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
Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday, December 10
No Mass.

Tuesday, December 11
5:30 p.m.  † For President George H.W. Bush.

Wednesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m.  † For All Souls.

Thursday, December 13
5:30 p.m.  No Mass.

Friday, December 14 St. John of the Cross
8:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Michael Smith.

Saturday, December 15
5:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Charles A. Murphy.

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.  Missa Pro Populo.
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Rose Mary Sheley.

Growing in Grace Capital Campaign Update
Totals to-date:

Goal: $1,900,000.00

Pledges received: 251
Amount pledged: (with generosity & sacrifice) $1,576,250.85
Total Cash Receipts: $564,223.62
We need in pledges: $323,749.75

Be sure to check the Christmas Giving Tree located in the Narthex and select a tag or two to help those in need this Christmas season. Please place all unwrapped gifts with their tags under the tree by December 16 so that Santa's Elves can sort them and help deliver the gifts.

Forever Young Christmas Gathering

Forever Young is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas at their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 11, at noon. Kathy Hazlett and Joan Valentine are the hostesses and will be serving baked ham. A white elephant gift exchange will take place. Sounds like a holly jolly time. Bring yourself and a covered dish of your choice. New faces are always wanted and welcome. If you have any questions, call Kathy at 317-745-4135.

Growing in Grace

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.

Time - Talent - Treasure

Treasure
Collection for December 2, 2018
This Week’s Regular Collection (138 envelopes) $8,478.48
This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (27 envelopes) $1,155.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date $190,509.00
Actually Received $197,766.37
Online Giving Received (November) $1,934.00
Total Received $199,700.37
Variance to Budget +$9,191.37

Mary, Queen of Peace
GROWING IN GRACE
For Now... and Future Generations

Growing in Grace Capital Campaign Update

In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Middle School and High School students will be having their youth event on Sunday, December 16, from 1:30-8:00 p.m. We will start the event in the church basement with food, making care packages for those in need, and a faith discussion. Lunch will be provided.

At about 4:30, we will leave to go to Christmas at the Zoo. We will be back at Mary, Queen of Peace by 8:00 p.m. The price for the day will be $15; that is to get into the zoo and get a drink while at the zoo. Bring $20 if you would like to get some food at the zoo. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 11, at midnight.

You will also need a permission slip form filled out and handed to me the day of the event. You are welcome to only come to the event in the basement or just go to the zoo, but you will NEED to let Beth Dieckmann know ahead of time for drivers to the zoo.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Beth or look at the website. 317-709-6765
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For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Peggy Cave, Rita Fritsch, Jim Goldman, Dick Griffith, Bud Harvey, Tom Konechnik, Kelsa Kushner, Debbie Little, Anthony Martinez, Felicia Osmialowski, Goldie Parsons, Rex Parsons, Katie Reynolds, David Roche, David & Dee Sheets, Mary Schmitt, Helen Schweizer, Debbie Such, Gene Trapp, Harold Walliser, and Mary Williams. We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.

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“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,

Echoing the call we heard last week, on this Second Sunday of Advent, St. Paul offers this prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge to discern and follow what is of eternal value.

Advent, even in the midst of sometimes frantic activity, is a season of love. Yep, love. In the midst of our activities, Holy Mother Church offers us opportunities to “discern what is of value.” Celebrating a daily Mass, taking a gift tag from our annual Christmas Giving Tree, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, taking part in our daily Liturgy of the Hours before daily Mass, making a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and the list goes on.

Very importantly, our ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE FIND AN EXCELLENT ‘EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE’ IN TODAY’S BULLETIN! USE IT AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON WEDNESDAY...remember, five priests will be available!

In this time of preparation for the way of the Lord Jesus, the old prophet Baruch (there’s a name you don’t hear anymore!) reminds us that mercy and justice are our companions. As we extend the love of our Eucharistic Jesus more and more, we are called to bring that mercy and justice to those around us.

And so, ask yourself this weekend, “how do I recognize what is of real, true, eternal value, even when I get caught up in my preparations for Christmas?”

As the parish did last Advent, next weekend, we will take up a special second collection to remember and support the seminarians of the Archdiocese. This goes directly to the guys as a sign of support and prayer for their vocation and discernment. THE COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP DECEMBER 15-16, in order to have it to them by the date of their annual Christmas gathering, which is December 17th this year. Let’s show them we care and pray for them all!

“Prepare the way of the Lord!” Come, let us do so! God bless you all!

[Signature]

Religious Education News

Elementary RE:
We will have one more class before Christmas break; classes will resume after that on January 6th.

Parents of the pre-K, kindergarten, and Level 1 classes:
Please arrive as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible on the 16th and meet in the Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini room (level 1 room) for our Christmas activity.

Parents of the level 3 class:
Please arrive as close to 9:00 a.m. (or earlier) as you can on the 16th, so the class may prepare to present the Christmas play. Matthew will be in the RE building at 8:00 a.m.

Parents of the level 4 through level 7 classes:
Please arrive as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible on the 16th and meet in the church nave to enjoy our Christmas play presented by the level 3 class.

Every member of the Church who has begun receiving Holy Communion is expected to celebrate the sacrament of penance and reconciliation at least once per year. The parish penance service on December 12 would fulfill this even more conveniently than a Saturday afternoon. After all, children cannot get to the Church on their own. Young disciples (along with parents) will be the first to form lines to the priest of their choice so that they may get home at a reasonable time on a school night.

Parents of pre-K, kindergarten and level one classes: you may find a new liturgical calendar on the bulletin boards in the RE building and in the stairwell. If your child can identify the six parables illustrated on this calendar (with your help), they will get a reward!

Students in other levels may also respond to the challenge. The first three correct lists will get a prize.

Adult RE:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION offers insight and reflection into the fundamentals of committed prayer and what it means to live a sacramental life and life of faith. It also aids in discernment of one’s gifts and path to follow and serve God and the Church. Advisors are available through the archdiocese. For more information visit: archindy.org/worship/guidelines-spiritualdirection.html

There is a new “What’s Your Catholic IQ?” quiz on the stairwell bulletin board. Take a look and show how well you can answer the questions!

Our next Bible study will begin in January - learning about the spread of the early Church from the Acts of the Apostles. You may sign up now on the stairwell or RE building hall wall bulletin boards.

If we get at least four enrollees we will offer another section of the study which will meet on a weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. The books for the class have arrived! See Matthew to pay for and collect yours now, or at the first class meeting.

Our RE students will take the standardized religious knowledge and practices test in January to gauge our instruction. There is also an adult version of the test which you may take to gauge your own awareness of faith teachings and practices. If you are interested in trying this inquiry, give Matthew a call by the end of this month so he may order enough supplies!
Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**Weekend of December 15 & 16**

**MASS COORDINATORS**
- 5:00 p.m. Phil Schnelder
- 8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pell
- 10:30 a.m. Ann Mooney

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**
- 5:00 p.m. Kailey Burkett, Alex Earl
  Tonya Earl, Jack Williams
  Susan Bliss, Michael Corbitt
  Kim Pecar, Jacob Yamell
- 10:30 a.m. Adam Bratt, Matthew Bratt
  Emily Morris, Janelle Morris

**READERS**
- 5:00 p.m. Kathy Stamper, D.J. DesJarleis
- 8:00 a.m. Nick Schmutte, Michelle Pritchett
- 10:30 a.m. Toby Kult, Audrey Petree

**SERVERS**
- 5:00 p.m. Amy Earl, Andrew Earl
- 8:00 a.m. Leslie Pell, Olivia Pell
- 10:30 a.m. Lucy Kult, Drew Petree

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
- 5:00 p.m. Bob Freed, George Juza
  Betty Kessinger, Tom Konechnik
  Jordan Riddle
- 8:00 a.m. Bill Bliss, Margie Cope
  Anita Dieckmann, Peggy Purvis
  Jennie Thurnall
- 10:30 a.m. Marcia Castagno, Vince Castagno
  Matthew Fallon, Bill Jankowski
  Clara Petree, Julie Petree
  Rebecca Spratt

**Liturgical Meditations**

**Monday, December 10, 2018**
Isaiah 35:1-10/Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
[Isaiah 35:4f]/Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**
Isaiah 40:1-11/Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
[Isaiah 40:10ab]/Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**
Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
or Luke 1:39-47

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**
Isaiah 41:13-20/Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
[8]/Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, December 14, 2018**
Isaiah 48:17-19/Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [John 8:12]/
Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
[4]/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**
Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/
Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18

Authentic Christmas Traditions

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in downtown Indy is hosting the seventh annual Christkindl Village on December 14-16. The Christkindl Village is located at St. John Catholic Church (126 W Georgia Street, Indianapolis) on the west block of Georgia Street. There will be a live animal nativity, alpine slide for kids and adults and selfies with St. Nick. There will be ornament making, crafted gifts from market vendors, special events all weekend long and sacred music Festivals on Friday and Saturday evenings. To learn more: www.stjohnsindy.org/village

Women’s Club Christmas Party
December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Attention all women of the parish – you are invited to our fun and goodies filled evening to celebrate the Christmas season with us. Even if you have not been to a meeting, please come join us. There will be a “wild” white elephant gift exchange. Come see what we mean when we say this. If you would like to be included in this, just bring a “white elephant” gift wrapped. We also share some of our favorite hors d’oeuvres and sweet things. You are welcome to share one of yours. There is always plenty to go around. We look forward to seeing you there.

At-A-Glance Parish Schedule

**Sunday, December 9**
9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:30 a.m. Parish Pitch-In Christmas Party

**Monday, December 10**
Noon Forever Young pitch-in luncheon
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation

**Tuesday, December 11**
8:00 p.m. Woman’s Club Christmas Party
7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

**Wednesday, December 12**
8:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service

**Thursday, December 13**

**Friday, December 14**

**Saturday, December 15**

**Sunday, December 16**

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