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.
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.

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.

Collection for February 28, 2016

This Week's Regular Collection (156 envelopes) $8,387.76
This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (7 envelopes) $175.00
Propagation of the Faith (2 envelopes) $85.00
Criterion Subscriptions (13 envelopes) $289.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date $271,788.00
Actually Received $265,826.75
Variance to Budget $  + 14,038.75

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our recent Family Promise hosting week was a great success, and it’s thanks to all of our terrific volunteers. It was a great week and the families were very appreciative. Thank you to all who donated items; to those who helped set-up and tear-down (Tom and Marianne Novak, Betty Strauss, Chris Cherry, Andy Kult, the Petree Family, Allan Miller, Ron and Nick Beaman, Jeremy Flaherty, Michael and Janelle Morris); to those who prepared meals and fellowship (the Pritchett Family, the Wigger Family, Tom and Mary O’Brien, Elvin and Kathy Cassidy, and MQP Youth Group); and to those who stayed overnight (Chris Cherry, Andy Kult, Michelle Pritchett, Tom Grundman, Anna Wray, Matthew and AnnaMarie Fallon, John and Jane Albright, and Chris Petree). Also, a special thank you to Ron and Nick Beaman, who removed snow from the sidewalks and parking lot on Sunday night.

Our next hosting week is May 8-15. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more about Family Promise, feel free to contact Kylie Kult or Beth Cherry, or go to our website and click on the Family Promise tab.

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Beth Cherry, beth@thecherrybunch.com, 317-847-6576

Because of earlier publication deadlines for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the deadline for submission of items for those bulletins has been moved up. Items must be in by 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, for the March 20 (Palm Sunday) bulletin, and 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, for the March 27 (Easter Sunday) bulletin. Thank you.
"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,

Once again, this time of Lent, the Church observes **Laetare Sunday.** From the Latin meaning “rejoice,” it is a day to pause for a brief moment in our Lenten journey to rejoice over the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate most especially during the Sacred Triduum, ending with Easter Sunday. The solemn violet vestments are laid aside and the beautiful rose ones take their place. When I was younger, we always looked forward to Laetare; it meant Easter was on the way!

The first reading reminded us that the Father removed the reproach of Egypt from the Israelites. In other words, He removed their subjection to slavery, misery and years of oppression.

Like the ancient Israelites, we, too, have been freed, through the holy Sacraments of Baptism and Penance, from the oppression of sin and death. As we hear in the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son in today’s Gospel, “your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” And that is definitely cause for our rejoicing!

St. Augustine has an interesting notion: the elder son’s resentment at the mercy shown his irresponsible younger brother, shows that what truly upsets him is not his brother’s sin, but his own lack of opportunity to sin… or so he thought. Naturally, this entire parable prefigures the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. So, whenever our Father sees a repentant sinner coming back to life in grace, He sees His Beloved Son. No small wonder God “runs” out to meet us in the holy sacraments!

St. Paul today expresses this as he says: “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away.”

Today, a day of rejoicing, focus on the ways that you have moved from the oppression of sin to a life of freedom. Have you? Through the Most Holy Eucharist, have you experienced being a “new creation?”

Remember to gather on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. to offer the Stations of the Cross. Also remember, Confessions are being heard each Wednesday of Lent from 6:00-7:00 p.m. as well as the usual Saturday afternoon time period!

Have a prayer-full Lenten week everyone. See you at Daily Mass!

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**Share Your Heart Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 19!** Volunteers are needed for the following tasks. Sign up for 2-hour time slots:

**Friday, March 18**
- Auction Set-up 10:00-12:00, 12:00-2:00
- Table Cleaning 10:00-12:00

**Saturday, March 19**
- Table Set-up 11:00-1:00
- Kitchen Help 2:00-4:00, 4:00-6:00 (biggest need), 6:00-7:00
- Buffet Servers 5:30-7:00
- Auction Help 6:30-8:30, 8:30-10:00

If you can help with any of these tasks/time slots, please contact Beth Cherry at 847-6576 or Michelle Pritchett at 446-1869. Feel free to text us! Also, if you have auction items to donate, please contact us. In addition to purchased items, please consider your personal talents and hobbies as sources for auction items. Help us make this year another great success!

**Your Help is Needed**

Our candidates for confirmation will receive the sacrament on the evening of Tuesday, May 3rd. Our parish is responsible for supplying some of the liturgical help at the Indianapolis cathedral that night: ushers, Eucharistic ministers, one more server. Can you help make the final initiation of our teens into the Church a special and memorable event? Orientation at the cathedral is available that evening. Call Matthew in the office to volunteer your service. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone (many!) who has pitched in to help our youth at the fish fries in various ways. We also appreciate all the home-made soups and desserts that people have donated. You have made our menu that much better! There are two more weeks to enjoy the dinners.

**Religious Education**

The level 8 class will be leading a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross between the Masses on Sunday, March 13, at 9:15 a.m. Anyone who would like to join us for this devotional prayer is welcome!

Religious education classes will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. They will resume on April 3rd.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Knights of Columbus cordially advise our friends and fellow parishioners to join us for breakfast on Sunday, March 13, from 9:00 to noon. One of the best breakfasts this side of the Rocky Mountains, plenty to eat, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, milk and juice - all you can enjoy for an at-will donation. God Bless and see you all there.

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### Liturgical Meditations

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### Weekend of March 12 & 13

#### COORDINATORS
- **Saturday, March 12, 2016**
  - 6:00 p.m. - The Middle School youth are travelling to Avon to play laser tag and enjoy an Orange Leaf on March 13. Beth Dieckmann has more info.

#### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

- **Saturday, March 12, 2016**
  - 8:00 a.m. - Ciborium: JoAnn Morton
  - 10:30 a.m. - Ciborium: Dennis Graves
  - Marcia Castagno, Gina Perry

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**At A Glance Parish Calendar**

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**Women’s Club Meeting**

The Women's Club meeting is this Tuesday, March 8. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. Last month we filled out the "Secret Sister" forms. If you were unable to attend that evening you will still have a chance to do so Tuesday. Also keep gathering up your items for the rummage sale. April 7th and 8th will be here soon.

**Catholic Women’s Conference**

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference will be held on March 19th at the Marriott in Downtown Indianapolis hosted by the Marian Center and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. A great day is planned with great speakers, Archbishop Tobin to celebrate Mass, a great luncheon buffet and lots booths. It is a great day and way to experience the love of God in your lives. To find out more go to http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com/ or call: 317-888-0873.

Would you like to see the movie "The Young Messiah", about the life of Christ as a youth like yourself? It will be playing at a theatre in Avon on March 11. We have access to cheap tickets. Give Matthew Fallon or Joyce Schmitt a shout.

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