Mission Statement
We, the people of Mary, Queen of Peace, are called to be a Catholic faith community centered around prayer and worship and embodying Gospel values. We are a family of Christians committed to growth in faith and holiness as signs of God’s presence in the world. We act in imitation of Christ, by reaching beyond ourselves in service to others.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 22  
No Mass.

Tuesday, February 23  
5:30 p.m. No Mass.

Wednesday, February 24  
8:30 a.m. No Mass.

Thursday, February 25  
5:10 p.m. † Rosary.  
5:30 p.m. In loving memory of Alice Harvey.

Friday, February 26  
8:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Katelyn Neureiter. Rosary.

Saturday, February 27  
5:00 p.m. † In loving memory of Marian Schneider.

Sunday, February 28  3rd Sunday of Lent  
8:00 a.m. † For our family, Mary, Queen of Peace.  
10:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Kathy Savoldi.

Treasure  
Collection for February 14, 2016

This Week's Regular Collection (140 envelopes) $6,141.71
This Week's Gold Envelope Collection (15 envelopes) $529.00
Ash Wednesday Collection $747.14
Propagation of the Faith (7 envelopes) $80.00
Criterion Subscriptions (11 envelopes) $225.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date $250,206.00
Actually Received $265,299.48
Variance to Budget $ + 15,093.48

United Catholic Appeal  
U.C.A. pledges to-date total: $37,469.00

A Holy Year of Mercy  
"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"  
(Luke 6:36)  
February 20-21, 2016: Roman Curia: For those who serve the universal Church within the Roman Curia in the Vatican, we pray to the Lord.

West Deanery Year of Mercy

On the weekend of Friday, March 4, from 9:00 a.m. until Saturday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m., Fr. Michael O'Mara and the Priests of the West Deanery will be hosting 24 hours of Mercy at St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th Street, Indianapolis. This will be a time of prayer, worship, and experiencing God’s Mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation for 24 hours! There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this entire time as well as priests available for confession, even until the late evening and early morning. Please join us sometime, day or night and experience this time of prayer and God’s mercy! Light snacks will be served and groups from West Deanery parishes will be leading prayer.

Lenten Obligations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE.

ALL other Fridays are days of ABSTINENCE.

Other Lenten sacrifices should be chosen by each one according to circumstances. Ideally these will include: increased prayer, almsgiving, good works, and the voluntary surrender of some pleasure.

FAST: Obligatory for all Catholics from 18 to 59 years of age. One full meal is allowed; the other two meals together should not equal another full meal. Snacking between meals is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE: Obligatory for Catholics from the 14th birthday. On these days no meat is allowed.

During the solemn season of Lent there will be no flowers placed before the statue of Mary. They will return at Easter. Your contribution for flowers to remember or honor someone will be accepted, and used after Easter.

For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Bob Elliott, Ken Warner, Betty Schmutte, Rita Fritsch, David Sheets, Bob Sturm, Pauline Cave, Eva Tax, Meeda Lentz, Carlos Bessolo, Jean Mathis, and Felicia Osmialowski.

We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.

Prayer Line

If you know of someone who needs the special healing power of prayer, or to become a part of this ministry, call Fran Strauss at 317-745-5640.
“God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel, and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men.”  
1 Thessalonians 2:4

+ Dear Friends,

This weekend, our parish welcomes Rev. John Fischer, of Cross International. Priests of Cross International have visited us many times before. I thank you all for your hospitality shown to Father!

“Your presence, Lord, I seek.” These words from today’s responsorial psalm sum up the mind-set of Lent. Amid the many distractions that can draw our attention away from God, we come to this holy place called Mary Queen of Peace to not only seek, but find, Christ’s eternal Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist!

On Mt. Tabor, our Lord allowed Himself to be recognized in the fullness of His Divinity by three of His disciples. He reveals Himself in glory so that, when there occurs in Jerusalem all that must pass in His Passion and death, these three would remember and understand that Jesus freely gave Himself up for us and our salvation. The Transfiguration of our Lord gives us all a hint of enduring Eucharistic Presence!

In the person of Christ’s priest, in the proclaimed word, in the gathered assembly but above all, in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is present with and for us. What a gift! Let us open our eyes, our ears and our souls to the transfiguring love and compassion of Jesus on this Second Sunday of Lent!

Don’t forget that the Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion are offered each Friday of Lent beginning at 6:00 p.m. I want to thank Nick Schmutte and Dave Adams for filling in for me at the Stations! The first Friday of Stations, I was down at the Retreat Center in Bloomington getting things ready for our Confirmation Retreat. The 21st, OK, I admit it, Monsignor Stumpf, our Vicar General, and I are someplace warm! I will be leading the remainder of the Stations this Lent. It’s a great opportunity for families to pray together in Lent. Also, remember Confessions are heard each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m.!

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us continue to pray for one another daily. Offer little sacrifices for the parish and individuals you may know in need of heightened prayer. May God, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion!

Let’s Go to the Holy Land!

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Broadcast of Bill Wegner’s Interview with Catholic Radio Re-Scheduled

The broadcast of the interview on Catholic Radio with Bill Wegner from Good News Ministries, which was done while he was here for our mission, has been rescheduled to a new date and time. Tune in to Catholic Radio . Indy 89.1 FM, March 7 – 12: Monday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m., and Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Participate in Lent through Project Rice Bowl - an opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pick up your rice bowl in the religious education building, and follow along with the pamphlet as you make your contributions. If you gave up candy for Lent, for instance, you could put the money you would have spent on candy into the rice bowl. We will be collecting the rice bowls the week after Easter.

The Religious Education department is looking for future catechists. You can review a job description on the narthex bulletin board or talk with Matthew for more information, or to nominate someone for the position.

Additional Town Hall Meetings

Don’t miss out on the next town hall meeting! We want your input. We will be offering a town hall meeting between the morning Masses on February 28. We will be sharing the same information that was outlined in the first sessions and gathering additional feedback. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Share Your Heart Fundraiser

It’s just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19 (third Saturday in March). Join your parish family for an evening of fun, including a spaghetti dinner and live auction. Look for more information to come in the weeks ahead. If you have auction items to donate or if you need help with ideas, please contact Beth Cherry at 847-6576 or Michelle Pritchett at 446-1869.

Order Easter Chocolates

Chocolate Easter treats from Confection Delights in Danville are available for order! Drop the bunnies; get a real milk chocolate cross. Order sheets are available in the narthex after the Masses in February.

‘Frydays at MQP’ - our Lenten fish fries have begun! Come to enjoy our hand-battered fish, and a variety of sides. This year we plan to offer soups and grilled cheese for those who don’t want fish. Eat in the hall, or take dinner home. The fish fries are looking for donations of desserts or soups.

Prices hold steady - $9 or less for adults, $6 for kids 6-12, 5 and under free, $30 family ticket, and smaller takeout meals $6 or less. A la carte as well.

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Another teen has decided to join us on our mission trip! There is still time for you to join us. If the cost is keeping you from coming along, we can help. Some generous donors have given scholarship money to help someone who wouldn't otherwise be able to go. Talk to Matthew for details.

We will be working in Harlan County, Kentucky from July 10-16. Find out more at catholicmissiontrips.net, and get ready to change lives - including yours.

The fish fries have started; thanks to those who helped to-date! We will continue to need your help for our biggest fundraiser! We will host on Friday evenings until March 18 (not Good Friday - 6 in all). You may work a shift, or the entire evening. Shifts are: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Schedule your work with Matthew now to be sure to get the slot you want.

We need help at our table where we are selling Easter chocolates. Sign-up with Matthew to work for 10 minutes after the Masses. Since we are collecting money, we need to have an adult join us at the table. Chocolate crosses, eggs, even Last Supper treats for Easter will be available for order in the narthex after the Masses in February. Profits will go toward our summer mission trip.

Hungering For Opportunity

This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkhamis uses her love of cooking to provide for her family - and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. Adults of the parish can join the children in our Religious Education classes in the Rice Bowl program. Take a look at the display in the narthex and take home your rice bowl today!