – Rosemary Schroeder

James Tebbe – Linda Simons

7:00 a.m. *Linda Ricke – Vince Schwering*

Paul & Irene Schwering

Hayley Schwering – Phyllis Schwering

9:00 a.m. *Donna Lecher – Hank Martin*

Barb Noah – Justin Martin

Steve Meyer – Anita Navarra

11:00 a.m. *Wilma Cornn – Angie Hersley*

Angelita Fontanille – Dennis Hagerty

Marietta Hagerty – Maryellen Connor

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 9/10

4:30 p.m. *Mark & Lorie Young*

Betty Baker – Johanne Davis

Mike & Christy Bokelman

7:00 a.m. *Tim & Kim Stone*

Helen Wagner – Mary Ann Welage

Rita Schoentrup – Carol Schwendenmann

9:00 a.m. *Tony Owens – Taryn Owens*

Barb Schasney – Debbie Johnson

Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

11:00 a.m. *Teresa Horan – Kim Meyer*

Bill Powers – Tom Ricke

Diana Robbins – Bev Stiers

GREETERS

SAT./SUN. – DECEMBER 19/20

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. – DECEMBER 26/27

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. – JANUARY 2/3

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 Somers/Dale Crites

11:00 a.m. *Andrea McKee – Norm Wolter*

Bill Obermeyer – Teresa Horan

SAT./SUN. – JANUARY 9/10

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*

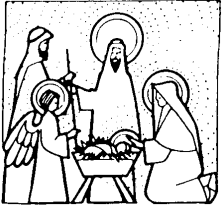
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Weekend Masses

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.