

Hope



Advent

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5~ Romans 13:11-14~ Matthew 24:37-44

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All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mail or written) no later than 11:00 am on Monday

parishoffice@stmarysgreensburg.com

After parish office hours the number for the emergency anointing of the sick or other urgent matters is (812) 663-8427.

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

Weddings— Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

COMING UP THIS WEEK Dec 2 - 8

2 MONDAY Communion Service 7:15 am

Choir practice 6:00 pm

Prayer Group 7:15 pm

3 TUESDAY Mass/Advent Prayer Service 5:30 pm

Funeral Seminar - 11:30 am

Rosary for the Unborn - 11:30 am

Pre-baptism 7:00 pm - call parish office to register

4 WEDNESDAY Mass 8:15 am

Religious Ed Classes 6:30 pm

TMIY 6:30 pm

5 THURSDAY Mass 2:30 pm Arbor Grove

RCIA 6:30 pm

6 FRIDAY Mass 7:15 am

7 SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

Reconciliation 3:30 pm

HS Retreat (Sat—Sun)

Chili Supper 5:30 pm/Bell Choir 6:30 pm

8 SUNDAY Mass 8 & 10 am

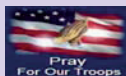
Bible Study 9:00 am mtg rm 1



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Melly Allgeier	Meghan Lamb
Jerry Bower	Paul Lecher
Keaton Bower	Jenny Masters
Mary Bruns	Mary Ann Muckerheide
Linda Dashiell	Sara (Schwering) Pigmon
Joe Desra	Richard Reed
Rick Fayette	Vince Rettig
Meg Ferguson	Grethel Schoettmer
Dale Greiwe	Margaret Schoettmer
Jenny Hahn	Paul Schoettmer
Ralph Hahn	Dennis Schwering
Donald Head	Tim Schwering
Beth Ann Heilers	Katherine Shaw
Cory Henderson	Sam Simons
Penny Hipskind	Stella Spoelker
Carroll Hoeing	Ruth Springmeyer
Jerry Hoeing	Dale Veerkamp
Greg Holtman	Kathy Whitmore
Matthew Iaria	Judy Wilke
Ashley Laird	Robert Witkemper



Please pray for all of our Armed Forces serving both abroad and in the U.S. especially for:

Chris Alden	Kyle Inscho
Adam Ahern, Rev.	Nick Johnston
Mike Arnold	Logan Kramer
Amanda Batten	Cynthia Krieger
Stephen Berggren	Jude Levy
Dustin Blasengame	Jordan Lloyd
Jeremy Bollig	Codey Martin
Kristopher Brewsaugh	Rhett Mauer
Steven Brown	Jeff McNeal
Ben Buening	Fred Monroe
Joe Buening	Bryce Moore
Tala Clark	Sueann Morel
Curtis Collins	Matthew Navarra
Tommy Colson	Ricky Powers
Patrick Cunningham	Steve Redmon
Joe Davis	Scott Reynolds
Cameron DeWeese	Traye Schoettmer
Tanner Derflinger	Andrew Schroeder
Chris Eineman	Stephanie Schutte
Trevor Gartenman	Tyler Schutte
Daniel Gibson	Noah Schwering
Blake Gindling	Landon Shera
Devin Hamilton	Brantley Springmeyer
Paul Hellmich	Jennifer King Strobel
Cory Henderson	Bill Volk
Adam Herbert	Courtney Weintraut
Paul Huber	Ryan Welch
Terry Humpfort	

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 812-663-8427 ext 200. They will remain on the sick list for 4 weeks. Military lists remains until you ask us to take them off.

	Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	Server	Lector
Dec 3 Tues 5:30 pm				Cecelia & Clare Scheidler	
Dec 7 Sat 4:30 pm	Karen Dwiggin	*Heather Miller- C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Barbie Brown - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Becky Brown - C-B Carol Blasdel - C-C Marge Greiwe - C-E Kristen Douglas - C-F Sue Lebo - H-1 Barb Bohman - H-2 Father John Meyer - H-3 Sandy Meyer - H-4 <u>Suzi Johannigman - H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u> <u>Lisa Deck - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u>	Mike Fields Ken Lecher Usher Needed Bob Johannigman Josh Snapp Matt Miller	Cooper Land Cale Johannigman Veda Fox	Bob Blankman
Dec 8 Sun 8:00 am	Mike & Sheila Kirchhoff Helen Wagener	*Diane Novak - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Bernie Hagerty - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Janet Hagerty - C-B Scott Johnson - C-C Justin Johnson - C-E Kathy Nobbe - C-F Father John Meyer - H-1 Debbie Johnson - H-2 Walt Johnson - H-3 Laura Johnson - H-4 <u>Carole Ann Nobbe- H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u> <u>Sally Koors - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u>	David Fuel Larry Nieman Sandy Nieman Robert King Mike Novak Ken Koors	Genevieve Smith Ty Johnson Kiera Kennelly	Dick Glaser
Dec 8 Sun 10:00 am	Carol & Larry Bishop	*Dan Nobbe - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Carol Kramer - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Deacon Brad Anderson - C-B Bailey Menkedick - C-C LeaAnn Nobbe - C-E Pat Koors - C-F Jane Burkert - H-1 Father John Meyer - H-2 Lee Ann Diekhoff - H-3 Mike Wagner - H-4 <u>Barb Lecher - H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u> <u>Mike Lecher - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u>	Art Koors Charlie Kramer Matt Lawrence Steve Clevenger Gary Ortman Tony McLaughlin	Owen Rennekamp Nicholas Nobbe Taylor Somers	Donna Swinford
Immaculate Conception Mass Dec 9 Mon 5:30 pm		*Linda Greiwe - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Janice Mangels - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Scott Mangels - C-B Charlie Greiwe - C-C Tom Ricke - C-E Diana Robbins - C-F Priscilla Kramer - H-1 Mike Little - H-2 Deanna Swango - H-3 Rita Hellmich - H-4 <u>Lynne AmRhein - H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u> <u>Johanne King - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u>		Kiley & Landon Swango Logan Bedel	David Weigel

Our Sunday Collections

11/03/2019

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekend Contributions	\$34,924.72
Capital Improvement Fund	\$225.00
All Saints	\$1,084.00
Cemetery Care	\$919.00
Energy Costs	\$252.00
Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Music	\$1,000.00
Clarity	\$4.00
Outreach	\$96.00
Total Sunday Collections	\$38,554.72

Thank you for your generous contributions. This week our actual collections after adjusting for special collections were \$(7,274.85) compared to our budget of \$42,199.57.

"WE ACCEPT WITH JOY THE GIFT OF FAITH AND SHOW OUR GRATITUDE THROUGH JOYFUL SERVICE."

Stewardship - A Way of Life

December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

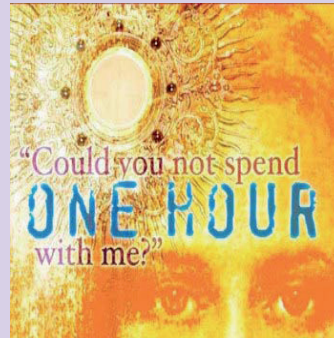
"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

Most of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

~The Stewardship Commission

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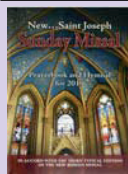


AVAILABLE HOURS:
Wednesday at 1 am
Wednesday at 2 am

Do you feel called to be a substitute adorer?
 We would love to have you!
 If interested, please contact
 Linda Ortman,
 812- 614-4553 (cell)

KEY FOB FOR HANDICAP DOOR

If you are not using your key fob anymore, please return it back to the parish office.



2020 St. Joseph Missals are available at the Parish Office OR at the Parish Library with envelopes available for your payment.
 Cost is \$5.00

Mass Intentions for 2020 can be scheduled starting Nov 1st at the Parish Office. Stop by or call Tina at 663-8427 ext 200.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday - December 2

7:15 am - Communion Service

Tuesday - December 3

5:30 pm - +Lorina Krieger

Wednesday - December 4

8:15 am - +Ruth & Cliff Kunkel

Thursday - December 5 - Arbor Grove

2:30 pm - +Bobby Herbert

Friday - December 6

7:15 am - +The living & deceased members of the John & Rose Bedel family

Saturday & Sunday - Dec 7/8

4:30 pm - +Jim Doerflinger

8:00 am - +James Ryle

10:00 am - +Kathryn Schoettmer



The School Zone



DECEMBER 1, 2019

St. Mary's Robotics

For the second year in a row St. Mary's had robotics teams that qualified for the Indiana State Robotics Competition. On Saturday, November 16, both of our teams competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics qualifying tournament hosted by Purdue Polytechnic Institute of Columbus. 21 teams from around the area competed in three separate presentations: core values, robot design, and a STEM research project. After a morning of presentations in front of professional judges, all 21 teams competed in a head-to-head robot challenge.

Both of our teams had a very successful weekend. The Wired Knights brought home third place in the robot competition and fifth place overall. The Electric Knights finished third in robot design and third place overall. By winning these awards both teams have qualified for the State Robotics Competition on December 14 at the University of Southern Indiana. Way to go, Knights!

Team members include:

Wired Knights - Declan Bruns, Jonah Hellmich, Ali Nobbe, Sy Nobbe, Carter Rutherford, and Caleb Fry.

Electric Knights - Reece Chapman, Gavin Weber, Lucas Kramer, Logan Meyer, Jacob Schneider, and Ryan Rutherford.

Both teams are coached by Rick Kramer, Joe Kalinowski, Nichole Kalinowski, and Matt Roell.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 27-Dec. 1 –

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2 - 7/8 boys'
basketball 6:00
home v. Rushville

Dec. 2 – 5/6 boys'
basketball 6:00
@ St. Nicholas

Dec. 3 - 7/8 boys'
basketball 6:00
home v.
St. Nicholas

Dec. 3 - 5/6 boys'
basketball 6:00
@ St. Bartholomew

Did you know?

St. Mary's is lucky to have some of the best junior high cheerleaders in the area. These young ladies work hard to learn cheers and lifts and some even do tumbling. They represent us well on the sidelines and during halftime. Cheering for the Knights this year are Eva Bower, Addie Gauck, Nikki Harpring, Claire Nobbe, Annie Pumphrey, Emma Richards, and Evie Vanderpohl. They are coached by Mrs. TJ Greiwe and Ms. Trish Witkemper. Come on out and see them in action!

St. Mary's Adult & Youth Faith Formation

"Promoting Faith Formation in the Community"

November 30/December 1, 2019

Faith Formation Calendar

December 3—Pre-Baptism Class, 7:00 pm

December 4 - Religious Ed Classes, 6:30 pm

TMIY, 6:30 pm

December 5—RCIA, 6:30 pm

December 7—Parish Chili Supper and Bell Choir Performance

January 28 - Movie Night

February 8-9—Christ Have Mercy Adult Retreat

WE NEED 6 MORE PEOPLE

Childcare during 10:00 am Mass

Volunteers are needed to provide childcare for infants through age 4 during the 10 am Mass. For more information or to get involved, contact 812-663-8427, ext. 204 or anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com.

Brochures are available in the kiosks

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.



The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Chili Supper and Bell Choir

On December 7 we will celebrate our parish's feast day, Immaculate Conception, with a chili supper and a performance by Joyful Sound Bell Choir. Following the 4:30 pm Mass on December 7, all are welcome to join us for a chili supper at 5:30 pm. The Bell Choir performance will begin at 6:30 pm, back in church. All are welcome! While an RSVP is not needed to attend, it will help us to prepare enough chili. If you know you will be attending please call the parish office or email anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com.

Interested?

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) will be offered soon. Volunteers are needed to read the Sunday readings to the children and give a brief prepared lesson, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children.



“Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.”
Psalm 40:11

St. Mary's will host a 2-day retreat reflecting on Mercy. The retreat will focus on the Mercy of God through Christ on a personal level; the Mercy we each experience and share in our daily lives; and the Mercy we each share with those around us, in our community and to those we may not even know. *This is a great opportunity and compliment to the Lenten Season.*

Christ Have Mercy Retreat for women and men will be held over two days.

Saturday February 8, 11:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday February 9, 7:30am - 1:00pm.

The weekend will include Reconciliation, Mass, sessions with time for prayer and reflection and also dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Registration is open now. The retreat is limited to the first 40 adults (over 21). DEADLINE JANUARY 20, 2020.



*Christ
have mercy*

Christ Have Mercy Retreat
St. Mary's Parish, Greensburg, IN
Saturday-Sunday, February 8-9, 2020
REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Best telephone contact: _____ Email: _____

Parish if not St. Mary's: _____

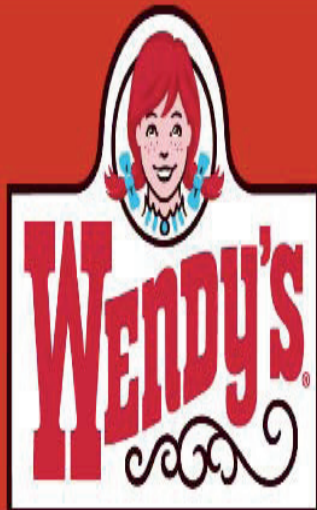
List any dietary restrictions of medical needs the retreat should be aware of: _____

There is no cost for this Retreat, FREE WILL donations will gladly be accepted.

Please complete the registration form and return to: St. Mary's Parish Office; 1331 E Hunter Robbins Way; Greensburg, IN 47240, call (812) 663-8427.

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/92535202825151>

GRAB SOME DINNER AND HELP THOSE
FROM ST. MARY'S WHO WENT TO NCYC!



DECEMBER 3RD

5:00 PM- 8:00 PM

DINE-IN OR DRIVE-THRU

PATRONS SHOULD MENTION THEY ARE THERE
TO SUPPORT THE ST. MARY'S **NCYC GROUP!** !

15% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENINGS
SALES GO TOWARDS OUR GROUP!

Breakfast with Santa

Knights of St. John Hall

December 1st 2019

8:00am—11:00am

Santa Arrives at 9:00am

Free Will Offering Benefiting Immaculate Conception

Steeple Fund

- Sausage
- Eggs
- Pancakes
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Coffee Cakes
- Milk, Orange Juice,
- Coffee



Sponsored by the Knights of St. John Millhousen

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Greensburg Bread of Life will be ringing bells in front of the Greensburg Walmart (grocery side) for the Salvation Army. All monies collected between November 29–December 24th will be distributed to Decatur County Residence in need.

Shifts are 2-3 hours each day. You can sign up online at www.reistertoring.com or call the kitchen to be manually scheduled at 812-663-1055.

The **St. Lawrence Ladies' Auxiliary** would like to announce the winners of the quilt raffle held during the October Tasty Tuesday Dinner.

The winner of the beautiful queen size quilt was **Lori Garringer**

2nd prize winner of \$100 was **Margie Reitman**
 3rd prize winner of \$50 was **Virginia Wamsley**

We congratulate the winners and wish to thank everyone who attended the dinner and/or purchased chances for the raffle. We appreciate the support we continue to receive from our St. Mary's family.

The Christmas Cabin

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DEC 6 & 7 @ 7:00 PM
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VOLLEYBALL

Any girl in in grades 7– 12th grade interested in playing CYO volleyball for the 2020 season should contact Carol Koester for more information at 812-614-1746.

Congratulations to Kipton Joseph Allen Obermeyer on your Baptism! Son of Nick and Melanie Obermeyer, big brother Macklan, and Godparents, Craig and Abby Hellmich



The Rush County Chorale
 with Brass Ensemble & special guest trumpeter Terri (Wiley) Ewigleben



Christmas Concerts

at St. Mary Catholic Church, Rushville, IN
 December 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM
 December 8, 2019 at 2:30 PM

Tickets \$5.00
 Available from Radio Shack, any Chorale member, or at the door
 David Doyle, director

Catholic Funeral & Cremation Seminar

Join us for a free lunch at



ST. MARY'S

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019
at 11:30 a.m.



*Let us answer the questions you've always had
but never asked.*

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I begin?"

"What do I need
to know?"

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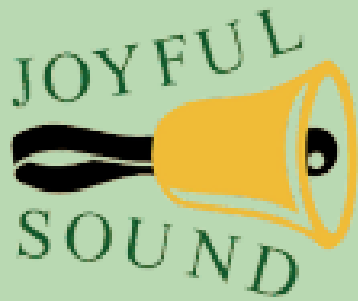
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RSVP by Wednesday, November 27th, 2019

by calling Mike or Matt Porter at

812-663-2192

◆ Seating is limited ◆



Joyful Sound Community Handbell Choir

*Presents a ***FREE concert*** at*

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1331 E Hunter Robbins Way
Greensburg, Indiana

Saturday, December 7
6:30 p.m.
(Chili supper & free-will donation at 5:30)

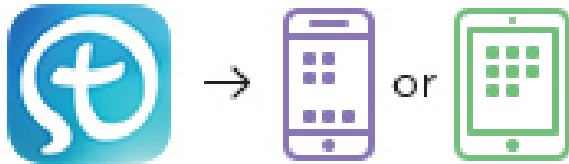
Concert is free and open to the public!
Come join us for music of the Christmas season.





New Parish App!

Saint Mary's Parish has launched our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones or tablets. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at Saint Mary's Parish and better engaging the New Evangelization.



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FYI - What is Liturgy of the Hours?

Here at St. Mary we have been celebrating Sunday Advent Evening Prayer during the Advent Season for many years. It is celebrated with quiet music, Scripture Readings, Intercessions and a time given for your own special prayers of the evening. It is a time of quiet among the hustle and bustle of the coming holiday season.

But why is Liturgy of the Hours so special? The Liturgy of the Hours (or Vespers) is the Church's official daily prayer. These consist of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, and Evening Prayer. Many of us remember seeing our pastors quietly praying these prayers from a short thick book. But, after searching into just what these prayers are all about, we find they are not just for priests, but, the official daily prayer for all Catholics. It is *"not a private matter but prayers that belong to the whole Body of the Church, whose life it both expresses and affects."* (General Instructions of the Liturgy of the Hours, #20).

It was for this reason it was decided to begin offering a simple quiet Evening Prayer during the Season of Advent (a time when the busyness of the upcoming season could also provide a brief time for prayer and thanksgiving.) We have offered this special time of Sunday evening, but, it is such a beautiful way of praying, we are looking for another way to introduce this prayer to more of our parish family.

Advent prayer times this year will be on Tuesdays

Dec 3rd after 5:30 pm Mass, Dec 10th after Noon Mass, and Dec 17th after 5:30 pm Mass.

God come to my assistance . — Lord, make haste to help me. Amen.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus and attend our annual **Advent Penance Service at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 10th.** Many Priest from other Parishes will be available for Confessions. Begin the Season of Advent with a fresh start.

Advent—Christmas 2019

“Christ circle round us, Christ, may your light surround us. Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.”

1st Sunday of Advent—Psalm 122 *“Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord.”* From Baptism on, the Christian is challenged to live in the light of Christ and turn away from the deeds of darkness.

Family Prayer—Advent booklets, *“Come, Let Us Adore Him”* will be given to each family for your Advent prayer and meditation.

Prayers of the Assembly—Our special book of petitions will be displayed each weekend during the Advent season. Please write your special intentions you wish us to pray for.

Our Parish family “Sharing Tree” - we will reaching out to those in need. Watch the bulletin for all the details.

Immaculate Conception

**Immaculate Conception Mass:
Monday, December 9th**

Time: 5:30 pm

(There will be no 7:15 am Communion Service)

This year the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday. The feast has been transferred to Monday, Dec 9th and it is NOT a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate the feast with Mass, Monday, Dec 9th at 5:30 pm. The regular Advent Masses for the 2nd Sunday of Advent will be celebrated Sat/Sun, Dec 7/8th.



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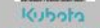
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