
“TO JESUS THROUGH MARY”

*Lessons and Messages to the World from Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary
to Ruth Ann Wade of Bloomington, Indiana*

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*Message of Dec. 25, 1994,
from Our Lord Jesus*

Ruth Ann: Lord, this is Your birthday. Happy Birthday!

Jesus: Little one, yes, this day will be one of joy for many who know the true meaning of Christmas. That will be the special part of this day for Me, seeing those who truly know why this day is special, celebrate it in the love of their Jesus.

Ruth Ann: Many go to church today for this very reason, Lord.

Jesus: Many do not. Those are the ones that are of concern to Me. Those are the ones that were of concern to Me nearly two thousand years ago, and they are still the ones who have made My suffering and death on the cross so painful.

Those of you who love Me, and will take the time to be with Me, are of great comfort, but you must pray for those who do not love Me, and ignore Me. They not only will ignore Me on My birthday, but all year long. They turn their backs on Me. They seek the peace and love that should come from Me, from things. This will continue until all things are removed from them.

Ruth Ann: Lord, that is a strange statement, 'until all things are removed from them'.

Jesus: Little one, it is not a strange statement. It is a statement concerning the state of your world. All around you, in other countries, you see devastation brought on by man's greed and lust



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for power. You see the world being destroyed because of hatred for one another. The innocent suffer, as well as the guilty, and still the hatred continues.

Your world is going to experience devastation too, child, and it is through those who choose to ignore all the signs that have been put before them. My Mother has told you, "You were only a footstep away from the war and depravation of other nations," and yet, man continues on the road to destruction. He is destroying your world, little by little, through the lack of care and proper treatment of all of the gifts God has given to you, little one. Little by little, your world is being destroyed. Greed, lust, and arrogance, continue to be more

important in your world, than the love and care of all that is holy. The love of God and neighbor are no longer important, little one. Through this lack of love, animals, land, water, and air are being polluted and killed. These are all God's gifts to you, and man continually destroys through his selfish desires. 'More and bigger', have been the order of the day, instead of being satisfied with only those things necessary for the good of your soul.

God has sent you the gift of His Son in human form, in order to tell you, and show you, what is and should be, important. His word was ignored, and He was murdered. He has sent His Mother, and His words through Her, and She is being ignored and blasphemed. How much more is God supposed to take, little one? He is disgusted, little one. He is disgusted with mankind and his evil ways. Man is destroying himself little by little, and all that surrounds him. This is sad, but true, child, and even the words given to His children from Heaven are not changing the hearts of those who are in need of this change.

It is up to those of you who have been listening, to continue to gather for prayer in great numbers, in order to show God that you do care about Him and His children. You care about His love and His gifts to you in the form of the land, the water, and the very air you breathe. You need to let Him know you love all He has created, and wish to thank Him for all these special gifts, through the proper treatment of these gifts. Man must respect God, and the gifts given to him from God. He must respect

life, and hold all things that come from Him as sacred and holy.

Ruth Ann: Lord, this message is not what I would have expected on Christmas morning.

Jesus: Little one, these words are necessary. This is a solemn time in your world. Many are caught up in greed and materialism. Today means 'presents', and more and more of the things and distractions that have taken them away from the quiet time they could, and should, be spending with Me in prayer. Man is getting farther and farther away from Me. I am here. I am here, just as I was nearly two thousand years ago, but man is not listening to Me. He is not spending quiet time with Me daily, in order to hear what I have to say. He is too busy with other things to listen.

I speak to My children through signs, nature, the gift of My word in the Bible, and through the mouth of others trained in the gift of My word. But man continues to find ways to ignore these words. Because they do not hear My voice in human terms, they choose to believe I cannot, and am not, speaking to them. They are not listening. If they were to listen, they would hear Me. Then, they would have to change their lives. Many would discover all of the things they hold sacred are of little importance.

It is the soul that is of great importance, and it is being ignored and left to die, in many cases. The soul needs food, and it needs nurtured, just as a hungry body needs food to be sustained. Many of you feed your bodies, and ignore the food for your soul. The food for your soul is the word of God. Man must feed his soul through the gift of this word. And through this food, he will realize the need for change in his earthly life. The spiritual life has been ignored, and that

is why, little one, the world is being destroyed through the lack of love and care for God, His gifts, and the love of his neighbor. Man is destroying himself and his world. Pray for the conversions of My children, and ask for God's mercy for those who continue to blatantly turn their backs on Him.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord.

Jesus: Now, I know you must be about your day. I thank you for your love, and I thank you for your continued fidelity to God's plan for you. Know God is pleased, little one, with all you are doing. Thank you for wishing Me a Happy Birthday. Many will forget, but those who remember, please Me.

*Message of Dec. 19, 1993,
from Our Lady to Prayer Groups*

My Dear Children,

My blessing I give to you. May the peace of My Son, Jesus be with you throughout this holy season. The gifts I bring to you of My love and My messages are made possible by a God Who loves you. Take these to your heart. God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, sent His Son to love and die for you, so you can have eternal life. Now, He is allowing Me, the Mother of your Jesus, to prepare you for His Second Coming. How great God is! The graces and blessings you are being given here in this special place of peace and prayer, are made possible by God. Just as you can do nothing without the grace of God, I also can do nothing without His blessing. Thank Him and be grateful for all He has done for you. The time will come when I will no longer be allowed to move freely among My children. This saddens Me. Please, dear children, be aware that I am doing all I can to bring

all of you back to My Jesus. The rest is up to you. Pray, dear children, so you will understand the importance of what is being said to you. My protective mantle sur-rounds you and your dear ones. Know I am here praying with you, and for you. Go in the peace of My Son, Jesus, to love those who would do you harm.

*Message of Dec. 21, 1994, from Our
Lady
(After Prayer Group Message)*

Ruth Ann: Mother, is there anything You wish to add?

Our Lady: Child, during this Advent season, many draw away from My Son through their 'busyness'. They have forgotten the true meaning of the Christmas season. This should be a time of letting go of the things that take them away from the central focus of their life, and instead, they are accumulating more and more, of the very distractions they need to discard. That is because My children have become 'worldly'. They do not choose to accumulate what is most important. Love and peace have become nearly non-existent in your world.

Many speak of being stressed out, or confused. My Son comes bringing peace. There is no room in your life for those things that are not of Him. All things in moderation. God recognizes the fact you must work. And He knows you have needs that must be tended to. He also realizes you must find time to rest. There must be a balance in your life. In your quiet time set aside each day, even if it is only a brief moment, let Him know you love Him. He gets so little attention in a busy world caught up in all those things that distract, and detract from His love and goodness. The more man accumulates, the more man wants. It is like an addiction.

See first God’s love and peace, and all other things will become less important to you. Prioritize your lives, little children, and in doing so you will find this peace you seek. God loves you, and I love you. Go in His peace.

Message of Dec. 17, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Ruth Ann: Jesus, is there anything in particular You wish to speak to me about today?

Jesus: You are being over-whelmed by all you have to do today. Are you sure you wish to listen?

Ruth Ann: I need Your peace, Lord.

Jesus: Then listen. All those things you need to do will be accomplished. Put Me first, and all things will fall into place.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord.

Jesus: Many forget that, especially during the holidays when man has filled every minute of his waking hours with tasks that have nothing to do with his spiritual life.

This is a beautiful time of year, but man has turned it into a time of stress and frustration. There is so much that can be learned by reflecting on this holy season, this time set aside to prepare for the celebration of the birth of the One Who came to save man from his sins and eternal damnation. The One Who was, is, and is to come, has been shoved aside for commercialism.

What has happened to My children? How far man has strayed from the path! But where there is life, there is hope. Those of you who pray and realize the true meaning of the

Advent Season, continue to pray and reflect on what all your Lord and Savior has done for you. Meditate on the gift of My Mother and Her 'yes' to the will of God. You too, can say 'yes' to His will, and help change a world hidden in darkness. Through prayer and example, you can bring My children into light.

Witness to the greatness and glory of the One Who has saved you from your sins. Share with those who have no hope for the gift of salvation. Help them realize that I came to the earth to save man from His sins. I came to conquer death, death of a physical nature, and death of a spiritual nature. That means all My children have the hope of eternal life. What a special gift that has been given to all those on the earth! My Father in Heaven has given all of His children the gift of light, life, and peace, both physical and spiritual, and they do not take time to acknowledge that great gift that only He could give.

Some will go to Christmas Mass and say, "Oh, how beautiful," but then, that will be the end. Others will be too busy to even work Mass into their schedules. Man is concerned he cannot find peace. He looks for it in material things: alcohol, sex, the blaring sounds of distractions, and many, many other distractions. Peace comes from Me. I am peace. I am the One Who has brought that gift into the world by My birth.

Reflect on what I have said, children. Realize that peace is at your fingertips. Put Me first, and all other things will fall into place. My Mother, with Her simple 'Fiat', has given a gift to the world never before given. She gave physical life to God, so He could come to the earth to bring peace, love, joy, and hope of a life eternal, to a world in darkness. My children need to be awakened to the gift of this great

miracle. They need to realize that it was through the greatness of God's mercy that they are given a chance at rebirth.

It is time for My children to know this, and keep it in their hearts. It is not just enough to say, "Oh, I know all about that." One must take all of these things to their heart. Take all of these things to your heart throughout this season and the days thereafter. Keep them in your heart. Let them change your life so that you, too, will be able to say your 'yes' to the will of My Father. That is what He is asking of you throughout this season. His gift to you of the holy family is His example of faith, love, and trust in Him. Join Mary, My Mother, Joseph, My earthly father, and Myself, your Jesus, in this holy season, this time, an opportunity for renewal, and say 'yes' to your God and Savior, and 'no' to the things of the flesh. Die of self, repent of your sins. The Kingdom of God is close at hand. Make straight the way of the Lord, and bring true conversion into your life.

Ruth Ann: That sounds easy, Lord, but every year the season gets more and more hectic for everyone.

Jesus: That is the choice of those who do not put Me first. Be at peace, little one. Know I am God, and have come to the earth to save mankind from the world of darkness. God's will, will be done.

Ruth Ann: I am at peace, Lord. I'm glad I took the time this morning to listen.

Jesus: I, too, am pleased, little one. Your day will be blessed with My gift of peace.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Lord.

Message of Dec. 11, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Ruth Ann: Lord, I have not written what Your Mother has spoken to me for quite a while, but yet I feel I should be speaking with You this morning.

Jesus: If you have time, speak with both of Us today.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord. Is there something in particular You wish to say, or is it my desire that has made me feel there is a need?

Jesus: Little one, you know I would speak to you and any of My children, any time of the day or night. It is up to you to find the quiet time in order for you to listen without interruptions or distractions. Even if it is only for a few minutes, it is important to have that contact with Me, the God of peace.

Man talks of the world being such a 'mess'. This is not difficult to notice. Most of My children who pay any attention to the news of any kind are aware of the death and destruction all around them. The violence that man does to each other has become commonplace. While My Mother is calling for peace in your hearts and homes, the violence continues on. How can there be peace in the world, if man does not have that peace in his own heart? It is important, little one, that My children find this peace that is so necessary. A true conversion must come within oneself. There must be a peace and contentment in one's inner self, so that he can help those around him find peace. Once you have found peace, and share this peace with others, it acts as a chain reaction among My people. Those who have lost this peace, or in some cases, have never had it, wish to know peace, or have it returned to them.

During these times of war in so many places, and turmoil of all kinds, it is important for My children to have a place to gather where they can have this peace, even if it is only for a few minutes. It is good for My children to have this common goal. Remember, when two or more are gathered in My name, there I will be. God hears all prayers, but He is especially pleased when My children gather in great numbers to pay homage to all that My Mother is asking Her children to do.

This is a time of grace, and My Mother is pouring out graces to all those who ask. Sometimes, it is in the form of little miracles. Some-times, it is big miracles. It depends on what God will allow Her to do. God is the One Who is in control, but know My Mother will continue to plead for all of Her children, for special graces, until God tells Her it is no longer possible. That time is drawing near, little one.

My children continue to ignore the signs, but that does not mean, by ignoring, that it will go away. As in the time of Noah, man continued on his merry way, ignoring God. It did not stop God from carrying out the plans He had for the punishment of man, for all the evil he had brought upon himself. Man will have to answer for all the death, cruelty, and abuses he has afflicted upon himself and his neighbor.

Man was given a commandment, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself for the love of God'. How many truly observe this commandment? How many even know it exists? Man has become so corrupt and self-serving, he loves self and money. Even the love he has for 'self' is not a good love. He does not respect himself as a temple of the Lord God. He loves 'self' in such a way as not to wish to deny 'self' any pleasure: whether it is food, drink, material things, sexual pleasure, man

does not wish to deny his body anything.

But what of his soul? His soul continues to wither and die from lack of care. His spiritual self is denied in so many ways. The spirit, too, must be fed. In doing so, My children will find peace. It is through prayer and the word of God that the spirit can grow and soar and become one with the divine Creator. Without tending to the spirit, there can be no peace and no true love of self. Man must give up his selfish way of living. He must learn to tend to the needs of his neighbor, both physical and spiritual. And in doing so, his true inner self will break through this shell he has built around him; 'conversion', this word you hear over and over from My Mother. Pray for conversion, a true conversion of self and others. This is what the world needs, and it can only come through prayer and the grace of God.

Ruth Ann: Yes Lord, we all continue to pray for a true conversion, just because Your Mother has asked. I'm not sure if anyone really knew what we were asking for. Thank You for explain-ing it to me.

Jesus: Soon it will be time for you to go about your busy day, go with My peace, little one.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Lord. I love You.

Jesus: And I love you, little one.

Message of Dec. 9, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Ruth Ann: Lord, it's another busy day. This time of year it seems there is so much to do.

Jesus: Man has caused much of this, little one. The celebration of My birth

has become an excuse for spending money. Christmas has become a time of commercialism. Whatever happened to the days when My children prepared for the celebration of My birth through prayer? The true meaning of Christmas has gone by the wayside. More and more people are so busy purchasing gifts, they do not have time to think, or quietly pray. Peace will be lost because of all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. I will be all but forgotten.

Ruth Ann: Lord, many of us still believe in the true meaning of Christmas.

Jesus: Little one, your world is so small, you think in terms of family, prayer groups, and your church. I am looking at the entire world, little one, and know many of My children will not even observe My Birthday, My First Coming, by attending Mass or church services. Many will not even say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for sending Me to the earth as their Redeeming Savior. Many will not even thank My Mother for saying 'yes', to being My Mother. This is nothing new, though, little one. Why should I expect My children to acknowledge Me on special occasions, when I am ignored most days of the year unless they have a need? Then, I am found quickly, and not necessarily asked, but told, what needs to be done and when it needs to be done. Even when I am able to accommodate them, do they thank Me? No. I don't hear from many of them again until they are in need again.

Oh, if only My children would learn to love Me! I love so much, I gave so much, I continue to give so much. Why can't My children slow down and realize all they are, have, and ever will be depends on God, not man? The Lord gives, and He can take away, all of it, in the blink of an

eye. Man should give thanks for all things.

Ruth Ann: Lord, You are really sounding 'down' today.

Jesus: Not 'down,' little one, but I am sad. Man has taken a joyous season and turned it into some-thing that is not of Me. Pray, My children, that man will wake up before it is too late, and realize that 'things' do not bring happiness. Love, peace, and truth are the essential ingredients in a world of noise and grief of all kinds. Concentrate on the peace and love of this holy and very special time of the year. Be as the innocent shepherds tending their sheep. Come to Me, leaving the gifts of your love.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord. I love You.

Jesus: Thank you, little one, and thanks to all those who have not forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

Ruth Ann: Lord, will You speak more with me later?

Jesus: Little one, that was really all I wish to say today. You have much to do. Go about your day knowing My love is with you.

Ruth Ann: Lord, mine is with You, also.

Message of Dec. 23, 1993, from Our Lady

Ruth Ann: Mother Mary, will You speak with me?

Our Lady: Child, I am here.

Ruth Ann: I am sorry, I haven't written down many of the things You have spoken to me about, but thank You for talking with me when I need

to hear you.

Our Lady: Child, I have said I am always here for you, and if you do not have the time to speak with Me and write what I am saying, I would prefer you speak with My Son and write and share what He tells you.

Ruth Ann: That is what I have done, but then I feel I am slighting You.

Our Lady: Child, My purpose in coming to all My children in locutions, apparitions, visions, the smell of roses, is to draw you all closer to My Son. Those who have great devotion to Me are loved much by My Son. I am being allowed to come among you in order to strengthen and guide you in these difficult times. I am here to provide graces for you for the difficulties that lie ahead.

Man is aware that the earth is in great turmoil. This is not news that is a surprise to you. The world is such that only God can provide the miracles needed to 'clean up the mess' that man has made. That is why I am calling My children to prayer, over and over. That is why I am asking you to make sacrifices, offer up the crosses of your daily lives to God, consecrate yourselves to Me and My Son. God can do all things, but man must ask for the needs he wishes God to provide. Ask, and you shall receive. The desire to do the will of God in all things must be taken to heart.

During this season of love and peace, I am seeing more and more stress and sadness in My children. The turmoil that surrounds you, your families, and your world is overwhelming to many of you. The evil one is strong in the present days as never before. He has taken you away from the peace you need to prepare for His coming, the God of peace. I am calling you back from the distractions provided to you

by the evil one. I am here to return you to the peace and love of this special season. Focus on My Son, the God of peace, and all other things will become clearer to you. Listen and be aware of what God is telling you through the messages being provided to those of My children who are listening and being told to share.

There is a reason for My being here and walking freely among My children. Realize that God has felt it necessary to send Me to call you back to His ways. He wishes His children to return to the ways of God, and turn away from the ways of the world. For many of you, ingrained in materialism, this is quite difficult. For you who have become addicted to TV, and noise, and distractions of all kinds, I am telling you, set aside 'quiet time' for My Son. Turn off all the means of noise in your homes, offices, and vehicles for a few minutes each day, and listen to the gifts of the world around you that God has provided for you.

Listen to the quiet. Know that God is with you, wanting to reveal Himself in this peace. Listen with your heart, and know He wishes to speak to you and provide you with the direction in your life that will take you out of darkness. Listen, and be aware of His presence.

Old habits are difficult to give up, but addictions of all kinds can be overcome through prayer and the grace of God. Man, through his addictions, has turned his back on God, whether these addictions be work, sports, food, drink, noise, or those of a sexual nature. It does not matter what the cause. Man, through his own selfish desires, has turned to things of the world in excess, to block out the goodness, light, and love of his Creator. It is time to turn from the ways of darkness and turn to light. Pray for God's love and mercy and the

grace to be able to do so. Love My Son, listen to My words. I am here to help you. Pray, dear children, pray.

Ruth Ann: Mother, thank You for speaking with me.

Our Lady: Child, I am always here for you, but if you have a choice to make, My Son must come first. In loving My Son and doing His will, it pleases Me greatly. I love you, child. Go in the peace of My Son, Jesus.

Ruth Ann: Mother, help me share the peace with others today.

Our Lady: Child, the graces are provided by asking.

Message of Dec. 1, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Jesus: There is a great need, little one. My children have found something missing in their lives. That 'something' is peace. Many are finding that peace here, and in places such as this. This place has been chosen to be set aside by Me and My Mother as a source of renewal. This haven, blessed by God for the use of His people, will continue to be a source of peace, grace, and blessings for all those who come here in faith to pray. You, child, have been chosen to take a stand for the good God is doing and continues to do in your life. You have been chosen child, to witness to others so that they, too, can stand firm and steadfast in their test of faith. My children need someone who is not ashamed to say, "Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ," and "Yes, He is alive and working miracles today just, as He did two thousand years ago," and "Yes, He will work in your life for you today, just as He has in mine, if you will only let Him in."

Message of Dec. 19, 1990, from Our Lady to Prayer Groups

My Dear Children,

Your Heavenly Father watches over everything you say and do. Not one kind act you do for others goes unnoticed. Knowing this, please continue to pray for all of mankind. These people are your neighbors, your family and your friends. Spread peace and love to all those around you. Let this Christmas be one of peace. My Son and I appreciate every act of kindness shown to one another, and every prayer and sacrifice. We love each one of you dearly. Continue with your prayers, My Children, bring peace to a troubled world.



Dear Families & Friends of the Farm,

Ave Maria! On behalf of myself and the brothers stationed here in our friary, I'd like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas season & a Happy New Year. We Franciscans of the Immaculate have been graciously blessed by Our Lady to be able to serve you at the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center these many years, & God-willing we will continue to do so for many years to come.

As Catholics, we will all be celebrating a Jubilee Year in 2025. Pope Francis has given the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" for this special new year. We are pilgrims passing through this world in the hopes of one day reaching our true homeland, which is Heaven. In the meantime – in this time of pilgrimage - Our Lord has given us the charge to do good in this life. St. Francis closes his Rule quoting from Gal 6:10: "Brethren, while we have time, let us do good".

In this year of 2024, we experienced the passing of one of Our Lord's great pilgrims, our own Jim Wade, founder of the retreat center, who reached our eternal home in March and is doing much good down here on earth. Jim's life was dedicated to the Farm; he literally laid down his professional career in order to devote his life & his talents & resources to carrying out God's will for this special place of peace & prayer. He is dearly missed by those who knew him but he is assuredly interceding for all of us and for the Farm.

In place of Jim as manager, Our Lady has graced us with Austin Walker and Bob Schuler who have been working in tandem to manage and maintain the property, houses, and activities of the retreat center. Their skills & their dedication are truly a gift to Mary's Children. Maggie and Sara continue to work generously at the bottom of the hill at our guesthouse. The Schneidt family has generously stepped in to care for the cemetery and their daughter, Lyra, was hired as our new cook. We've also welcomed Jason and Julia Strasemeier and their children onto the Farm. Jason will be assisting as a carpenter and will be helping with maintenance. The Dunfees and other volunteers have continued to staff the bookstore, the Sokols have continued to generously provide food to the Farm as part of their ministry, & other hands have stepped up to assure that the retreat center continues as Our Lady desires. Since this is Her place, we would expect Her to take care of it, and that's precisely what She's been doing in these difficult months of transition.

In the friary, we've been blessed to welcome Fr. Joseph Michael McShane back to our community. Fr. Joseph Michael was one of the founding members of our community here in Bloomington. His arrival means that we currently have four priests and two brothers stationed here; it's probably the largest number of Franciscans that we've had at the retreat center in our almost 20 years of service here. Please pray that our work continues to build up and edify the Church & that we would be guided by the Holy Spirit and Our Lady in all of our endeavors.

Masses, confessions, spiritual direction, and assistance at the parishes of the archdiocese have continued to be a regular staple of our apostolic endeavors over this past year. Retreat numbers have been steady and have even grown at the Farm, with the Solar Eclipse retreat in April being one of our most well-attended retreats; certainly it was the most spectacular retreat of this past year. Another great blessing was the recent ordination to the diaconate of Isaac Siefker in October. Isaac is a transitional deacon scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in this upcoming jubilee year. He will be of great service to the archdiocese and to the people of God. He has been a blessing to the Farm in all the years that he has been here & been a part of our community.

In closing, I'd like to allow Ruth Ann to share a few thoughts with everyone. Please be assured of our prayers, best wishes, and gratitude towards all of you in this Christmas season and in this new year of grace, when we will be continuing on our pilgrim journey towards our true homeland in Heaven.

In Corde Matris,

Fr. Terrance Chartier, FI

December 2024



Dear Friends,

Another year has come and gone and now I am writing this "Christmas greeting" in place of Jim. Jim was taken from this life to the next on March 9, 2024. He was truly the best part of my life and I had the privilege of loving him for more than 65 years. After four bouts with cancer, cognitive heart failure and other health issues, bone cancer finally overtook him. Jim loved the Farm and loved meeting people and hearing their stories of conversion and healings, & he was always willing to push me forward to pray and give my witness to others.

Since Jim's passing, we have seen changes in staff, additions to the friars, and a terrible storm that damaged and tore out nearly a hundred trees on the property and damage done to many of the buildings. We are still in the process of getting it all put back together with God's help and many competent workers under the guidance of Austin Walker and Bob Schuler. Austin likes the out-in-the-field work and Bob takes care of the day-to-day issues office work.

I have truly been blessed to see so many of the people here at the Farm pull together during this difficult time to get things done & to give me support. It has been a difficult time of loss and grieving for me and my family. My daughter, Jamie, lost her husband in a private plane crash just a month after Jim passed away. His death, too, was devastating.

As this year comes to a close, I can't help but reflect on this as a time of loss & grief but also a time of growth. I'm learning to depend more on God and I'm learning to ask for and accept help from others. Since I am pretty much in seclusion and only leave my house for tiny respites, I have more time to pray and reflect. The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Our Lady of Sorrows mysteries have new meaning to me.

I am looking forward to a new year and, granted, a new beginning alone, but I know that with Our Blessed Mother and Our Lord at my side, I will be capable of dealing with whatever lies ahead.

May all of you have the holiest of Christmases and a blessed and holy New Year. Most of all, thank you for your prayers & good wishes.

Jim, your strength, easy manner & great sense of humor and laughter are dearly missed. Continue to pray for us & keep an eye on this place you worked so hard to help Our Lady & Our Lord bring to fruition.

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With your prayers, help, and financial assistance we will accomplish these projects.

Several months ago the Retreat Center experienced a devastating storm that toppled about 150 trees which nearly incapacitated the Farm. A Professional Volunteer and volunteers from Evansville, Sullivan County, and Indianapolis area with rented commercial equipment spent several days removing the trees. The estimated contract cost to have the trees cleared was about \$200,000.

The tree in the above pictures is a tree removed to create a place at Jim Wade's grave site to install two granite benches for meditation in peace and prayer while visiting the cemetery. The cemetery road needs repairs to facilitate funerals at a cost of \$9,600.00.

After nearly 30 years, facility depreciation becomes a reality. Three of the houses are in need of roof and plumbing repair.

We print, provide and mail about 1780 Messages each month without charge and depend upon contributions to offset the cost. We have committed volunteers that organize, print, fold, label and prepare them for mailing each month. The expenses are the cost of the paper, ink and postage. Once a year we ask for your help.

The 2025 project's cost is \$39,100.00

- _____ Contribution \$ _____ --- \$3,900.00 for 10% of the total projects
- _____ Contribution \$ _____ ---- \$390 for 1% of total projects
- _____ Contribute per month _____ over a 12 month period
- _____ Would like to talk about contributing a portion of the \$30,508.00 for labor & materials for the projects
- _____ Would like to talk to you about a major contribution
- _____ My phone Number is _____ and/or Email _____
- _____ Contribute \$ _____ **for support of monthly message which I receive**

**If you wish to talk to someone about how you can financially assist in these opportunities call or contact:
 Bob Schuler 812-259-9818 Or Bill Dunfee 812-825-4642 Ext 2**
 You may also call these numbers to make an appointment.

Enclosed is an envelope for any contribution you would be willing to provide Mary's Children.
May we help you in any way? Call 812-825-4642 or Bob Schuler or Bill Dunfee

THINK RELIGIOUS FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT



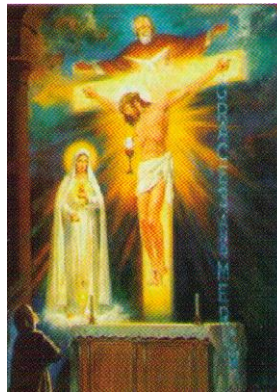
Religious Bookstore is located to the right upon entering the grounds of the Retreat Center. It offers a large variety of religious books and gift items for both adults and children:

Rosaries Crucifixes Religious Statues Greeting cards Religious Gifts
Religious Art Frames.... Bible Room Children's Room

Also Available Four Volumes of: "Lessons and Messages to the World from Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary" "To Ruth Ann Wade of Bloomington, Indiana"

Store Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 AM to 2PM You can reach the Bookstore @ 812-825-4642 Ex.2
Voice Mail available to leave a Message for a "CALL BACK"

LET THE BLESSED MOTHER GIVE YOU A GIFT!!



THIS IS THE PROMISE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation,

whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Attend Mass for 5 Consecutive First Saturdays
2. Confession (within 8 days before or 8 days after every first Saturday for the 5 months.
Confession every 2 weeks will always cover you.
3. Receive Holy Communion
4. Recite 5 decades of the Rosary
5. Keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.
6. Have the intention of making reparation to Our Lady. "You, at least, try to console me."

Please Join Us for Monthly First Saturday Devotions:

10:00 A.M. – Confessions Available in Annex (Annex is Located in the Same Building as the Bookstore)

10:45 A.M. – Rosary Procession on Rosary Path (In Sacred Heart Chapel at 11AM if Cold or Inclement Weather)

11:30 A.M.–Marian Talk in Sacred Heart Chapel (Confessions Available During Talk)

12:00 Noon– Holy Mass Sacred Heart Chapel

2024 Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

9:15pm Vigil Office of Christmas 10:00pm Holy Mass (Christmas Vigil)

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:30am Holy Rosary 10:00am Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

6:00pm Vespers and Rosary 11:00pm Vigil Office for the Solemnity of the Mother of God and Benediction

9-11pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in

thanksgiving for the old year and to prepare for the new 11:45pm Holy Mass (Solemnity of the Mother of God)

10:00pm Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

10:00am Holy Mass

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am Holy Rosary

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and The Extraction of Patron Saints

Please join us for Mass, dinner & drawing of patron saints for the New Year

Upcoming Retreats

December 7th >>>>

“Advent Day of Reflection”

Talks Given By >>>>>>>>>>

Fr. Matthias Sasko F.I.

“The Word was made flesh and dwelt in Mary”

Fr. Matthias will take the retreatants on a Biblical journey that will help them find Mary in the Sacred Books of the Bible. He will also explain how to look at Sacred Scripture through the eyes of Mary so as to find out how to utter the same “Yes” to Jesus that she gave to our Eternal Heavenly Father.

Fr. Matthias M. Sasko has been a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate since 2005. He was ordained a priest in 2013. Since then he has been involved at different levels in the formation of the MIM (Mission of the Immaculate Mediatrix), a public association of the faithful for laity who follow the spirituality and apostolate of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe under the guidance of the friars. He is currently assigned to Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington.

Retreat Schedule

In order to foster an atmosphere of peace and prayer, participants are asked to maintain silence as far as possible during the retreat. Everything will take place in the Sacred Heart Chapel

9:00am	Welcome & 1st Conference	11:00am	Adoration (Confessions Available)
9:45am	Break	11:25am	Holy Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)
10:00am	2nd Conference	11:45am	Benediction
10:45am	Break	12:00pm	Holy Mass

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January 17th-19th 2025 >>>> “Silence, Solitude & the Presence of God”

Talks given by >>>>>>>>>>>>>> Br. Gabriel Cortes F.I.

During this retreat Friar Gabriel will walk the retreatants through the three practices that make for a healthy & robust prayer life. He will take a look at what it means to spend time in silence with the very One who loved us into existence and in whose Presence we live and move and have our being.

Br. Gabriel Cortes F.I. was born in Concord, New Hampshire in 1978 and raised an hour north in Bristol. He attended Concord High where teacher and Astronaut Christa McAuliffe taught. He entered the Franciscans of the Immaculate in 1995 and made his final profession in August of 2000.

Registration Guest House Phone 812-825-4642 Ext 1

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Name of person sharing room _____ Phone if different _____

Cost of 3 day Retreat --Friday to Sunday Retreat

Single Room (1 Person)	\$220	Plus tax	\$ _____	<i>Check in by 6:00 PM Friday</i>
Couples (2 persons, Children under 18 free)	\$280	Plus tax	\$ _____	<i>Commuters check in</i>
Price Includes: Room for 2 nights (Fri & Sat)				<i>at Guest House Office</i>
2 Breakfasts (Saturday & Sunday), 2 Meals --Lunch & Dinner on Saturday				<i>upon arrival.</i>
Commuters: Not staying overnight	\$ 50	Plus tax	\$ _____	
(Includes lunch & supper. Can purchase Breakfast @ \$3 plus tax each)	Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	

Non-Retreat Nightly Rates: Single \$84 plus tax (1 person); Double \$89 plus tax (2 Persons); Accompanied children under 18 are free.

Pre-registration-Send form & check to Mary's Children, 8220 State Rd 48 west, Bloomington, IN 47404

Schedule of Devotions at the Farm

Visitation Hours for Sacred Heart Chapel: 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. daily

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 A.M. – Confessions Available ... 7:00 A.M. – Mass

3:45 P.M. – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Silent Adoration

4:30 P.M. – Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary, Litany and Benediction

Thursday: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: In Sacred Heart Chapel 9:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

Friday: 4:45 P.M. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday: Eucharistic Adoration at 11:00 A.M.. Mass 12 Noon. Confessions at 11 A.M. & by appointment.

Sunday: 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

4:00 P.M. – Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary, Litany and Benediction

Bookstore Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M

Please Join Us for Monthly First Saturday Devotions:

10:00-10:45 A.M. – Confessions Available (Annex)

11:30 A.M. – Marian Conference (Sacred Heart Chapel,

10:45 A.M. – Rosary Procession (Outdoor Rosary Path,

Confessions Available)

Weather Permitting; Otherwise in Sacred

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Heart Chapel at 11AM.)

Activities at the Retreat Center in October, 2024

1st Saturday/Marian Day was celebrated October 5th with Confessions, the Holy Rosary, talks by Fr. Simon Felix, OP from St. Paul’s Catholic Center, and Holy Mass. Father spoke on our “Our Blessed Mother”. The day was very well attended by several local participants, 20 overnight visitors, including a group of 14 from South Bend.

October 8th, St. Paul’s Catholic Center reserved the Dining and Conference Halls for an all-day staff retreat. October 18th to 20th was the Ignatian Retreat. Eight retreatants, its maximum number attended. Fr. Ignatius Manfredonia FI was the Retreat Master.

Throughout the month many visitors either stayed at the Guesthouse for 1-2 nights for personal retreats or came for the day to visit the bookstore, Sacred Heart Chapel, Divine Mercy Chapel, or just to walk the grounds in quiet contemplation.

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Speak slowly & very clearly giving Name, address and zip code