

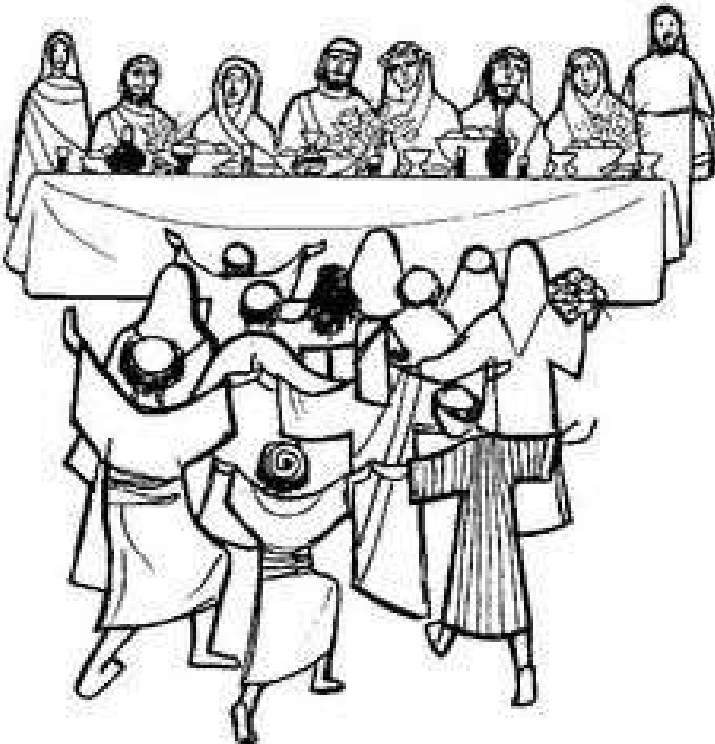
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St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Welcome in God's Name!

Through our loving and praying family may you find friendship, peace and serenity in this, God's house. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call our parish office for information. If you are returning after being away ... Welcome Home!

**October 10 & 11, 2020
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Parish Mission

We, the people in the area served by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Aurora, Indiana, called to faith and salvation in Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition, strive to live the Gospel by worshipping God in word and sacrament, learning, teaching, and sharing our faith with those in our parish ourselves to stewardship through the generous and responsible use of our spiritual, physical, and material resources for today's and tomorrow's needs.

Holy Mass – Schedule

**Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00 AM
Saturday @ 4:00 PM**

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM until Noon

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Please remember our Police Officers, Military Troops, Doctors, Nurses, First Responders and their families in your prayers.

October 3, 2020

Weekly Collection	9,133.00
School	290.00
SVDP	565.00
Right To Life	55.00
Attendance - 111	



Please consider our online giving. Just go to our parish website @ www.mystmarys.com and click the blue box "online giving" to register. Thank you.

COUNTERS: Since we only have one mass on a weekend, there is NO need for you to come in on Mondays. Stay safe and we will keep you posted. Thank you.

Second Collection: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission diocese in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the society of the Propagation of Faith.

October 10, Saturday

4:00 PM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Joseph Sohmer)

October 11, Sunday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Inside)

11:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Outside)

October 12, Monday

NO PUBLIC MASS

October 13, Tuesday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

October 14, Wednesday (School Mass)

9:00 AM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Don Stoll)

October 15, Thursday (School Mass)

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

October 16, Friday

9:00 AM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Jack Schaerer)

October 17, Saturday

4:00 PM @ St. Mary (Intention: St. Mary & St.

Lawrence & Gail Sheets & Family)

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fish Fry (Take -Out)

October 18, Sunday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Inside)

11:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Outside)

Mass Times and locations are subject to change, please check our parish website @ www.mystmarys.com for up to date information

You can NOW watch Fr. Ben's weekend homily on YouTube, just copy or Click in the link below:

<https://youtu.be/klpqKchbqlA>

Don't forget to subscribe and "like" it.

IMPORTANT DIRECTIVES ON COVID19

◆ If you, or anyone you live with or anyone you care for is SICK, you MUST remain at home and not come to church. ◆ If you are 65 years of age or older, or have a pre-existing health condition, you SHOULD stay home and watch Mass online. ◆ If you are not comfortable being out, you CAN stay home. Archbishop Thompson has extended the dispensation from Mass until August 15. ◆ If you test positive with COVID-19 within 14 days of being at Church for Mass, Confession or Personal Prayer, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH IMMEDIATELY BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE BY PHONE OR EMAIL.

*Christa (Armbruster) Thomas
(March 19, 1992-October 05, 2020)*

Our Deepest Condolences to the Family of Christa

Armbruster Thomas, daughter of Robert & Sheila Armbruster, granddaughter of Jaqueline Armbruster. May her soul rest in peace. May the support of your family and friends be a blessing to you in your grief. God Bless!



Dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance

"While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in the COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the **obligation of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise.**"

Source:

<https://archindy.org/archbishop/dispensation2020.html>

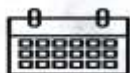
Resources for Weekend Catholic Mass on Your Local Channels

Sunday @ 8:30 AM WKRC/CintiTheCW Ch.12.2
Sunday @ 5:00 PM WLWT/CintiME TV Ch. 5.2

EWTN Mass

Sunday @ 8:00 AM
DishNetwork Ch 261 or Direct TV Ch 370
EWTN Daily Mass

Comcast Cable Ch 291



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELA**. Meeting on October 12, Monday at 7:15 PM in Sister Mary Cecile Room at St. Lawrence. We will follow the CDC guidelines on social distancing and mask wearing during the meeting. Hand sanitizer is also available in the vicinity. If you are sick please stay at home, we will keep you posted. For more information please call Shirley Heyob at 513-260-3124.

CHEESEBALL will be available for purchase on starting October 3rd. Please contact any Daughters of Isabela members!



Thursday Evening Bible Study will be starting a new study on Thursday, October 8th. We will be studying the book, *Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life*, through Ascension Press. The cost

of the materials are \$29.95 plus tax and shipping. For an email invite to the study, email Connie at connie.powers@mystmarys.com. I will send you a link that will allow you to order your materials and sign in for video access. Any questions just call Connie at 812-432-3620. **All are invited!!**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study We will be starting a Tuesday morning book study on October 20th at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM in the Parish office. **All are invited.** We will

be reading, *Gaze Upon Jesus*, by Kelly M. Wahlquist. This is a six-week scripture study following the infancy and early years of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary and other familiar and imagined women in the Gospels. You will dig deep into each of the scriptural vignettes and grow in your faith as you learn about virtues such as humility, patience, charity, reverence, and courage. The book is ordered through AveMariapress.com for \$16.95 plus tax and shipping. Please text, call or email Connie to sign up or for any questions. Cell Phone 513-310-4765; Email: connie.powers@mystmarys.com.

PATRIOTIC Living Rosary

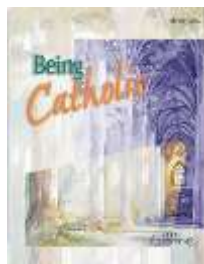
Monday, October 12th @ Gabbard Park
Downtown Aurora @ 6:00 PM
Monday, November 2nd Inside St.
Mary's Church
Tuesday, December 8th Inside St.
Mary's Church



With the pandemic, economic distress and racial unrest going on in the world, let's all pray together that the days ahead are filled with healing, blessings, growth, new opportunities, love, and recovery for our COUNTRY, our CHURCH and the WORLD. Please come and pray with us. If you want to help out organizing this event, please call Anna Townsend @ 812-926-0060.

Save the Date and Please Join Us!!!

The Discovering Program



A Junior High Parish Religion Program Younger teens (Grades 7th & 8th) need a religious education program that addresses real-life teen issues and different learning styles. The Discovering Program is a comprehensive set of 14 minicourses and teaching resources that help you create religion classes focusing on relationship-building, active student participation, and sound religious principles.

We will start with our first book called Being Catholic which identifies specific aspects of Catholicism. It will enable adolescents to consider what it means to be a Catholic Christian, and helps them integrate a sense of Catholic identity with their identity as persons. If you haven't sign up yet, please call Anna Townsend call at 812-926-0060. We will be meeting twice a month after the 4:00 PM mass. Our first session will start on Saturday, October 24!



From the Desk of Fr. Ben Syberg

Maybe it'd be easier to call this a Fr. Ben news real, rather than a column. Two weeks ago, I outlined several (unrelated) topics in short order. And I liked it. So, let's try it again.

Quick Hits:

Mr. Kevin Daily was installed as a Lector this past weekend by Archbishop Thompson. That means he has been given the right and privilege of proclaiming sacred scripture at Mass. Now lots of people read at Mass, but there are currently only two installed Lectors between St. Mary's and St. Lawrence. Me and Kevin. (Technically anyone else would just be a reader). To be an official Lector is a big deal. The Church calls Lectors to deepen their love of the Lord through intense study of God's Holy Word. May Kevin and I both continue to do just that.

The Weekend of Oct. 31st / Nov. 1st ends the 'suspension' of our obligation to go to Sunday Mass. Meaning, we need to be back that weekend, the weekend in fact of All Saints. I know we are all trying our best to be safe and to minimize risk. But we also need the Lord in the Eucharist. Sunday Mass is the reason the world still spins. I know people are nervous, but we all need to be prepared to come back. Our obligation to worship God on the weekend is not a church-rule. It's a call from Heaven on Mount Sinai. Our worship of God will only lead to blessing and grace in our life. So, let's be ready.

At our St. Lawrence town hall, I mentioned a favorite book of mine (one I've shared with many of you). It's called *Rebuilt*, by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. It is an amazing story of a Catholic parish, completely transformed from a sleepy dying church to one of the most dynamic Catholic parishes in the country. If you look it up on Amazon, you can read the Intro for free. (Which by the way, is the best part of the book).

I blame Teddy Roosevelt for many of our problems today. Great president yes, top-ten, maybe even top-5. But Teddy ran against Taft as a third party and split the vote, thus assuring the victory of Mr. Woodrow Wilson. Wilson is not the worst person in the world, but he solidified the presidency as we know it today, that being one of unbridled power. For little good and mostly ill, the last 100 years of American presidents (liberal and conservative) have understood themselves as: he who rules America. And it should not be this way. The Constitution rightly sees our leadership coming from Congress... and we all know how well that's working out. President Taft did not think like Wilson. Had he won re-election (and without a third-party Roosevelt, Taft most certainly would have won), Taft would have gently navigated our country mildly working with congress to do its job. Taft would have been president during the First World War, not Wilson who oversaw an historical mess of presidential blunders. We may have never even fought a Second World War had the US been on more solid ground after the First (Wilson was in a coma). Taft was a wise and keen leader, who understood the President's role in a very narrow, confined way. Taft thought of the president as a chief bureaucrat, not a wielder of more power than the King of England could only dream of. Had history been shaped by Taft's example, presidential elections wouldn't be earth-shattering. They would just be a thing we happened to do every four years. That'd be nice, huh?

God Bless.

The Word This Week (28th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptized, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.? Source: <https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary26a.htm>

St. Mary's church will open in full capacity starting this weekend Mass. Please observe wearing mask during the service. Thank you!



FUND RAISER!!

The Aurora K of C Council 2111 is sponsoring a split-the-pot fundraiser, beginning Oct. 3rd, to benefit our Council and the K of C 4th Degree Assembly 246. The funds raised will be used to support our ongoing charitable causes, including St. Vincent de Paul, the Gibault School, St. Mary's school, and many others. Due to the current Covid 19 shutdown, or normal fundraisers have been curtailed, so the proceeds will help "fill the gap".

The tickets will be available in the back of church, and the completed tickets and money can be put in the K of C lock box. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and the drawing will be held on Dec. 1st.

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