

February 4, 2018  
5th 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  
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### Parish Staff

#### Pastoral Associate & SVDP

Anthony Henry ..... (260) 424-8231

#### Office & Hall Manager

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#### 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

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### Nursery Director

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

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### 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

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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

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaust

tion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.*

**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

**Sunday, February 11**

**Sacristan:** Susan Berghoff

**Commentator/Petitions:** Carmen Doyle

**Servers:** Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neil, Tony O'Neil

**First Reading:** Rosemary Mausser

**Second Reading:** Greg Gemperline

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Susan Berghoff, Andrea Thomas, Judy Wagoner, Barb Chmiel, Dottie

**Ushers:** Dennis Doyle, Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth

**Greeters:** Judy and Katy Parrott

**Coffee & Donuts:** Martin de Porres Society

*"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

*"a time to be born..."*

*"a time to love..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Please pray for the sick

*"a time to die"*

**Steven M. Blaugh, brother-in-law of parishioner Theresa Blaugh**

*"and a time for peace."*

And in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war, or natural disasters.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1f*



## Liturgical Roles

### PLEASE NOTE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING: Sign of Peace and Precious Blood Offering

As we continue to face a particularly severe flu season the following will be in effect at St. Mary Mother of God until further notice:

To help prevent the spread of influenza we will omit the sign of peace after the Our Father at Mass and will dispense with offering the Precious Blood to people at Communion. The faithful are reminded that anyone seriously ill has no obligation to attend Mass.



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

### Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]  
/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/  
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/  
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15  
[11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor  
10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 4**

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

**Sunday, February 11**

**10:45 am** Marie Strunk



## Altar of Service

**Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen**

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

**Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers**

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

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****Liquid Laundry Soap****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, February 4**

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am Please Return the Christ Child Society Baby Bottles next Sunday.

**Sunday, February 11**

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent DePaul Society

**CHECK OUT WWW.STMARYSFW.ORG**

Please go to [www.stmarysfw.org](http://www.stmarysfw.org) and take a look for information about upcoming events. Information for the website can be e-mailed to Sue Koester at [skoester@stmarysfw.org](mailto:skoester@stmarysfw.org)

**ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM** - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office ([jcrouch@stmarysfw.org](mailto:jcrouch@stmarysfw.org), or 260-424-8231). You may also go to [www.stmarysfw.org](http://www.stmarysfw.org), click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

## Parish Announcements

**SOUP'S ON: ASH WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON**

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.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED**

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic School in Fort Wayne is looking to hire a long-term substitute 8<sup>th</sup> grade self-contained classroom teacher through the first week of March. To apply, go to [www.diocesefwsb.org/Teacher-Application](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Teacher-Application). If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Howe at 260-422-4611.

**BABY BOTTLE RETURN**

Next week-end, February 10-11 2018, Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne is asking that all filled baby bottles be returned and placed in the boxes labeled for the Christ Child. Every member of the Christ Child Society is sincerely grateful for all who were able to help us fund our ministries for at risk children and families in our community. We are very blessed to have your support. Thank You!

**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.

**ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD****PARISH LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARD**

Jane Patricia Czech was recently awarded the newly established "St. Mary Mother of God Parish Light of Christ Award." This award is designed to honor persons from the parish whose lives of dedication in various ministries don't make headlines and who more often than not operate under the radar. A member of St. Mary's for some 20+

years, Jane was actively involved with the Soup Kitchen. She resurrected the Funeral Dinner tradition here and ran the Ash Wednesday Bean Soup Luncheon as well as the Seder meal and the Prep Food Day for the Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. She also volunteered for our Christmas Box Program and spent time serving our Parish Council. In so many ways she gave of herself to this parish and its ministries. This initial award was given posthumously as Jane passed onto her eternal reward on Sept. 21, 2017.