

January 28, 2018  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God  
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



### Parish Office

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**Hours** ..... Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
Fri. 8:30 am-2:00 pm  
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### Parish Staff

**Pastoral Associate & SVDP**  
Anthony Henry ..... (260) 424-8231  
**Office & Hall Manager**  
Jan Kortenber..... (260) 424-8231  
**Receptionists**  
Karen Grashoff..... (260) 424-8231  
Sue Koester..... (260) 424-8231  
**Bookkeeper**  
Julie Crouch ..... (260) 424-8231  
**Sacramental Coordinator**  
Mary Kay Matasky..... (260) 424-8231  
**Music Director**  
Greg Childs ..... (260) 466-8770

### Liturgical Environment

Chuck Luther ..... (260) 424-8231

### Mary's Kids Director

Therese Spencer.....(260) 747-4242

### Nursery Director

Judy Parrott..... (260) 420-1929

### Wedding Coordinator

Rebecca Silkworth ..... (260) 223-7018

### Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

### St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

Diane Day ..... (260) 426-1217

### Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

Dee Kumfer ..... (260) 422-4968

### Ave Maria House

Dottie Carpenter..... ..(260) 424-3355

### Building Operations & SK Deliveries

Tom Freehill.....(260)424-8231

### Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter.....(260) 705-1690

### Sacraments

#### Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

#### Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

#### Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

#### Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR  
Anytime by appointment.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

#### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

### Parish Mission Statement

*"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."*

### Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone Number  Moving, remove from list

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priest

hood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11). This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 28**

**Sacristan:** Sue Koester

**Commentator/Petitions:** Dottie Carpenter

**Servers:** Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma, Nicole Obioma

**First Reading:** Patrick Mitoraj

**Second Reading:** Ben Clemmer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Sue Koester, Barb Chmiel, Pat McBride, Theresa Spencer, Judy Wagoner, Maureen McCon, Maxine Stovall, Louise Yahne

**Ushers:** Ken Yahne, Greg Gemperline, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer

**Greeters:** Scott & Rita Zehr

**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, February 4**

**Sacristan:** Sue Jehl

**Commentator/Petitions:** Tom Rumschlag

**Servers:** Payton Hinsey, Jasmin Myles, Jennifer Hayes

**First Reading:** John Barnett

**Second Reading:** Dottie Carpenter

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Jehl,

Joanne Miller, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Celeste Streicher, Jane Wick, Angela Greven, Maxine Stovall

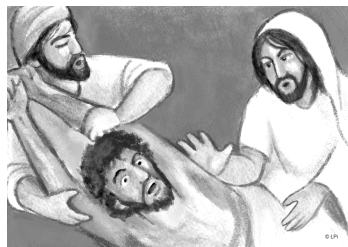
**Ushers:** Liz Peterson, Christine Myles, John Peterson, Val Vorndran

**Greeters:** James and Karstan Ball

**Greeters:** Scott & Rita Zehr

**Liturgical Roles**

This week, our **second collection** is for the **Church in Latin America**. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and lack of ministers make it difficult to practice the faith. Your donations and renewed support will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, as well as seminarian and religious formation so people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as a way to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Car-



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

**Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/  
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/  
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/  
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd  
[12b]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23/Mk 1:29-39




## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 28**

**10:45 am** *Lawrence Endress*

**Sunday, February 4**

**10:45 am** *For the People of St. Mary Mother of God*



## Altar of Service

### Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for...INSTANT POTATOES

#### Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 –1:00 pm

Saturday, January 27: Rotorex & Jordan

Sunday, January 28: Volunteers

Saturday, February 3: Leslie House, Ryan Shaffer

Sunday, February 4: Brice H., Larry C., Ryan S.

Saturday, February 10: Portage Middle School, Ryan S.

Sunday, February 11: Shanebrooks, Fairmans, Ryan S.

Saturday, February 17: Bob & Deb H., Jim Schmidt,  
Jeff Alexander

Sunday, February 18: Liz & John Peterson

### AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY

Thanks for all your support!!

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, January 28**

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second collection is for Latin America
- First Meeting of St. Mary's Ministries Fundraiser Committee. Let's get an early start! Anyone interested may join.

**Saturday, February 3**

- New Proclaimer of the Word (Lector) Training
- From 9-1 at St Jude on Randallia Dr. Meet in room C of the Parish Center. Instructor: Ruth Cronister

**Sunday, February 4**

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Today there is a **FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** at 9:30 a.m.
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## Parish Announcements

### CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK

Join the Catholic Business Network on Friday, February 2 for our First Friday Breakfast. We will begin with Mass in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel (by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) at 7 a.m.. This will be followed by networking, breakfast, and our featured speaker at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral Center. This month's featured speakers are Dr. Matt Smith and Dr. Lance Richey, two veteran educators who will be speaking on the multiple goals of a Catholic college, where some of the tensions and difficulties are in carrying them all out, and the underlying principles found in Church teaching. Sponsored by the University of St. Francis, their talk is titled "The Purpose(s) of Catholic Higher Education." All are welcome!

### SOUP'S ON

SOUP'S ON! Come begin Lent simply. Bring a friend for lunch of soup and bread on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Mother of God Church, 1101 Lafayette St. A free will donation will help support St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, which serves 1,000 free bowls of soup to hungry people every day. A Lenten Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes will begin at 11 a.m.

### REKINDLE THE FIRE

BE ALIVE in Christ when you attend the 2018 Rekindle the Fire Men's Diocesan Conference on Feb. 24, 2018 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Register at [www.rekindlethefire.net](http://www.rekindlethefire.net). Conference speakers will include world-renowned Theology of the Body expert Christopher West, the inspiring and humorous Joe Farris and our very own Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Catholic vendors and Mass with Bishop Rhoades.

### COME AND SEE –JANUARY 29

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is looking for a few faith-filled men — up to 25 of them — willing to consider beginning formation for the permanent diaconate. Deacons are ordained members of the clergy who promise to obey their bishop. All are welcome to attend one of our many "Come and See" weekends. For the full schedule, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/deacon](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/deacon). Those who have further questions before one of the sessions may contact Deacon Stan LeMieux at [slemieux@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:slemieux@diocesefwsb.org). January 29 session is at St. Jude Catholic in the Parish Hall basement. Cost : Free.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: **Say "No" to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.