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 Schedule
Saturday Anticipation 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Weekday Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday; 3:30-4:30 pm, before any Mass, or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:30 Mass. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage
Barbara Taylor—Wedding Coordinator—941.961.2487
dbt1412@yahoo.com
Contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing
In an emergency, call the Parish Office at anytime. If you or a loved one are hospitalized, confined to home, or residing at a health care facility, contact the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
Inquiry classes begin in September as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Contact Jeff Earl 317.626.0811 or rcia@mqpdanville.org.

Bulletin Deadline
Please submit bulletin announcements by 10:00 pm on Sunday’s to amw1005@quest.net, also a copy to patsmooney@indy.rr.com and tjmobrien@sbcglobal.net Thank you.
For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Ken Warner, Rita Fritsch, Pauline Cave, Meeda Lentz, Don Fritsch, Peggy Cave, Marie Wimsett, Paul Leondis, Velma Spears, and Tom Strauss. 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.

Shared Blessings
Donations Needed

Shared Blessings Food Bank provides food and encouragement to families who struggle to make ends meet. The pantry currently serves 50-60 families per week! They are always in need of non-perishable items. Their current needs are: soup, spaghetti, ravioli, peanut butter and jelly. Please place all items in the basket at the entrance of the church. Proverbs 11:25: "The soul who blesses will prosper, whoever satisfies others will also be satisfied."

Test Your Knowledge of the Catholic Faith

Ever hear of the show "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader?" Now you can find out if you know more about the Catholic faith than our parish religious education students! We test the Level 5 and Level 8 classes every year to gauge our class effectiveness. Any parishioner is invited to try the high-school-junior-level class to see the type of information with which the archdiocese wants our students to be familiar. Our testing is scheduled for January 15th. Please contact Matthew in the office by Christmas to reserve a test. Sorry, we can't offer any monetary prizes. Results will not be made public!
Dear Friends,

If your heart feels like a dry desert and God seems so very far away, then the reading today from the prophet Isaiah is meant for you. Truly, it is meant for all of us.

He speaks to us today that God is coming (indeed, He has come!) with life-giving “rain” to save us, then the desert “will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.”

In this holy time of Advent, Jesus wants to bless us with rain from heaven in order that our lives may bloom with hope. Are we afraid? Isaiah tells us: “Fear not!” We may think it impossible to live unafraid; at times it seems that way. And yet, we are repeatedly encouraged and commanded to live without fear. God wants us to be fearless. Trust Christ and live free from fear.

In the second reading, St. James says we may need to be patient for this trust to flower in our lives. Be patient, like the farmer awaiting his crops. “Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

Finally, our Lord showers divine “rain” upon us: “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed.” His holy “rain” is the grace given us through His Bride the Church in the seven Sacraments. Incarnate within Himself, He offers us the means of eternal life. It’s no small wonder then, that the Church calls this Third Sunday of Advent “GAUDETE SUNDAY”…rejoice!

When I first became a pastor, it was at St. Paul the Apostle in Greencastle. When that first Christmas rolled around, I began a custom which I continued through my time there as well as St. John’s in Bloomington, and have continued the custom here at St. Mary’s. Each Advent, I ask that a second collection be taken up in order to give each of our seminarians a personal Christmas gift from the parish; letting them know that we pray for them at each Mass and for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood. This is a personal gift to the men, not to the diocese. It means so much to them to know that there are parishes that think of them at Christmas and pray for them and their holy vocation to priesthood!

NEXT WEEKEND, we will continue the custom and take up a collection for them from Mary, Queen of Peace! I THANK YOU for your generous support of our seminarians! Never forget, they pray for us as well! Again, thank-you!

As we continue our Advent journey to the glory of Christmas, let us continue to pray for one another and for all those who have asked us to pray for them at this special time of the year!

God bless you all!

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**Adult Religious Education**

**Mary, A Biblical Walk**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary’s earthly life, taking you through her joys and sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way may change you. She will become part of your daily life and help you become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., January 15 through Sunday, March 5. Evening class sessions will be held Wednesday, January 18, and then Thursdays through March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $30.00 per person. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Registration will continue only through next weekend, December 18, so that we may order the class books in time for the first class.
On Sunday, December 18, we will be having a service project night for Christmas. We will be making packages to send to Gatlinburg, TN, for those who need help due to the fires. The event will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will have cookies and milk for a snack. Please show up to help the less fortunate!

If you would like to help donate, you may donate items such as over-the-counter medicine, baby and child needs (diapers, clothes, stuffed animals, clothes), adult garments (men and women sizes), toiletries (men and women deodorant, lotion, soap, feminine hygiene products), blankets and towels, and place bags. You can put them right by the youth room downstairs. Donations are needed by December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Women’s Club Christmas Party

Christ is Born! All women over 18, come celebrate Christmas with the Women’s Club on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement. Bring a dessert or appetizer and a white elephant gift (if you would like). This is an excellent time for fellowship. If you have a Secret Sister, remember this is the reveal date. If you have questions, contact Jan Adams at 508-4458.

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**At A Glance Parish Calendar**

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**Liturgical Meditations**

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

**Tuesday, December 13 2016**
Zechariah 3:1-2, 9-13/Psalms 34/Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**
Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Psalms 85/Luke 7:18b-23

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**
Isaiah 54:1-10/Psalms 30/Luke 7:24-30

**Friday, December 16, 2016**
Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8/Psalms 67/John 5:33-36

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**
Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalms 72/Matthew 1:1-17

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**
Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalms 24/Romans 1:1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

**Weekend of December 17 & 18**

**COORDINATORS**
5:00 p.m. Margie Williams
8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pell
10:30 a.m. Ann Mooney

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**
5:00 p.m. Alex Earl, Tonya Earl
          Roman Kmlickewycz, Jim Schweizer
8:00 a.m. Michael Corbitt, Debbie Green
          Dick Harvey, John Ulcine
10:30 a.m. Joan Kimbley, Emily Morris
          Michael Morris, Janelle Morris II

**READERS**
5:00 p.m. D.J. DesJarlais, Miriam Orelup
8:00 a.m. Greg Purvis, Logan Walliser
10:30 a.m. Anna Marie Fallon, Carra Origer

**SERVERS**
5:00 p.m. Korey Berg, Sebastian Whetstone
8:00 a.m. Olivia Pell, Leslie Pell
10:30 a.m. Nina Fallon, Clara Petree

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
5:00 p.m. Bob Freed, George Juza
          Tom Konechnik, Renaye Parsey
          Judy Schneider
8:00 a.m. Margie Cope, Beth Dieckman
          Anita Dieckman, Nick Pell
          Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m. Marcia Castagno, Vince Castagno
          Dixie Chaille, Matthew Fallon
          Andy Kult, Mary Lovejoy
          Kim Lovejoy