

# **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!

## **January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## **Here I am since You called me**

### **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 & Sunday @ 4:00 PM (For High Risk Only)**

### **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 [ebeckman1@comcast.net](mailto:ebeckman1@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.

### **Knights of Columbus**

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Pregnancy Care Center (812) 537-4357

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**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th for the Martin Luther King Holiday**



# Mass Schedule

\*Aloisia Mattl, \*Louis Hill, Jr., \*Vernon Myers; \*Travis Miller, \*Becky Meyer Clark, \*Christina Nelms, Gary Manford, Tim Heller, Neil Selley, Caroline Seaver, \*Brenda Murr, \*Marilyn "Jane" Borth, Hayle Brashears, Jared Hodgkins, Stefanie Veale, Nate Groh, Michael Renner, Larry Hagan, McKayla Schmits, Kelly, Gary Wainscott, Ruth Kern, Colton Mattingly, Agnes Kelnhofer, Tinker Walston, Ron Brunner, Kate Grossmann, Joan Fuch, Karen Kistner, Mark Chase, Rose Donk, B&L Dunseth, Jessica McKittrick, Kristie Bockhorst Gilb, \*Candi Elsen, Chris Strautman, \*Mary Leyendecker, Rebecca Oelker, Debbie Walker Russell, Dottie Fedroff, Judy, Brenda O'Neal, Liz Day, \*John P. Hinrichs, Pam Dean, Graham, John Hobson, Tom Brown, Susan Dausch & family, Mike Heller & Family, Ray Brown, Carol Smith, Diane Clark, Violet Larbus, Diane Townsend, Terry Wentworth, Joan Vogelpohl Daniel Geyer, Martha Moffitt, Bill Than, Gary Leasure, Dave Jonee, Tom & Karen.

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

## January 9 & 10, 2021

Weekly Collection	9,132.00
School	320.00
SVDP	125.00
Mass Attendance - 175	

**COUNTERS:** Due to the risk of COVID, there is NO need for you to come in on Mondays. Please Stay safe and we will keep you posted. Thank you.

### Confession Hours:

Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence  
 Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary  
 Saturdays after the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary

**Please maintain social distancing while waiting for your turn. Thank you.**

### Sunday Mass Dispensation

Due to the continuing COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days beyond November 1, 2020, until further notice. Please be aware that COVID protocols of mandatory mask wearing & social distancing should be followed.

### January 16, Saturday

4:00 PM @ St. Mary (Intention: Monica & Greg Ramsey Wedding Anniversary)  
 5:00 PM Vance Wheat Baptism

### January 17, Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Inside)  
 11:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Outside)  
**4:00 PM @ St. Mary (High Risk Only)**  
 (Intention: JC Boyken & Samantha Walker)

### January 19, Tuesday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

### January 20, Wednesday (School Mass)

9:00 AM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Epifania Tiamsing)

### January 21, Thursday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

### January 22, Friday

9:00 AM @ St. Mary (Intention: † Patricia Spade)

### January 23, Saturday

4:00 PM @ St. Mary (Intention: † David Glenn)  
 5:00 PM Baptism – Trig, Brygs & Diesel Hughes

### January 24, Sunday

9:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Inside)  
 11:00 AM @ St. Lawrence (Outside)  
**4:00 PM @ St. Mary (High Risk Only)**  
 (Intention: For St. Mary's Church)

Please check our parish website @ [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.com) for up to date information

**For Mass schedule in our local community go to <http://masstimes.org>**

### **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



**Old Palms:** If you have palm branches from past years, you may bring them to church by Sunday, February 14th. Any which you bring in later will be held for another year.

## From the Desk of Fr. Ben Syberg

You may recall from last weekend - I said that somehow, I was blessed to avoid seeing a lot of news regarding the craziness at the Capitol. Typically, political outbreaks consume a lot of my energy. This time, not so much. I suppose it didn't hurt that I was on vacation. But maybe more so, perhaps I have experienced a small growth in wisdom.

So, the riots happen. I really don't want to talk about it. I'm tired of it, of all of this, just sick and tired of caring. And I suspect you are too. But I know we can't bury our heads in the sand, can't pretend things in society didn't happen, so I'll write a little bit, get on my soap-box, and then we can move on.

A personal diagnosis of our problems in society is what I call the **Politics of Blame**. I say politics, but this isn't true just in government - it's in the media, corporations, sports, even the Church. What does it mean? It's simple - people don't take blame when bad things happen. When something goes wrong, it is always someone else's fault; someone else or something else is always to blame.

Here I thought, *leadership* is supposed to be the opposite. I was trained that as a leader, when things go well you give others the credit. And when things go poorly, you give yourself the blame. Frankly that's the definition of leadership. These days, I never hear any leaders in society say: It was my fault, I'm to blame, I have to do better, I will do better. Some leaders, right?

Why did all those shenanigans happen in DC? I wonder - our society today has a tendency to make its own enemies. One side says the other is crazy; the other side gets tired of hearing that. One side moved against the other, and the other side ups the ante. One side feels threatened, so they strike back. Then things get worse. And usually, you reach a point from which it's pretty hard to come back.

The world is not going to end; the West is not about to collapse. This too shall pass, once the next story comes. Until then, I pray for leaders. People who can break the cycle. Instead of pointing fingers and casting stones, I look for those who lead by addressing their own failures. No doubt, that is a hard thing to do. In a way, as everything does, this shows us that there is only one true leader. And that is Christ. The Lord is the only One Who can help us rise above ourselves. He alone sees the faults and failures of all of us. And He alone sees inside of us, that which is good. Even if no one else does. *God Bless.*

## The Word This Week

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfills his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

Source: <https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent3b.htm>

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