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 at 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm, before any Mass, or anytime by appointment.
For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Pauline Cave, Peggy Cave, Bob Elliott, Geraldine Ehrsam, Rita Fritsch, Jim Goldman, Denny Kashman, Felicia Osmialowski, Goldie Parsons, and Gene Trapp. 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 August 20, 2017

This Week’s Regular Collection (131 envelopes) $6,337.30
This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (4 envelopes) $125.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (54 envelopes) $1,199.25
Budgeted Year-To-Date $66,192.00
Actually Received $61,478.80
Variance to Budget ($4,713.20)

WILLKOMMEN TO OKTOBERFEST 2017! This year’s event is Saturday evening, September 16, starting at 5:00 p.m. (Mass will be at 4:00 that day.) Come join your parish family for some great German food, live music, and lots of activities including the following: Adult corn hole tournament (entry fee is $20 per team. Winning team will take up to $160). Kids corn hole tournament. Lots of kids games including an obstacle course and bounce house. Dunk tank style game. Cake walk hosted by the Women’s Club. MQP Oktoberfest beer mugs ($12 each, includes 2 beer tickets). Father Mike in his now famous lederhosen. Raffle.

We are seeking donations for the silent auction to be held during Oktoberfest. Some ideas are electronic items, sporting event tickets, themed gift baskets and handmade items. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact Michelle Pritchett at 317-446-1868 or Joe Pecar at 317-840-1401. Thanks much!!

Tickets are now available every weekend after each Mass and on the day of the event. $15 per person/$25 per couple; kids under 13 are $5. Please invite neighbors and friends, and if possible buy your tickets in advance. Please note that this is our main fundraiser, and a fun way to support your parish. We hope to see you there!

Donations Needed

The Women’s Club is asking for your support with your canned fruits, jams, jellies, vegetables, juices for our Country Cupboard at the annual Christmas Bazaar this year. If you are crafty and have any other items you would like to donate, we will accept all. We will begin to collect items in October. Questions, call Anita at 317-745-6493.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

St. Malachy
Saturday, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Or anytime by appointment

St. Susanna
Saturday, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Mary, Queen of Peace
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment
“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,

Last week’s Gospel focused our attention on the persistent (remember, some would say pushy!) Canaanite woman, to whom Jesus said, “O woman, great is your faith.”

Today our attention is drawn back to Saint Peter, whom our Lord names as the “Rock” upon which He will build His Church. It was to St. Peter that Jesus proclaimed, “You are Peter...to you I will give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

At times it can be somewhat difficult for us to see the correlation between the readings that comprise the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. At other times, it’s not difficult at all. Today is one of those occasions.

For the people first hearing the Gospels, the imagery of “keys” being entrusted to another was quite common. They knew well the Old Testament story from Isaiah we shared today; the story of Shebna and Eliakim.

Eliakim became in effect, the Prime Minister of the Palace; carrying the keys of the palace upon his shoulder and chest. He acted in the person of the king. To him was given the responsibility of either allowing people access to the king or barring their entrance. It was no idle or insignificant position.

Borrowing this truism, our Lord Jesus Christ declared Peter to be His representative; to be the one entrusted with the keys to His eternal Kingdom both on earth as well as in heaven. This, too, was and remains an office of supreme importance in the Church. It was to Peter and his successors, that Christ entrusted His Bride, the Church. He would never leave the Church without leadership and without His voice.

At times, I don’t believe we really appreciate the great treasure and comfort Christ has given us. In a world filled with contrasting and conflicting voices and values, we look to the Successor of St. Peter for reassurance and the authority of Christ Himself. Pope Francis is not the Vicar of Peter; he is the Vicar of Christ!

Ultimately, we have to confess we are a people who don’t much care for others telling us what to do. It is somehow “wired” into our minds to rebel and resist, even when we know it is in our best interest. It is an unfortunate consequence of Original Sin really. First, Lucifer rebelled against God. Next, our first parents, Adam and Eve, fell to the same obsession of pride to rebel against the voice of God. They chose to be “gods” themselves. And, we live with the results to our very day.

Yes, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we were “set aright” and washed clean of this Original Sin. However, the propensity to resist remains a part of us. Like St. Peter himself, we, too, can fall and deny Jesus; choosing our own authority; our own “gods.”

Next weekend, Fr. Mark Gottemoeller will be with us here at MQP. I thank Fr. Mark for filling in for me. He enjoys coming here. I know you will make him feel welcome once more! Danke, bitte!

This week, the parish will offer the gift of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, August 31, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will NOT be Benediction or Mass offered on First Friday.

Indiana Catholic Men’s Conference
The annual Indiana Men’s Conference will be held Saturday, September 30, at the downtown convention center, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:40 p.m. The conference is to bring men closer to Christ, to strengthen families by strengthening husbands and fathers, to inform all men, including high school students, about the wonders of the Catholic faith; the obstacles that pull men away from strong relationships with God and their families; and how to better prioritize the true meaning of our faith in every part of our lives.

There will be great speakers, vendors, lunch, reconciliation, fellowship. Early bird ticket sales online until September 9 are $50, group rate (10+) is $45, students are only $30. If you would like to be part of the MQP delegation, contact Matthew Fallon in the office.

At A Glance Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 27
9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, August 28
Tuesday, August 29

Wednesday, August 30
10:00 a.m. Adult Education - Weekly Mass Readings Explained

Thursday, August 31
6:00 p.m. P.U.R.E. Meeting

Friday, September 1
Saturday, September 2

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 27, 2017
**Liturgical Meditations**

**Monday, August 28, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b/ Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Psalm 139:1-6/Mark 6:17-29

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Psalm 139:7-12ab/ Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday, August 31, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/ Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday, September 1, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/Psalm 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/ Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday, September 2, 2017**
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Psalm 98:1, 7-9/ Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**
Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9/Romans 12:1-2/ Matthew 16:21-27

**Photographers Needed**

We are looking for some people willing to take photos at various parish events. If you would be willing to help out with this endeavor, please contact Mary O’Brien at tjmo-brien@sbcglobal.net

**Answers to the previous questions:** There are a total of 11 high schools in the archdiocese: Cardinal Ritter, Scecina Memorial, Bishop Chatard, Roncalli, Providence Cristo Rey, Cathedral, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory, Shaw Memorial (Madison), Our Lady of Providence (Clarksville), Oldenburg Academy (Oldenburg), and Seton H.S. (Richmond). It was Cardinal Ritter who integrated the Indianapolis Catholic high schools.

This week’s questions:

a) There is an archabbey in southern Indiana which is responsible for the priestly preparation and formation of most of the priests in our archdiocese (and that of several others). It also educates lay people and holds formative retreats. What is the name of this archabbey?

b) When was the archabbey founded by the good monks immigrating from Einsiedeln, Switzerland?

Look here next week for the answers!

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Families may still register their child(ren) for religious education classes by contacting Matthew through the week, or seeing him in the RE office at the beginning of class time. Remember to add $15 to your payment for late registration please.

Adult religious education classes are beginning the second week of September. **Deadline for registrations is August 27th!** The first study offered is the Great Adventure Series "Matthew, the King and His Kingdom" with Jeff Cavins. We will offer two sections: Sunday from 9:10 to 10:20, and Mondays at 7:30 p.m., depending on participation.

The second, shorter study is also on the Gospel of Matthew. Again, an initial class is offered on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m., another will be offered one weekday evening depending on demand.

A big thanks to Jeremy Flaherty and Helen Corbitt for their generosity in providing the course materials for our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

See the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for more information and registration forms.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in beautiful Brown County is hosting family camps this fall! There are weekend camps and parent/child days. See the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for more information. We also have a scholarship for a camp. Speak to Matthew Fallon if this would be helpful.

**Annual Mum Sale**

The annual fall mum sale is coming in mid-September! This week you may pre-order your mums to get the colors you want; see the sales table in the narthex. Of course, there will also be some mums available for purchase on the weekends of the sale. Mums will be available on the 9/10th and 16/17th of September.

Pre-orders must also be pre-paid so we can reserve the plants at the nursery. These three-gallon pots will be only $10, and come in yellow, white, red, purple, orange, and multi-colored. Proceeds will buy children’s Mass guides (missals), catechisms, adult Bible study materials, and other supplies for the religious education program.

**Time to Take a Spiritual Journey!**

Join us Sunday, October 1, as we car pool to St. Mary of the Woods. We will attend Mass, visit the shrine, and have lunch. An afternoon tour of the farm is also available. Interested? Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. Questions? Call Helen Corbitt, 317-745-4773.

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 11
Veterans Day
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