

**Prepare
the way of
*the Lord***





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Pastor, Fr. John Meyer 201
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Youth Minister/CRE, Megan Miano..... 206
Business Manager, Andy Beetz 202
Office Manager, Paige Hash 200
Liturgy Office 204
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Cody Gault.....Maintenance

Bulletin Deadline

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
Written information only - fliers will be put in the kiosks.

Parish office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. 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.

Bereavement Ministry

812-663-8427 ext 200 or stmarycares@yahoo.com
Miscarriage Ministry - 812-663-8427 ext 200
littlesouls@stmarysgreensburg.com

St. Mary's School

812-663-2804
Principal, Nancy Buening..... 210
Assistant Principal, Staci Schutte..... 203
School Secretary, Lore Oesterling 100
Maintenance, Brad Fox 126
Day Care, LuAnn Cain 118/128

Prayer Requests

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

John Allgeier
Arthur Alunday
David Arnett
Donna Bower
Lori Brockman
Donald Brumley
Jim Caffee
Janet Cook
Felicity Christianson
Brenna Cleary
Jo Ann Cronin
Deidra Cuskaden
Linda Dashiell
Valerie Elliott
Theo Elwell
Jerry & Annie Gerkins
Walter Gilbreath
Gary Green
Charlie Greiwe
Dale Greiwe
Eli Griffith
Lauren Harland
Samuel Harland
Tyler Harland
Dina Herbert
Amy Hermes
Lauren Huffmeyer
Dan Jordan
James Kochert
Luella Knueven
Debbie Kramer
Joe Kramer
Ariel Kunkel

Skylar Kunkel
Mike Lebo
Debbie Lechner
Hannah Leffel
Tina Longballa
Karol Mann
Kevin McCullough
Debbie Meadows
Gabby Miller
Logan Miller
Scott Miller
Rosie Mistler
Pam Mollaun
Dave Moore
Eileen Moorman
Jeff Moorman
Judy Muckerheide
Martha Muckerheide
Don Niehoff
Bob Niese
Jim Newberry
Tim Nobbe
Bob Owens
Laura Owens
Mike Pahl
Paul Pank
Kenny Parker
Jacquelyn Penrose
Andrew Personett
Jill Pratt
Mickie Pyles
Ken Rennekamp
Samantha Ricard

David Ricke
Alison Sabino
Nancy Sahn
Archer Schermerhorn
Dick Schilling
Rita Schoentrup
Paul Schoettmer
Pauline Schoettmer
Stephanie Schutte
Irene Schwering
Dale Simon
Dolores Simon
Desra Simons
Jean Smith
Darrel Spivey
Don Strub
Terry Swinford
Irene Tebbe
Sharon Tumilty
James Tunny
Rita Uebelhor
Joseph P. Uhlarik
William Uhlarik
Mike Wagner
Lisa Wallpe
Larry Walsman
Karen Washburn
Regina Weaver
Sandy Ann Wenning
Darlene Werth
Tina Wesseler
Sue Wilds
Adam Wynant

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

Chris Alden
Mike Arnold
Amanda Batten
Stephen Berggren
Caleb Berkemeier
Dustin Blasengame
Jerry Bower
Kristopher Brewsaugh
Steven Brown
Ben Buening
Joe Buening
Curtis Collins
Patrick Cunningham
Cory Cuskaden
Joe Davis
Nick DeBonis
Tanner Derflinger
Jasmin Eineman

Michael Eineman
Trevor Gartenman
Glenn Gosnell III
Landon Gutzwiller
Paul Hellmich
Cory Henderson
Adam Herbert
Tyler Hibberd
Baker Howard
Paul Huber
Terry Humpfort
Kyle Inscho
Andrew Johnson
Nick Johnston
Cynthia Krieger
Issiah Kuntz
Jude Levy
Jordan Lloyd

Jalen Lopez
Jamaeka Nueva Lopez
Rhett Mauer
Jeff McNeal
Sueann Morel
Teddy Morton
Steve Redmon
Scott Reynolds
Jacob Ripberger
Kaden Schroeder
Case Stahl
Jennifer King Strobel
William Volk
Luke Walker
Lane Wells
Ryan Welch

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.

*"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset".
St. Francis de Sales*

Thank You

This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Our Sunday Collections

Description	11/16/2025
Weekend Contributions	\$35,454.20
New Church Building Fund	\$25.88
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,020.00
Cemetery Care	\$195.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Energy Costs	\$80.00
Holy Places	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$104.00
Human Development	\$130.00
Easter	\$100.00
Mission Sunday	\$200.00
Propagation/Faith	\$78.00
Clarity	\$540.00
Military Services	\$295.00
Agape	\$90.00
Other	\$575.84
FFTP	\$40.00
Total Sunday Collections	\$39,127.92

Thank you for your generous contributions. This week our actual collections, after adjusting for special collections, were \$(60.31) compared to our budget of \$35,514.51. Year to date our actual collections are \$(58,733.55) compared to our budget. *"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."* Matthew 10:8

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

The Stewardship Commission

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8– Immaculate Conception

8:15 am..... †James Bedel

5:30 pm..... †Sy Kohrman

Tuesday, December 9

5:30 pm..... †Ruth & Charles Hamilton

Thursday, December 11

5:30 pm..... †Deceased members of
.....the John & Lorina Krieger family

Friday, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 am..... †Robert, Delores, & Larry Bruns

Saturday, December 13

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm..... † Neal, Todd, & Lee Humpert

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am..... † Paul & Joann Ricke

10:00 am..... †Albert & Betty Young

Rest in Peace

Scott Land11-19-2025

William Schoettmer11-23-2025

Let us remember and pray for all of our deceased family, friends, and loved ones. May they rest in peace. "What we keep in memory is our unchanged forever."

Baptisms

Levi Reese Black

Madelyn Maria Black

Parents Dalton Black & Kimberly Herold

Valentina Mazaba Cuautle

Carolina Mazaba Cuautle

Parents.....Isaias Mazaba Mezo & Juana Cuautle Ramirez

Congratulations!

Dalton Black- First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Samuel Tuchmann- Confirmation

Bulletin Deadlines

December 21 & 28 Bulletin submissions due by December 15 at Noon.

January 4 Bulletin submissions due by December 19 at Noon.

Thank you

A parishioner would like to thank the Greensburg Knights of Columbus for their kindness and generosity in assisting her during her recent move.

Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12



**Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand**
Matthew 3:2



Mary's Rosary Warriors

We pray the Rosary on Monday evening starting at 7:15 pm. We have named our group Mary's Rosary Warriors. Come join us as we pray for our country, peace, the sick, and the dying. If you want to call with a prayer request, Linda can be reached at 812-614-5772. All are welcome and we hope you will come join us.

The Rosary of the Unborn

Come join us in praying the Rosary for the Unborn on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

St. Mary Cemetery



1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way
Phone: 812.663.8427

Please contact the parish office with any questions about cemetery plots. Visitation from dawn to dusk. Please place decorations on monument or on a shepherd's hook; nothing is to be planted. Thank you!

Thanks for helping to keep your cemetery beautiful!

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace forever*

PSALM 72:2

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8

Patronal feast day of the United States of America. On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. * (This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my womb" (Ps 139:13). The Immaculate Conception is sometimes confused with the Annunciation. On this solemnity, consider praying Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception: "We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness."

We offer a school Mass at 8:15 am and an evening Mass at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 8.



Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Church Cleaning Crew	Usher	Server	Lector
Monday, December 8 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception	EM Needed - C-1 & Prepare Bread & Wine Helen Wagener - C-2 & Wash Vessels after Mass Suzi Johannigman - C-3 & Sign-In Coordinator Sandy Meyer - C-4 June Rigney - H-1 Glenn Tebbe - H-2 Darlene Banks - H-3 Anita Navarra - H-4 Karen Fisse - H-5 Patricia Louagie - H-6			Amelia Colin Katelyn Fisse Logan Fisse	Nancy Mirick
Tuesday, December 9 12:00 pm				Amelia Colin	
Thursday, December 11 5:30 pm				Abigail Porter	
Friday, December 12		Carol Reed Cleaning Crew			
Saturday, December 13 4:30 pm	Joan Greiwe Jayne McClelland - C-1 & Prepare Bread & Wine Chris McClelland - C-2 & Wash Vessels after Mass Garrett Schwering - C-3 & Sign-In Coordinator Sue Lebo - C-4 Father John Meyer - H-1 Christy Bokelman - H-2 Mike Bokelman - H-3 Carol Blasdel - H-4 Marilyn Davis - H-5 Mary Moore - H-6 Darlene Banks - H-7 Extra/Handicap		Kevin Bedel Al Blankman Paul Bruns Matt Miller Brian Schwering Josh Snapp	Maddox McClelland - (inexperienced) Jaden Shields Josie Shields	Theresa Schwering
Sunday, December 14 8:00 am	Helen Wagener Jennifer Nobbe - C-1 & Prepare Bread & Wine Brian Wenning - C-2 & Wash Vessels after Mass Glenn Tebbe - C-3 & Sign-In Coordinator Barb Bohman - C-4 Father John Meyer - H-1 Diann Reisman - H-2 Matt Slaven - H-3 Helen Wagener - H-4 Cindy Slaven - H-5 Kathy Nobbe - H-6 Marge Bruns - H-7 Extra/Handicap		Randy Hoeing Usher Needed Larry Nieman Sandy Nieman Mike Novak Mark Ricke	Alexandra Fry Marvin Mauer Isabel Trenkamp - (inexperienced)	Rick Nobbe
Sunday, December 14 10:00 am	Tom & Suzanne Horan Chris Tebbe - C-1 & Prepare Bread & Wine Kristy Tebbe - C-2 & Wash Vessels after Mass Paige Hash - C-3 & Sign-In Coordinator Linda Greiwe - C-4 Father John Meyer - H-1 Kathy Anderson - H-2 Wade Schutte - H-3 Staci Schutte - H-4 Marge Greiwe - H-5 Scott Mangels - H-6 Carol Koester - H-7 Extra/Handicap		Barb Christianson Matthew Gauck James Hagerty Art Koors Bill Powers Dan Schroeder	Addison Hoeing Penelope Terkhorn - (inexperienced) Eric Witkemper	Monty Shields

The School Zone

St. Mary's Archery Teams

The St. Mary's archery teams have been working on their aim for several weeks now. We have both an elementary and a middle school team and we have those who compete in target shooting as well as 3D targets (fake animals). The season is well under way with a few meets under their belts and already there have been personal records set and many individual and team top three finishes or better. Here are the students on the archery teams this year:

Middle School

Ayden Banks
Caitlin Bedel
Landon Bedel
Henry Dwenger
Jack Dwenger
Ronald Elliott
Sam Flaspohler
Landen Fuel
Harper Hankins
Isabella Harrison
James Head
Ivan Leon
Kendal Nesbit
Brett Noah
Erica Scheidler
Zoe Wade
Lilli Welsh
Henry Wenning

Elementary School

Maddalyn Bedel
Armando Cuautle Teles
Rhys Fox
Eva Harrison
Charlotte Hess
Henry Hess
Lyla Johannigmann
Victoria Koors
Kelsey Nesbit
George Rupp
Steven Scheidler
Gus Schwering
Emily Wade
Sam Welsh

Upcoming Events

December 8

December 8-12

December 8

December 11

December 12

December 15-19

December 16

December 18

Mass of the Immaculate Conception, 8:15 am

Agape Center collection

Boys' Basketball @ Home v. St Michael, 6:00 pm

Boys' Basketball @ Home v. North Decatur, 6:00 pm

Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, 8:15 am

St. Mary's Hot Meals food collection

Boys' Basketball @ Connersville, 6:00 pm

Boys' Basketball @ Home v. Morristown, 6:00 pm



Good luck to both teams for continued success this season!

Drive thru FREE Food Distribution

Saturday, December 13 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Bread of Life, 720 Randall St, Greensburg

An event for families in need in Southeastern Indiana-the Feed the Children Resource Rally! This event will provide free distribution of food, hygiene products, personal care items, and children's books/toys to 400 families. To participate, families just need to contact Greensburg Community Bread of Life via phone or email (812-663-1055 or greensburgbreadoflife@etczone.com). Families will get a voucher that they can exchange at the drive-thru resource giveaway on December 13th. The rally is a partnership between Feed the Children, Honda, and Greensburg Community Bread of Life to get resources to families in time for the holidays.

St. Lawrence Ladies Aux. Bake Sale

December 13-14, Before & after all Masses

Please stop by next weekend and get some delicious baked goods. Thank you for always supporting the St Lawrence Ladies Auxiliary!

Residents Encounter Christ—Volunteers Needed

Saturday, January 24

REC is planning their next weekends in the local jail, the last two weekends of January. St. Mary's has been asked to provide a meal on Saturday night, January 24th. We need volunteers to help plan and prepare this meal. If you would like the opportunity to help bring a special meal to the residents in our local jail, please call or text Carol Kramer at 812-614-0680.

Memorial Ornament Kit

St Mary's Bereavement Ministry Team invites families who have lost a loved one to pick up a Memorial Ornament Kit for their Christmas Tree. The kits are by the Holy Family Statue in the Gathering Space. We hope creating this ornament in memory of your loved one will bring you peace and comfort during this Holy Season.

Breakfast with Santa & the Grinch

Sunday, December 21 | 8:00 - 10:00 am

Knights of Columbus, 1308 W Main Street, Greensburg

Santa will arrive at 9:00 am. Free goodies for good little boys & girls. Public invited. Carry outs available. Free Will offering. Menu includes: pancakes, whole hog sausage, eggs, donuts, biscuits & gravy, etc.

Holy Fire— Middle School Event

Saturday, February 28 | 9:30 am— 5:30 pm

Pike Performing Arts Center, 6701 Zionsville Rd, Indpls, IN

At Holy Fire, middle school Catholics in grades 6-8 are invited and challenged to embrace their baptismal call and the powerful, relevant gospel of Jesus. Through talks by dynamic speakers, witness by peers, inspirational praise and worship, and rich experiences of the Sacraments, Holy Fire helps young people feel seen, welcomed, and invited into a life changing commitment to Christ. Contact Megan Miano at mmiano@stmarysgreensburg.com to sign-up.

Adult & Youth Faith Formation

"To serve with the purpose of enriching Catholic faith formation"

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP

8:50 am to 9:50 am (Between 8 am and 10 am Mass)

Beginning: January 11, 2026, through February 15, 2026

Cost for Book: ~\$12 (payable at first session)

"I feel silly trying to make up prayers myself."

"My mind starts to wander as I am speaking to God."

"I just don't have time to pray."

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements? Then the upcoming session on *Pray Fully* is for you. This book by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet of Ave Maria Press share real life experiences and practical advice and steps for overcoming obstacles to a richer prayer life. They also share basic prayer principles on how to become a woman of prayer, including tips from the lives and writings of saints; how to recognize when you need a "prayer boost" and how to live deeply in the sacraments, as well as how to make time for personal communication with Jesus. We hope you will join us as we strive to become Women of Prayer.



Please register by December 17, 2025, by calling the Parish Office (812-663-8427) so that we can make sure we have enough copies of the book available.

For all the 2026 offerings for the Sunday Morning Women's Faith Share Group, see the flier in the kiosks in the gathering space.

Christmas Blessing Boxes

Help the Agape Center create Christmas Blessing Boxes. Add items like those listed below to a reusable box, storage tote, or laundry basket and return to the Agape Center on or before December 16th. These baskets will be distributed in the middle of December to those in Decatur County who need a Christmas dinner and who cannot afford to have the Christmas dinner they deserve. The boxes should feed at least a family of 4, but most households have an average of 6. Remember there are children in the homes, adding candy or cookies would be a great addition for a treat. When buying canned products, pop tops work best if possible or adding a can opener.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.Box of Cereal | 10.Macaroni and Cheese | 17.Jello Mixes or Cups | 26.Soup |
| 2.Instant Oatmeal | (preferably soft cheese | 18.Canned or Jarred Applesauce | 27.Can Corn |
| 3.Jar of Peanut Butter | packs) | 19.Canned Fruit | 28.Can Green Beans |
| 4.Jar of Jelly | 11.Canned or Boxed Broth | 20.Canned Tomatoes | 29.Can Carrots |
| 5.Pancake or Bisquick Mix | 12.Canned or Jar Gravy | 21.Spaghetti | 30.Can Mixed Vegetables |
| 6.Syrup | 13.Oil | 22.Spaghetti Sauce | 31.Meat (Frozen or Canned) |
| 7.Stuffing Mix | 14.Cake Mix | 23.Jar or Dry Beans | example: Turkey, Ham, |
| 8.Instant Potatoes | 15.Icing | 24.Corn Bread Mix | Chicken |
| 9.Canned Sweet Potatoes | 16.Pudding Mixes or Cups | 25.Crackers | |

Drop Location is 906 W 4th St, (Springmeyer Family Insurance) You can also leave your box at St. Mary's Parish library. Thank you! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kimberly Springmeyer (812) 614-0270 or Agape President, Karen Smith (812) 662-4259.

Retirement Reception- Celebrating the Retirement of Our Business Manager, Andy Beetz

Sunday, December 14 | After 10:00 am Mass

After 17 years of dedicated service to our parish, we joyfully announce the retirement of Andy Beetz, our Business Manager. His faithful stewardship and commitment have been a blessing to our community, and we are deeply grateful for his many contributions.

Please join us for a retirement reception immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14, 2025, in the Large Assembly Room. This will be a wonderful opportunity to thank him personally and to celebrate his years of service.

All are warmly invited to attend!

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Available Hours

Tuesday..... 2:00 pm

Friday 2:00 am

Are you interested in the above hours or being a substitute for the Chapel? Hours vary weekly. We would love to have you! If interested, please contact Linda Ortman at 812-614-4553.

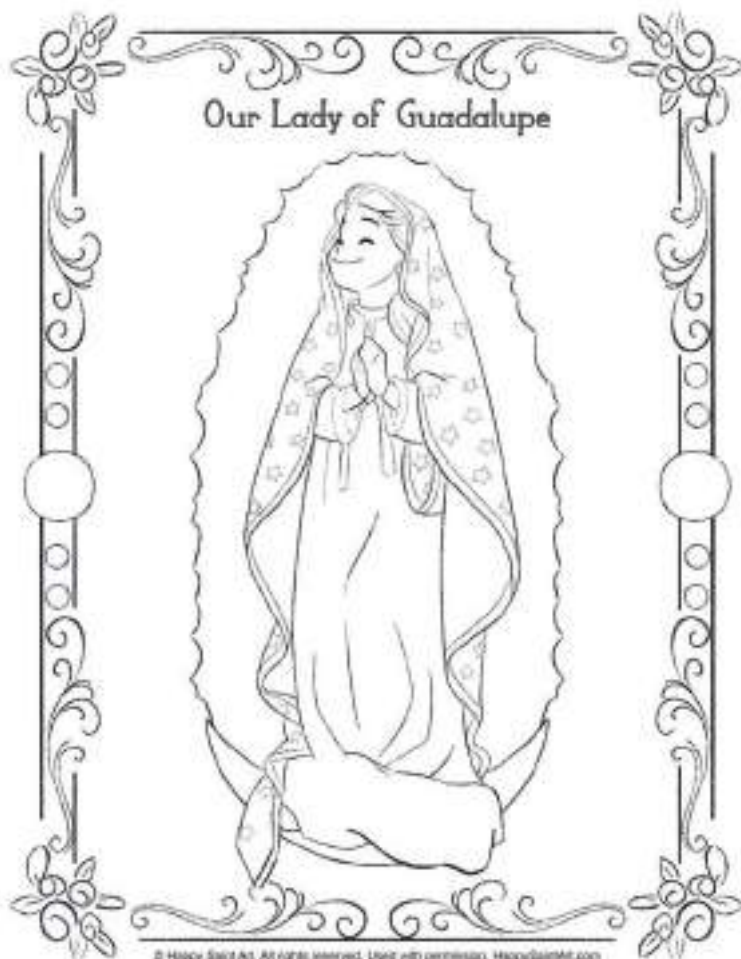
National Catholic Youth Conference– Thank you!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donations and faithful prayers. Because of your kindness, our group was able to attend NCYC—a powerful, faith-filled experience that brought us closer to Christ and to one another. We returned inspired, encouraged, and grateful for the incredible community that made this journey possible. Please know that we kept you in our prayers throughout the weekend and will continue to do so. Thank you for believing in us and supporting our faith journey.



Kids Corner

"And he took them up in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." Luke 18:17



Santa Breakfast



Knights of St. John
South Wilder St
Greensburg, IN



Sunday December 14th, 2025
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Biscuits and Gravy,
Pancakes, Sausage,
Eggs, Pastries,
Coffee, Juice and
Milk

Carry-outs Available
Free Will Offering
Everyone is Welcome



Santa 9 - 11



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Batesville Deanery

- Dec. 2, 7 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, Greensburg
- Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m. at St. Maurice Parish, Napoleon
- Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at All Saints, St. Martin Campus, Dearborn County
- Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
- Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
- Dec. 11, 6:30-8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, Millhousen
- Dec. 12, 6-7 p.m. at St. John Parish, Osgood
- Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg Site, Decatur County
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Louis Parish, Batesville
- Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora
- Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville
- Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. & Saturdays 4-5 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan
- Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. & Saturdays 4-5 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Morris
- Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. & Saturdays 4-5 p.m. at SS. Philomena and Cecilia, Brookville
- Saturdays after 8:30 a.m. Masses at St. Nicholas Parish, Ripley County

A Pilgrimage to
GERMANY & AUSTRIA

SEPTEMBER 14 - 22, 2026
with Father John Meyer

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Virgen de Guadalupe

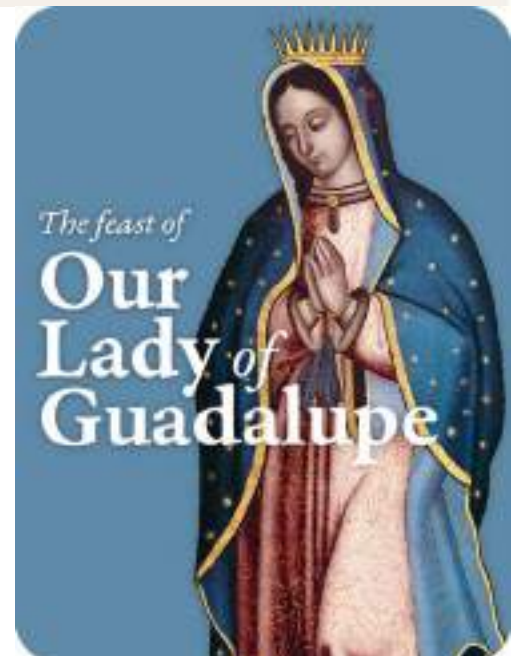
La misa de nuestra escuela el Viernes 12 de diciembre a las 8:15 am será en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Misa en español

viernes 12 de diciembre 8:15 am

Spanish Mass

Friday, December 12 8:15 am



Que no se turbe tu corazón. ¿No estoy ya aquí? ¿No estás bajo de mi protección? No te aflijas ni te turbes por nada.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE





The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201-2367
317-236-1403

26 November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Retirement Fund for Religious was established in 1988 to help religious communities provide for senior members' current and future retirement and healthcare needs. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are distributed to support the direct care of our aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. In 2023 parishioners from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis contributed approximately \$236,154.00 to the collection. Because of your generosity and that of donors from across the United States, the Benedictine Monks of St. Meinrad, the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Mount St. Francis, the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg received a combined total of over \$2,018,664.00 in financial support.

The annual collection for 2025 will take place in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, December 13 - 14, 2025. The escalating costs of prescriptions and healthcare make this collection an important source of funding for religious communities. Out of gratitude for their lives of dedication and service, I urge you to be as generous as you can to ensure the care of our sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The benefits of your generosity cannot be overstated. In this season of gratitude I offer prayers for you and your families, as well as for the blessings the Church enjoys from the hands of men and women religious.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis

The Beauty of the Sacraments

Friday January 16th - Sunday 18th, 2026

Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, Bloomington, IN

Come and enjoy this weekend retreat with Karlo Broussard, a regular guest on "Catholic Answers Live" and a frequent contributor to "Catholic Answers Magazine Online".

He will be speaking on "The Beauty of the Sacraments." For more retreat information or to register, call 812-825-4642 ext: 1OR Scan the QR code.



Quiet Day of Renewal

Friday, December 12 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg, IN

Experience a day of renewal and relaxation. Spend some quiet on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis. Experience Spiritual Direction. Register at www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org or call (812)933-6437

Virtual, in-person Taizé prayer

Tuesday, December 9 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for song, quiet contemplation and inspiring readings during the ecumenical Taizé Prayer service. People of all faith traditions are welcome. Join us in person in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods or via livestream. Find a livestream link and learn more at Taize.SistersofProvidence.org.

E6 Catholic Men's Conference—Christmas Discount

Saturday, February 21 | 8:00 am– 3:30 pm

East Central High School Performing Arts Center, St. Leon, IN

Give the gift of faith this Christmas! Throughout the month of December, E6 Catholic Men's Conference tickets are \$10 off with the promo code CHRISTMAS.

The conference takes place February 21, 2026 at East Central High School and offers powerful speakers, fellowship, Confession, Adoration, and incredible formation for men.

Tickets: E6CatholicMensConference.com

OA Lucky Buck Raffle

This raffle is a year long raffle beginning October 3, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Each buyer will have 66 chances to win cash. Tickets sell for \$20 (3 for \$50) with drawings taking place every Friday for \$100, the last day of the month for \$500 and December 8 for \$1,000 and August 15, 2026 for \$1,000. All proceeds help fund programs for OA students. Each winning ticket is returned to the drawing barrel for another chance to win! Info: call the OA Advancement Office at 812-933-0737. License #002071 - 163632

St. Anthony's 39th Live Nativity

Friday & Saturday, December 12 & 13 | 5:00– 9:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4773 Church Rd. Morris, IN

All are welcome to join us for this free event! Enjoy a live manger scene, live animals, and Christmas Carols. Local musicians will be performing outdoors/indoors throughout the evening! Sweet treats & hot beverages provided.

Free Drive-Thru Christmas Light Display

November 28 - January 4 | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Closes at 9 pm on Sundays)

St Teresa Campus, 23345 Gavin Lane, Bright, IN 47025

Come enjoy "Bright Lights" every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Saturday, December 13, celebrate the Feast of St. Lucy, whose name means "light." Gather with friends for a cozy evening of hot chocolate, cookies, and community as we honor this beautiful saint from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Ars Café & Meeting House. Visit www.brightlightsindiana.com or call 513-788-2326 for more information.

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