

# ***SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***

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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 17 & 18, 2020  
29<sup>th</sup> 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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**Homebound Ministry:** Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Mrs. Emily Beckman [ebeckman@comcast.net](mailto:ebeckman@comcast.net)

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call anytime (812-926-0060 or 812-537-3992) or see Fr. Ben. Given at home, nursing home, hospital or at church.

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

**October 10, 2020**

Weekly Collection	6,675.00
School	105.00
SVDP	185.00
Right To Life	5.00
Attendance - 115	



Please consider our online giving. Just go to our parish website @ [www.mystmarys.com](http://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**

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

**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)

**October 19, Monday**

NO PUBLIC MASS

**October 20, Tuesday**

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

**October 21, Wednesday (School Mass)**

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

**October 22, Thursday (School Mass)**

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

**October 23, Friday**

9:00 AM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Felisa Ducusin)

**October 24, Saturday**

4:00 PM @ St. Mary (Intention: St. Mary & St. Lawrence & † Christopher & Viola Powers)  
5:00 PM Religious Ed Class, Parish Office

**October 25, 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](http://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.

*Irene (Feller) Peters Hicks  
(June 25, 1918- October 12, 2020)*

*Our Deepest Condolences to the Family of Irene Peter Hicks, Mother of Charlotte Hasting & Mike (Diane) Peters. 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

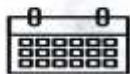
### EWTN Mass

Sunday @ 8:00 AM

DishNetwork Ch 261 or Direct TV Ch 370

### EWTN Daily Mass

Comcast Cable Ch 291



**NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

► **Natural Family Planning.** All artificial birth controls works solely to destroy God's gift of fertility and shows a less than total acceptance of your spouse. Therefore, we need to take the time to learn what God, in His wisdom, has provided a method of family planning that is moral and 98% effective. A Natural Family Planning class will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 9:00AM until Noon at St. Louis Parish Office, Batesville IN, (13 St. Louis Place, the building between the school and the church). There is a \$40.00 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text 812-212-4951 or 812-212-2719.

► **North Dearborn American Legion Post 452.** CARRY OUT TURKEY DINNER, Sunday, November 1 from 11:00AM-4:00 PM at North Dearborn American Legion Auxiliary Post 452, New Alsace. Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw/Cranberry Sauce, Dessert. \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 ages 3-12. Questions call 812-576-4186.

► **New Alsace Conservation Club.** SAUSAGE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, October 25. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 AM-Noon in New Alsace American Legion Post 452. Cost \$10.00 for Adults, \$4.00 under 10, FREE under 3.

► **Oldenburg Academy OASIS Athletic Boosters.** HOG ROAST & DRAW DOWN. \$100.00 Tickets gets 2 Dinners and one entry into the draw down. \$5,000.00 grand prize. Must be present to win or get half. It will be on Saturday, November 7, from 6:00 PM -11:00 PM. For Tickets contact Patrick Kolk @ 812-934-4440 x 232 or pkolks@oldenburgacademy.org



**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](mailto:connie.powers@mystmarys.com).

*PATRIOTIC Living Rosary @ 6:30 PM !!!*

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Inside St. Mary's Church**

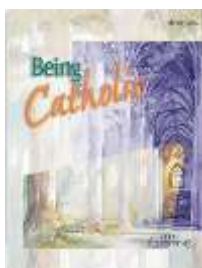
**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Inside St. Mary's Church**



*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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) 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 in the Parish Office!*



## From the Desk of Fr. Ben Syberg

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As I so often do when the future days, weeks, and months look bleak, I've been reading some history. World War One history, in fact. I know everyone and their mothers boast of being WW2 and Civil War buffs (and I am certainly that), but these days my historical flavor of the month has the Great War. Please believe me when I say, it's brutal. At least the aforementioned wars had a clear sense of who was good and bad, and why anyone would fight. World War One is a one world mess, made no better by the simple irrepressible fact that it was both highly avoidable and highly inevitable. (Let that bake in your noodle for a moment). It shouldn't have happened, and it was always going to happen.

Why do I mention this calamitous contest? Right now, we're hearing a lot of nonsense about: the end of civilization, the failure of the West, the undoing of America, the 2 for \$6.00 Whoppers, and so on. There's a lot of doom and gloom out there. And you know what, I ain't buying it. I am not buying one bite.

I've been working on and off for over a year on a massive WW1 tome; it is both a page-turner and a breath-suffocater. I hate reading it, but somehow, I will finish. I have spent countless hours, and yet the Americans are still learning French for: HELP!

Many themes and concepts have struck me.

- In 1915, Germany needed 25,000 binoculars for the war effort. Their usual trading partner was England... who they were fighting a war against... Still bought English binoculars.
- The German ruler, Kaiser Wilhelm, believed Germany's enemies had united against them, through the Bolshevik Russian rule, the Freemasons, President Wilson, and of course, the International Jews. This was twenty years before Chancellor Hitler.
- Gen. Joseph Joffe, the fired original leader of the French army, once recoiled and quickly left when visiting his wounded men in a field hospital, saying, "If I should see too many of these injuries, I may abandon my resolve to send men to fight." (That's the idea, General).
- Winston Churchill is the man, then and forever.
- Two British soldiers going for a walk a few miles from Jerusalem ran into a delegation from the city. Priests, rabbis, imans, and local leaders came to the British to offer the City's keys. The German/Turkish forces had secretly abandoned Jerusalem. The two soldiers received the group at the same spot where King Richard the Lionheart once stood, as close as the King ever got in his failure to take back Jerusalem.
- The all-important American entry into the war came from President Wilson (the subject of recent scorn of mine) after he had a five-minute conversation with the British Ambassador. Wilson must have realized the gravity of the situation. Struck somber for a few moments, the President quietly committed to change the course of the war and world history. Hey, I never said he was all bad.

As I read the Great War's history, I am reminded of the scripture passage: *there is nothing new under the Sun*. Earth-shattering decisions, wars, countries fighting and yet working with each other, great men, weak men, and in the middle of it all, a quiet obscure City named Jerusalem. That is a City of war, and of tremendous peace. Yes, my friends, this is a turbulent time. 2020 is a year worth forgetting. But no matter what, the world will keep spinning. And with gentle, silent steps, almost by accident, perhaps we may yet draw closer, closer indeed to the peace of Jerusalem.

God Bless.



## **The Word This Week (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time)**

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore, it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfillment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonica, to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ...?

Source: <https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary26a.htm>



### **FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**



Our First Reconciliation Home Lesson Booklet went home this week! Parents, please make sure that your child complete a lesson a week to keep up with the schedule. It usually takes 15-20 minutes to complete a lesson, and there are 13 lessons in the booklet. It is also very important to know their Basic Prayers such as Our Father, Hail Mary and the Act of Contrition as we are preparing for their First Reconciliation.

**First Reconciliation will be on January 30, 2021 after the 4:00 PM Mass.**

If your child is now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and doesn't attend St. Mary School? Our Family Faith Formation Program starts October 24, after the 4:00 PM Mass in the parish office. Meeting will be every last Saturday of the month after the 4:00 PM Mass! If you want your child to participate in this program please call the parish office @ 812-926-0060.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**  
Please call Anna Townsend @ 812-926-0060. Thank you and God Bless!



### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Confessions will be heard on Tuesday and Friday morning after the 9:00 Mass, and Saturday after the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's.*

*Please Maintain social distancing while waiting for your turn.*

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We support Church, School, Youth and Community!  
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Contact Grand Knight, Bill Ullrich  
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