St. Mary Church

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

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33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to
him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small
matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’
-Mt 25:20b-21

St. Mary’s Mission Statement: St. Mary Church is a community of faith
united in Eucharist and committed to seeking God through prayer; sharing
our gifts of time, talent and treasure; providing formation and education for
children and adults; responding to the needs of people by sharing our faith
and resources. We are dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.
St. Mary Church Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30pm  Sunday 7:00am and 10:00am
Tuesday at 6:00pm
Wednesday at 7:30am  Thursday (Thanksgiving) at 8:00am
No Mass on Friday this week
*There will be no morning Mass on funeral mornings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary Church
First Friday 7:00-7:20am  Saturday 3:30-4:10pm
*On Saturday, when there is a wedding, there will be no confessions.

Anointing of the Sick:
Notify the parish office if there is a need for Fr. Erbacher to administer Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptisms will take place the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month with Fr. Erbacher or Deacon John. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Parishioners who wish to be married at St. Mary Church are asked to contact the parish office six months prior to setting a date. This will provide time for prayer, preparation and paperwork.

Homebound Parishioners: Communion calls are made on Monday mornings to parishioners’ homes. Call the parish office if you would like a visit from our Eucharistic Minister.

Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs: $14,000.00

Weekend Collection..............................................$ 8,097.25
Average ACH weekly deposit for November......$ 4,928.25
Children’s Collection..............................................$ 928.25
Total Weekend Collection.................................$ 13,905.50
Short.................................................................$ (974.50)

Year-To-Date-Budget (7-1-17 to current)............$ 280,000.00
Year-To-Date-Total..............................................$ 268,983.14
Year-To-Date-Difference......................................$ (11,016.86)

Campaign Goal..............................................$ 6,000,000.00
Amount in Pledges..............................................$ 5,206,879.00
Cash Collected to date.....................................$ 2,253,458.00

Thank You!!!!!!

Mass Attendance for November 11 & 12
4:30pm [265]  7:00am [213]  10:00am [320]

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday:  Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1
          Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday:  1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
          119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:  2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:  2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk
            19:11-28
Thursday:  1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk
           19:41-44
Friday:  1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk
          19:45-48
Saturday:  1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:  Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor
            15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Mass Intentions
Sat-Nov 18  4:30 pm  Barbara Haase
Sun-Nov 19  7:00 am  Members of St. Mary Parish
            10:00 am  Kathy Schwenk
Tues-Nov 21  6:00 pm  Ben & Victoria Sermersheim Family
Wed-Nov 22  7:30 am  Leroy Schnaus & Marilyn Werne
            10:30 am  Earl & Lenora Buechler (Mass at
                        Northwood Good Samaritan)
Thurs-Nov 23  8:00 am  Tom Fromme Family
Fri-Nov 24  No Mass
Sat-Nov 25  4:30 pm  Alan, Greg, Raymond & Stan Hopf
Sun-Nov 26  7:00 am  Members of St. Mary Parish
            10:00 am  William & Roberta Sternberg

November Area Events
18 & 19: Ferdinand Christkindlmarkt with over 200 booths, entertainment, music, etc. www.ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com
19: A Monastic St. Benedict Concert in the Monastery Immaculate Conceptions Chapel at 3:00pm  Free tours of the Monastery on Nov 18, 11:00am to 3:00pm & Nov 19, noon to 2:00pm.
26: Ireland Sportsman Club Shoot: Ham Shoot, noon
3:00pm.  Presented by Sister Jeana Visel, OSB. Info or to register
28 & 29: “The Hidden Identity of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”
program at Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, 7:00-8:30pm. Presenter is Fr. Eugene Hensel, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

December Area Events
1-3: “Praying with Icons” program at Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Presented by Sister Jean Visel, OSB. Info or to register
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812-482-7502 for info. www.evansvillecharismaticrenewal.org/
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Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Walk - Sunday, December 17
From-the-Desk-of-the Pastor,

Thanksgiving Greetings

A blessed and holy Thanksgiving Day to Everyone! Gathered with family and friends we each one thank God for our good fortune and blessings. For the abundant generosity The Lord God has given to us individually and to our nation, we dearly give prayerful thanks. The blessings on the Church, our families, and our nation, with gratitude we ask everything in the name of Jesus the Christ. Enjoy your day as we daily pray; Happy Thanksgiving!

(Fr. Erbacher, “Effie”)

St. John Bosco Youth Ministry

St. John Bosco Catholic Youth Ministry reaches out to youth in grades 6 through 12 from St. Mary, Holy Family, Precious Blood, and St. Joseph. Check out more Bosco info and announcements at: https://stjohnboscoyouthministry.wordpress.com/

November 22: JMS Youth Mornings in Mrs. Venderley’s room. Donuts and faith encouragement before school starts.

November 28: Bosco Bagels 6:45-7:30am at Azura.

November 29: High School Youth Night 8:30-9:30pm, Bosco House

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December 10: St. John Bosco Youth Ministry Winter Service Project - Christmas Caroling, 2:00-4:00pm. Meet at Precious Blood and bring a dozen Christmas cookies. Finish with Teen Mass and pizza at Precious Blood at 6:00pm.

December 12: JMS Youth Mornings in Mrs. Venderley’s room. Donuts and faith encouragement before school starts.

December 13: High School Youth Night 8:30-9:30pm, Bosco House

December 20: High School Christmas Party 8:30-9:30pm at the Bosco House.

December 29: Middle School Youth Night 6:30-8:00pm in the Precious Blood Gym & Endress Hall. Wear your best Christmas Cheer Outfit.

January 3: High School Youth Night 8:30-9:30pm, Bosco House

January 10: High School Youth Night 8:30-9:30pm, Bosco House

Bosco is using the free app “Remind” this year to keep families in the loop regarding middle and high school youth events. To be added to Bosco’s “class”, text@bosco20 to 81010. Everyone is welcome, but parents and teens are highly encouraged to join!

High School Youth Nights are a time of answering the hard parts about our faith, growing in our relationship with Jesus, hanging out with friends and of course, snacks are provided. High school teens will not only learn about their faith but they will also find out a little bit of what their personal mission is in life.

Whether you are just starting college or you have returned as a senior, your Bosco and Parish family wants you to know we are thinking and praying for you. We are planning to send Bosco Care Packages to our college students at the beginning of Advent. We are still figuring out what to include in them...so plan on being surprised! Parents - send us your college student’s name, name of college and address to agreulich@evdio.org.

St. Mary’s Parish Representative for the Bosco Core Team is Brad Leinenbach.

Wednesday Faith Minute video clip on Instagram and Facebook to offer encouragement and inspiration on the go.

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“Building For Our Future”

“Cans for Campaign” - Please drop off your aluminum cans on the trailer in the parking lot.

The “Building For Our Future” Campaign would like to reach out to former parishioners who might have an interest in giving to the new church. If you have a friend or relative who you think might be interested in making a donation, please let the parish office know. We will be glad to get information out to them.

We have embroidered “St. Mary Church” hats for sale in the parish office. Stop by and pick one up - $5 per hat.

Thank you to everyone who have made their payments. Our total money collected continues to grow - watch the board, it is updated weekly.

Thank you to the Sermersheim’s and their crew for making their Ham and Bean and Chicken Noodle Soup. We sold over $1,700.00 worth of soup. All proceeds from this went to the new church fund. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the soup and all who supported this fundraiser.

Tap into Theology - Fun, Fellowship and Wisdom - This months “Tap N2 Theology” will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30pm at the Jasper K of C. Fr. Traylor will be leading the discussion. The topic is “The Face of Evil in the World”. No need to sign up, but if you have questions call Samantha at 812-631-0976. You must be 21 years or older to attend.

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Prayer for Bishop Siegel

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have set your servant Joseph over it as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Roman Missal: Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, #3)
This Week's Parish Events

**Sunday** [11/19]:
- **Second Collection for the Community Food Bank.** “Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor” -Proverbs 22:9
- **World Day of the Poor** - In your envelope packet is an envelope to promote Catholic Campaign for Human Development. These funds go to address poverty in this country and in our diocese.
- **Sunday School** during the 10:00am Mass in the Social Hall Library. No Sunday School next weekend because of Thanksgiving.

**Monday** [11/20]:
- **Quilting** in the rectory basement at 5:00pm.
- **Crave Bible Study** is studying the “Book of Revelation” at 6:15-8:00pm in the upstairs of the Social Hall.
- **Servants of the Holy Spirit** at 7:00pm in the Library.
- **Ireland K of C 20/20** at 8:00pm.

**Tuesday** [11/21]:
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 6:00pm.
- **Choir Practice** at 6:30pm. New members welcome.

**Wednesday** [11/22]:
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 7:30am.
- **Mass** at Northwood Good Samaritan Health Care Facility at 10:30am with Fr. Erbacher.
- **Rosary** at 11:30am in the church.
- **Quilting** noon to 4:00pm in the rectory basement.
- **St Anne’s Sewing** 6:00pm in the Rectory basement.
- **No Religion Classes** - enjoy Thanksgiving Break.

**Thursday** [11/23]:
- **Happy Thanksgiving - Mass** will be celebrated at 8:00am (note of the Mass time change). Please bring in an item you will be serving for Thanksgiving to be blessed. There will be a table set up in the front of church.
- **The Parish Office** will be closed.

**Friday** [11/24]:
- **No Mass** will be celebrated today.
- **The Parish Office** will be closed.

**Sunday** [11/26]:
- **American Red Cross/Ireland K of C Blood Drive** 7:30am - 12:30pm in the Community Center Cafeteria. All Blood types are needed.

*We are in need of volunteers to lead the rosary before the 10:00am Mass. Call the parish office if you are interested or want more information.*

**In your envelope packet is a red envelope for “Christmas Flowers”. If you would like to make a donation “in memory of” a deceased loved one, please use this envelope and include their name. If you do not receive monthly envelopes, just use a white envelope and put “Christmas Flowers” on the outside. Money collected will be used to beautify the church during the Christmas season and throughout the year. An insert will be printed with the name of the loved one you are remembering.

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**Upcoming Parish Events**

**November 26:** Red Cross/Ireland K of C Blood Drive, 7:30am-12:30pm. Give the gift of life.

**December 2:** Ireland K of C Christmas Party at the Ireland Sportsman Club. Doors open at 5:30pm, meal served at 6:30pm. All members and deceased members invited. Call Allen Reckelhoff to reserve a seat - 812-631-4449.

**December 4:** St. Anne Christmas Meeting.

**December 15:** Bishop Joseph Siegel Installation

**December 14:** Decorate church for Christmas beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed - all help will be appreciated.

**December 17:** Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Walk.

**January 14:** Confirmation at 10:00am Mass.

**February 17-19:** TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). For information or an application go to http://www.switec.org/

**April 28 & 29:** 1st Communion Mass at 4:30pm on Saturday and 10:00am on Sunday.

**July 21-23:** TEC (Teens Encounter Christ).

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**November 12, $100 Irish Sweepstakes Raffle Winner** is Jane Heichelbech.

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**Thanksgiving Prayer**

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

*Let us pray...*

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from Your love of Your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask You this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from You.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**“Our journey of Faith begins in Baptism”**

We welcome into the Family of God:

Oaklyn Grae Tekoppel, child of Alex and Amy (Stenftenagel) Tekoppel.

Congratulations!!

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The Japer Circle #140 Daughters of Isabella will host their Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 11 at St. Joseph Parish Center. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm.

Reservations should be made by November 29 by calling Regent Kathy Schneider at 812-630-2616 or Betty Mehrringer at 812-482-3661. Dues for 2018 may also be paid at the dinner.

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**American Red Cross/Ireland K of C Blood Drive on Sunday, November 26, 7:30am - 12:30pm in the Community Center Cafeteria. All blood types are needed. Each donation can help save 3 lives. Be a life saving HERO, donate blood!**

Liturgical Ministers for November 25 & 26

Servers:
4:30 pm  Nick Buechlein - John Kemker
7:00 am   Reece Lampert - Grant Young
10:00 am  Brayden Clark - Ty Ofer

Extraordinary Ministers:
4:30 pm  Audrey Wehr - Brian Fleck - Eugene Hopf
          Diane Gress - Eugene Hopf
7:00 am  Melinda Weidenbenner - Robin Fromme
          Cassey Wagner - Mary Werner - Annie Voelkel
10:00 am Beth Gentry - Julie Truesdale - Carla Durcholz
          Larry Goeppner - Bridget Fleck

Lectors:
4:30 pm  Steve Buechler
7:00 am  Michelle Schroeder
10:00 am Jerry Schuck
          Lectors Website: http://lectorsproclaim.org (Year A)

Ushers:
4:30 pm  Alex & Missy Rodriguez
7:00 am  Anthony Emerson - Gary Oeding
10:00 am Betty Jenkins - Sandy Miller

Sunday School:
10:00 am  No Sunday School - Happy Thanksgiving

Thank You!! This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a “Thank You” for their generosity.

The Angel Tree is up in the back of church and full of Angels. This year, we are helping a few local families, special needs adults in a handicap home and homebound adults. There will be items/suggestions on the back of each angel. You do not have to purchase every item - just buy what you can afford. Please, do not wrap your gift. Just return the angel and the gift in a bag to the parish office or drop off in the back of church by December 4. This will give us time to wrap and distribute the gifts. If your situation changes and you cannot buy the items on the angel, please put the angel back on the tree for someone else to take. Do not like to shop, but want to help? Bring your monetary donation to the parish office or drop in the collection basket marked “angel tree” and one of our elves will shop for you. Thanks in advance for your help with this ministry.

*If your angel has a toy that seems like it is for a young child but the clothing size is big, remember this is for an adult with special needs.

Generations has asked us to collect items for “Build*A*Basket” for the homebound of our area. Here are items that are needed:

- paper towels
- dish soap
- sponges
- bath soap
- laundry baskets
- trash bags
- kitchen towels
- tissue
- night lights
- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- deodorant
- toilet paper
- wash rags
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- dryer sheets
- light bulbs
- stamps
- pillows
- pillow cases
- pens
- note pads
- lap blankets
- batteries
- flashlights
- band-aids

The Thanksgiving Day Feast PIE BRIGADE is expecting to feed 1500-1700 people through delivery, pick-up, and eat-in meals. Pumpkin, apple, cherry sugar free, or whatever you wish to make or buy, but please no pies that need refrigeration. Deliver to St. Joseph Parish Center, from noon on Tuesday, Nov 21 through Wednesday, Nov 22 at 5:00pm. The Parish Center will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday. A sign up sheet is located in the back of church.