
“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, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Ruth Ann: Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Jesus: Thank you, little one. Not many will remember to tell Me that. Not many will remember the real reason for this day and the events in history that My birth brought into play, for without My birth, there could have been no passion and death. There could have been no resurrection. Man could and would not have a chance at eternal salvation that he has today. It took the birth of a tiny baby to bring all these events about. Now, little one, it is up to man to realize those truths and accept them so he can have the peace and love of His Creator. That is the only real peace. That is the only important peace.

Ruth Ann: Do You really think that will happen Lord? Do you really think Your children will ever really realize that all the externals are not important, only the spiritual is truly important?

Jesus: Little one, this has been a struggle for My children since man was created. It has only continued to become worse as man has become more and more knowledgeable. He has looked for easier and better ways of doing things. This is good, but he must remember where his knowledge to create and make better has come from. Man seems to think he is so brilliant he can do all things. Man has forgotten some important facts in all of his pride. Where did he come from? Why is he here? Who created him? There is so much My children forget, but soon they will be reminded of all these things. God continues to try to prepare His children for His son's Second Coming.

In doing so, He has sent His Mother



Mother of the Redeemer Farm

to minister to His children all over the world. She is calling all of you back to the right path, and She will continue to do so until She is no longer allowed. Many of you are listening and taking Her words seriously. Many of you are sharing the many miracles and graces that have changed your lives. Through the generosity of your faith and trust in God, and your love for you brothers and sisters, you are ministering to each other to boost each other's faith. The words, gifts and messages are to be shared. That is how My children who struggle in the darkness, looking for a reason to believe in something, will be brought into the light.

Each seed planted has an opportunity to grow. If the seed is not planted, it cannot grow. Seeds must be planted, and it is through those such as you who are responsible for planting many

seeds. Many of My children no longer go to church to listen to the word of God through My priests. How can they receive the words and Sacraments and graces they need to survive in a world covered with darkness? They are being touched and brought back by those of My children chosen by My Mother and Me to witness to the goodness of God. They are being touched by the love and blessings God has shown you, and by your example, being brought back into the churches to receive the word of truth, light, and life. Places and people are being used all over the world as a means of grace for My children. Lives are being touched, little one.

Continue to be obedient. Continue to listen and share what is being said to you. God loves His children, even those who have turned their back on Him. They need only to repent and come back to Him. He is waiting with open arms to receive them, just as the world waited with open arms for My birth. If they only knew then, what they know now much suffering would have been spared for all. But even then, man turned his back on an event that was to bring about a change for the entire world. How hard are the hearts of My children? Pray for them, child. Pray for the hearts of all those who are in need of a true conversion. Pray that many may be touched throughout this season and brought back to the true meaning of life, the gift of love which is Jesus Christ, His birth, death, and best of all, His resurrection, are your gifts of light, love, and peace eternal.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Lord, for these words. Thanks to Mary and Joseph for being obedient servants of God so all these events could take place.

Jesus: They listened and were

obedient, little one. You, too, must do the same.

Ruth Ann: With Your help, all things are possible, Lord.

Jesus: Go in My peace. Enjoy this special day with your family and friends. Thank you for putting Me first. Love all My children.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord.

Message of April 13, 1994, from Our Lady

Ruth Ann: Mother, the message You gave this morning was very profound. I guess that should not be surprising considering where it came from. Maybe the word 'different' is really what I should have said.

Our Lady: No, child, your first inclination was an accurate one. It was not the usual statement that I have been making in the messages to My children. I want My children to reflect on the goodness of God and the link between the God-Man and the God of Heaven. It is through the Father that all has come about or will ever come about. Do not underestimate the power of God. He has brought you the gift of salvation in the form of a tiny, humble Creature sent to the earth as an example for all of mankind. He was and is the Savior for all. I am speaking of the gift of My Son. His life was to be an example for all those who were to come after. He was brought to this earth in very humble surroundings. He lived very humbly. He was a kind, loving, peaceful child, and never changed as an adult. He died in the same way He was brought into this world, filled with peace and love. Even though there were those in the cruel world around Him seeking to do Him harm from birth till death, He lived a life of love. My children could learn much from such a Teacher. He was the perfect example for all of God's children. They need only look to His life and death, and His complete resignation to do the will of the Father no matter what, to see how they, too, should live their lives. Total giving of self, this is not an easy task.

Ruth Ann: No Mother, it isn't. It is extremely difficult. I'm not so sure many of us will ever achieve this kind of abandonment. I struggle daily.

Our Lady: To become aware that you need to change your way of living, and focus more on God is only the beginning of conversion. It is an ongoing process from birth to death. As long as there is evil in the world, the struggle will always be there. But you have with you One Who has conquered evil, My Son. Turn to Him and focus all you say and do on Him.

I am here to help by interceding in any way I can. You need only ask. I am the Mother of all God's children. I desire nothing more than to bring all of His children back to Him. That is why I am here. I can think of nothing greater than being able to give such a beautiful gift of souls to the Father Who has given Me everything. If man could only see what Heaven is like. If he could only see the great gifts God has in store for those who love Him enough to strive for holiness, man would not give in to so many temptations set before him as traps by the evil one.

You speak of life being a struggle, child, and yes, for many it is so. The cross on the way to Calvary was carried by My Son, that too, was a struggle. Your life is not expected to be free of difficulties and struggles. Of course there will be pain and suffering along the way. My Son has given you the way to live your life. Turn to Him in times of need. He is always there for you. The struggle will be there, but so will My Son. Seek His peace, children. Know that He will always be there for you.

Message of Oct. 21, 1993, from Our Lord Jesus

Ruth Ann: Jesus.

Jesus: Yes, little one.

Ruth Ann: I thank You for seeing us through the weekend of prayer. Many have written thanks to us, letting us

know how much they have needed and appreciated a mini-retreat. It makes it all worthwhile. I'm only sorry the weather wasn't more beautiful.

Jesus: My Mother has said She is calling those She wishes to be here, did She not?

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord.

Jesus: Then those who were to be there, were there. Those She did not wish to have come at this time, were not called. It is as simple as that, little one.

Ruth Ann: Lord, I thank You and Your Mother for the many miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit given to many in prayer here on the farm. I know we are not to be caught up in the 'externals', as Father Ron calls them, but Lord, so many of Your children need those things as reinforcement.

Jesus: Little one, your priest is not downplaying My miracles, and signs, and wonders, given as faith builders; but he is only saying what I Myself have said many years before him, "Do not come seeking signs and miracles, but come seeking the word of God." The externals are only there to give graces to those who are already seeking the face of God. He wishes to protect you and this place of prayer designated by My Mother to be a quiet refuge for many in the days to come. He too, is only trying to do the will of My Father, just as you and many before you have done.

It is not an easy path, but those who love Me do not have an easy path to follow. But then, neither was the path that I had to walk on the way to Calvary. Each one of you has your own Calvary, but it must be so in order to inherit the Kingdom of God. Heaven is to be earned, little one. It cannot be handed to you as a gift, just because God loves you. It is true that I have suffered and died to give you the right to inherit the Kingdom, but you have to earn your way there. It is by the crosses that you carry, and the heartaches along the way, that you finally will be allowed to enter a place earned by many of My beautiful souls.

Let Me explain it to you this way. As a child, you have the right to the love of your parents, but it is through being obedient and following the rules set up in their household that you truly earn their love and the home they can provide for you. So too, must My children follow My rules, so that the love that God has for them can be shown to them in the reward of eternal salvation, the home He can provide for His children that lasts for all eternity. When you think in terms of 'forever', little one, the difficulties, the hurts, the sufferings here on earth take on a whole new perspective, do they not?

Ruth Ann: Lord, I hope You don't feel I'm complaining, because that is not my purpose in talking to You of these things. I love You, and want to please You.

Jesus: Little one, many come to you and say, "I can relate to what you are saying. It is as though God is speaking to me." I am speaking to them. It is through you and your simple honesty and faith that many hearts are being touched that could not otherwise be touched. You yourself have said you don't understand why you are being used by God as an instrument. It is easier for My children to relate to one such as you. Many love God and need to know that they too, are loved by Him. Many feel they are not worthy to walk into His Kingdom. I have died to give all My children that right. Now, it is up to them to continually pick themselves up again after each fall, ask for forgiveness, and continue on in this struggle with darkness, to walk into the kingdom of light.

Child, you are working in a mighty way just by being you. You love God, and you continue to love God no matter how great your sacrifice. You listen to God and follow what He is asking you to do. He wishes His words to be shared, to give hope, and peace, and strength to all those in need. My other children look at you and see how difficult life is for you, and how you have to continually pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and continue on. This gives them hope.

Your faith has saved you, little one, and it will continue to be the salvation of many, many more to come. God is not through with you yet. The things you are doing for Him at this time are only a sample of what will be expected of you as time goes on. You have said 'yes' to the will of God. It is in your saying 'yes' that doors will be opened wide for others to come into the Kingdom of God.

Pope John Paul II has called for 'evangelizing' by all of My children. You are doing just that. Through your witnessing and sharing, others too, have been inspired to evangelize. It is all part of the plan. You were told the words spoken to you would be far-reaching. You could not understand how this could or would be. You are beginning to see how God works, little one, how He uses the very least of His children to go forth in faith to provide for others of His children. Your faith amazes many, child, and it strengthens those who tend to be weak in their faith.

Child, go forth and spread My words, by listening and writing all that I am saying to you. All your needs will be provided for by the One Who has created you for this very purpose. My peace be with you, little one.

Ruth Ann: I thank You Lord, for talking with me.

Jesus: I thank you for listening

*Message of March 3, 1994,
from Our Lord Jesus*

Ruth Ann: Lord, I'm tired but I have this need to speak with You.

Jesus: Little one, that desire has been placed there by Me.

Ruth Ann: What do You wish to say?

Jesus: Little one, your Jesus wishes to thank you for putting the feelings of others before yourself. As you do for the very least of My children, you do unto Me. That is what I mean by ministering to My people. Sometimes it will be a listening ear when they feel they have no one to talk to about what

has gone on in their life. Sometimes it will be prayer, sharing My words through the messages from Me or My Mother. Sometimes it will be through your talks. Child, the very fact that you are listening and being obedient is of great assistance to Me and My work here on the earth. I have told you before, when I walked on the earth, I performed many miracles. You, My child, will do even greater things.

Ruth Ann: Lord, how can this be possible? You are God. I can think of nothing greater than receiving the Eucharist or being absolved of my sins. I can do neither. I am not a priest, and I feel so inadequate to be of help to Your people. I feel their pain and my heart aches for them, but I can't absolve them from their sins, or free them from their pain.

Jesus: Little one, you do not have the gifts of a priest, this is true, but in listening, sharing, and praying with My children, you are bringing them back to Me. For those who already are with Me, you are strengthening them with your prayer, honesty, and humility. Little one, your peace is transferred to My children. This peace can only come from Me. Little one, you still do not understand just how important it is for Me to have you as a willing instrument; that you allow Me to use you here on the earth to minister to My people, is a special blessing to Me. Many would like your gift child, but would not like to give up all you have given up in order to be used in such a way.

Ruth Ann: Lord, You know I have, and continue to have, difficulty with all that I do for You. Please don't make me out to be something that I am not. I have faults and struggle through life just like all Your children who come to me seeking prayer and peace.

Jesus: Your humility is beautiful to behold, little one. That makes you special to Me and to others.

Ruth Ann: Could we please change the subject, Lord. I love You and wish to please You, You know that.

Jesus: Child, I know your heart, so

yes, I do know these things and more. Many of My children are brought back to Me through your obedience, little one. Many are finding a new love for Me and for My Mother. Some are having their faith renewed just by your example. Continue to do as you are doing. The graces and strength will be there for you as the need arises.

Ruth Ann: Lord, I have no doubt of that. I see Your miracles in my life and the lives of others continuously, and besides, all of this is out of my hands. I gave, and still give it all to You.

Jesus: That is why I am able to work through you, child. Your faith and trust is needed for Me to be able to do all I need to do for those brought into your life. Continue to do as I have asked, and touch the lives and hearts of all those around you. I will do the really difficult part. I will do the healings that are needed.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Lord. Just continue to strengthen me. Do You realize just how difficult it is for me to do? I know my faults, Lord. For You to have me be the center of attention in prayer, or speaking with Your children, is so humiliating and embarrassing for me. I know many times I am praying with people who are so very holy, Lord. Please help me to do all You ask of me, so that I don't feel like a lamb being led to slaughter each time I do these things.

Jesus: Child, I have told you that this is all part of the dying of self. You would not have been asked to do such as this if you had found it to be easy. In your smallness, God can use you in a big way. If you were not humble, and did not recognize your many weaknesses, you would not be able to help those around you. It is through your being imperfect, and recognizing that fact, God has been able to change your heart in many ways. You will continue to be molded and formed into the likeness of God as you continue to minister to My people.

The more you do, the more you will

grow, and the more will be asked of you. God has His hands upon you and is watching all that you do. He is not disappointed, child, He is pleased, and so are those that surround Him. Continue on in this journey set before you. God is with you and will minister to you, as you minister to His children. Now go in My peace, little one. Know I am with you as you do the will of My Father.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Lord. I cannot ask for more than that. I love You and Your Mother.

Message of August 4, 1993 from Our Lady

Ruth Ann: Mother Mary, since You just gave me the message for prayer group, do You have anything else You wish to say?

Our Lady: Child, Your Mother continues to call out to Her children. More and more are listening, but the number needs to be greater. I am depending on those such as you who are listening and being obedient. I am depending on those who hear My voice and the voice of My Son, to share what We are saying. As a child of God, I listened and was obedient to the will of My Father. God used Me in a way I would never have dreamed possible. Now it is your turn child, to be used in a mighty way. God's children need special attention, little child. God is in need of love and obedience to His will. How can the children of today do His will if they are not listening? If they are not listening, then there is not much love for Him. It is all a vicious cycle. Everyone is too busy. How can this be? Put God first. He has created you. You would have no life, family, job, time for recreation, if He had not put you here and given life to you. Take time to pray. Take time to listen and do the will of Him Who created you. This is something all of My children forget. God wishes to be recognized. He wishes to be loved and praised. He wishes to be asked instead of told.

Of course He knows your needs. You

are all His children. He knows your hearts. He knows everything about you. He knows all that you are doing; the very good, as well as the bad. He loves each one of you dear children, and wishes this love to be returned. Why does man continue to make life so difficult? It is all so simple. Put God first and He will care for all your needs.

Ruth Ann: It does seem simple Mother, but You are right. We have made our lives so difficult by cramming so much into our days and evenings. Everyone has to be doing something all the time. Not many have learned that time has to be taken out of our busy schedules to listen and thank God for His many blessings. I'm guilty too. My days are filled to overflowing with many activities and responsibilities.

Our Lady: Most of My children are guilty of this, but remember, I have said there are many kinds of prayer. Even an occasional 'thank You, Lord,' when you feel something has happened that only He could have done, is a very special prayer. He does so much for each one of you, more than you could ever realize. He takes care of you so many times and you don't even realize it. When you do, please take the time to say, 'thank You.' God loves you so very much, children. All I am asking of you is to acknowledge His love. He deserves so much more than He is getting from His children. It breaks My heart as a Mother to see His children ignore and blatantly deny Him. He has done so much for His children, and they continue on their way as though He does not exist. He does exist. Many will learn too late that God does exist. That is why the time you are being granted to prepare for His coming is so important. Man must pray, fast, and do penance. Man must listen to My call and hear what I am telling him over and over. Those of you who are listening have a grave responsibility to share all you are being told, so that the minds and hearts of those who have not taken these messages seriously, begin to realize the importance of each message. It is

called 'evangelizing,' dear children. In a world that is too busy, you come in contact with those just waiting for some sign that God is alive, that He does exist. Sometimes just a word or two from you, about what God has done for you, can change the life of someone who would otherwise not hear the word of God. Man must be reminded continuously of the importance of God in His life, and you can do this for one another by witnessing of His greatness, goodness, and mercy shown to you in your life. That is called 'witnessing.' That is called 'evangelizing.' You need not shout it from the rooftops, just a word here or there is all that is needed. The seeds are planted by you, then it is up to that individual to tend and water the seeds planted. They must see that they grow into healthy, fruitful plants.

See why your talks are so important, little one? Your sharing what God has done in your life has touched the minds and hearts of many. Sometimes the groups are small, sometimes the groups are large. It is not the number present, it is who is being touched. You speak to My children. I will see that those I wish to have hear you and be present will be there. I will see that those who need to be touched, are touched. All I need is for you to be obedient and do the will of God. Listen child and be obedient. God will do the rest.

Ruth Ann: Thank You for the words of encouragement, Mother.

Our Lady: I realize that it is not easy for you. You are one who wishes to have your life private, but this is not possible. I will do all I can to help you with the difficult task put before you. Many blessings are in store for you. Go in God's peace. Know that you are loved.

*Message of July 6, 1994,
from Our Lady*

Ruth Ann: Mother, some days the messages are very difficult for me to hear.

Our Lady: You know the reason for this, child. The evil one realizes the need for these words for My children, and wishes to cause as much confusion and distraction as possible. It is necessary for you to pray before asking for this message. This will give you the peace you need in order to listen.

Ruth Ann: Yes, Mother, I'm finding that to be extremely important. Is there anything else You wish to add? You know I have a talk today. Please be with me.

Our Lady: Not only will I be with you, little child, but I will provide the words I would have you say.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Mother, that is a great blessing for me that provides me with a peace that I really didn't expect today.

Our Lady: Child, you are helping Me with God's plan for the salvation of His children. How could I not be with you?

Ruth Ann: I know You are always with me at my talks. I've never doubted that. It's just that there is no peace before a talk. The struggle goes on and on, dear Mother.

Our Lady: Child, the peace you need to give your talk today will be provided. Be not afraid. I am with you, as is your Jesus. You have many praying for you at all times. This has been placed upon the hearts of all who realize the difficulties you and your family face as a result of speaking out and witnessing to the love of God in your life. Many experience graces, blessings, true conversions, and yet do not share this great grace with anyone. Their light is hidden under a bushel.

You have experienced many miracles in your life, and have shared these from the very beginning. As a result, the graces and miracles will continue to grow. You reach out to those of My children in need of the knowledge that God is working miracles, now. He is speaking to His children, now. He is giving graces and blessings to His children to provide them with a true

conversion, now. It takes those of you who have said 'yes', to provide them with this knowledge, so they too, can experience the greatness of His goodness and mercy, while it is still available.

Had you not responded to this call, God would have chosen another to do this which you are doing. But you have responded to His call, and you are providing a lifeline to many of His children who are struggling in a pool of darkness. Through your gift, you are providing many with the strength and knowledge that God will work in their lives if they only have the faith and trust to believe in miracles.

So many of My children have become so worldly, they do not realize or believe that God cares enough to work in the daily lives of each of His children. He cares about your day, your life, your concerns are His. Nothing is too big or too trivial to bring to your God. He wishes to tend to the tiniest detail of your life. You need only turn your life over to Him, so He can do for you many, many things you could not believe possible. It is in turning your life over to Him that you receive it. It is in dying of self that you are born again. Peace will reign in your heart you have never thought possible, once you have learned to let go, and let God do the work that is needed in your life.

Many of these things I am saying to you have been said before, but they must be repeated over and over, until your hearts are truly broken open to receive these words and accept them with all of your heart. Then, and only then, can God truly do the work in your life that is needed. All of My children, listen and heed these words.

Now, you have a busy day ahead of you. Go in God's peace. Know I am with you, as is My Son.

Ruth Ann: Thank You, Mother.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we reflect on the many blessings God has poured upon the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, our hearts are filled with gratitude. Through your prayers and generosity, we have been able to build and sustain sacred spaces that continue to draw many closer to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

Because of your faithful support over the years, our grounds now include the beautiful Sacred Heart Chapel, the Divine Mercy Chapel, a welcoming Guest House, a vibrant Bookstore, Bloomington's Catholic radio station, the serene cemetery, and the prayerful outdoor Rosary Path, Stations of the Cross, and Seven Sorrows Path. Each one of these has become a place of encounter with Christ and a refuge of peace for those seeking renewal of faith.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we are excited to announce an inspiring lineup of speakers and retreats that promise to draw even larger crowds. Ruth Ann has encouraged us to prepare well to accommodate the many pilgrims who will come seeking the Lord's healing and grace.

To do this faithfully, we must address several urgent needs that will allow us to serve our growing community more effectively:

1. Upgrade our dated technology systems - \$14,500
 - Computer upgrades \$5500
 - Newsletter Printer \$7500
 - Newsletter Folding Machine \$ 1500

2. Replace and modernize our dining hall food service equipment - \$20,500
 - Electric Commercial Convection Oven \$10,000
 - High Temperature Dishwasher \$3,500
 - Sentinel 20qt mixer \$1,000
 - Refrigerator and Freezer upgrades \$6,000

3. Provide transportation assistance across our large property - \$40,000
 - Bobcat UTV for maintaining property \$20,000
 - Bobcat UTV for personnel transport \$20,000

Once a year we ask for your help. The total cost for these improvements is \$75,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in meeting this goal: (Enclosed is an envelope for any contribution you would be willing to provide to Mary's Children.)

Contribution Options:

Contribution \$ _____ — for any amount you wish to give

\$7,500 — 10% of total project cost Contribution \$ _____

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Monthly Contribution \$ _____ over a 12-month period

I would like to talk about contributing a portion of the \$90,000 for these needed improvements

I would like to discuss a major contribution
My phone number: _____
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If you wish to talk to someone about how you can financially assist in these opportunities, please contact: Jason Strasemeier, 812-825-7470 or Bill Dunfee, 812-825-4642 Ext. 2. You may also call these numbers to make an appointment.

If you would like to volunteer in the Guest House or Dining Room, please contact Jason Strasemeier at 812-825-7470

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

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,
Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center
Ruth Ann Wade and the Mary's Children Team

Dear Families & Friends of the Farm,

Ave Maria, and a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year! The Lord Jesus comes to us every day in a quiet and very humble way in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and at Christmastime, He silently arrives on the scene as a small, little child. The lesson that comes to mind in these two separate yet inseparable events is one of humility and love: the humbleness of Our Savior and the profound love that He has for each and every one of us. If you were the only person in the world, Jesus still would have come for you; in truth, you were actually made for Him. We were created by Him [or “through” Him] and for Him, as St. Paul reminds us in Col 1:16, and He starts His earthly life on Christmas Day as we all did when we came into this world – into His world.

Christmas is the season for putting Christ first again in our lives and in our hearts, and here, at the Farm, 2025 was another year of grace where Jesus’ laborers worked to put Him first for all those who visited this special place. We had many group retreats, many personal and private retreatants, and many others whom Our Lady called to spend some time away from the world so that they could be closer to Her and to Her Son.

Here I’ll share a story that Ruth Ann shared with me not too long ago: she and some other people, along with Fr. Joseph Michael McShane, were visiting the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI, a number of years ago. Ruth Ann was so impressed by the new church building in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the grounds and how beautiful and costly everything was; she actually became sad and began crying when she was in the bookstore there. Fr. Joseph was nearby and came over to her and asked her what was wrong. Ruth Ann said: “This place (in honor of Our Lady) is so nice ... our place (the Farm) is so poor compared to it”. Fr. Joseph smiled and said to Ruth Ann: “No ... the Farm is Bethlehem”.

“The Farm is (like) Bethlehem”. Those words gave comfort to Ruth Ann’s heart and they expressed a beautiful truth about the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center: it’s like the quiet and blessed holy ground where the little Lord Jesus first laid His head to rest in this world. The Farm is Our Lady’s Bethlehem in these United States.

The next generation is picking up the work which the Farm founders began. With the passing of the president of Mary’s Children, Jerry Walker, in July, his son, Deacon Ed Walker, has generously stepped in to fill his father’s shoes and to continue to guide the Farm according to Our Lady’s heart.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the friar’s presence here at the Retreat Center. Our Lady chose us to be the spiritual assistants at Her home of “peace and prayer” and, with three priests and two brothers, we are continuing the work which the first FIs began in 2005. We thank you all for your continued support and prayers and for the words and deeds of encouragement and appreciation that you have shown to us. It’s a great grace for us to be here in Indiana, in the heartland of America, where the Lord is reviving the hearts of His people and working to revive the heart of our nation. Be assured of our continued prayers for all of you in this season and in the blessed year to come.

In Corde Matris,

Fr. Terrance Chartier, FI

Guardian of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate
at “the Farm”

Bring Christ Back Into Christmas

This year give spiritual gifts to everyone on your Christmas List. Bibles, Rosaries, Medals, Statues, Pictures, Spiritual Books for adults & children & much more. All can be found at Mary’s Children Bookstore.



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Christmas Schedule 2025



Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

9:15PM VIGIL OFFICE OF CHRISTMAS
10:00PM HOLY MASS (CHRISTMAS VIGIL)

Thursday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:30AM HOLY ROSARY / 10:00AM HOLY MASS

Sunday, December 28th - Feast of the Holy Family

10:00AM HOLY MASS

Wednesday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

6:00PM VESPERS AND ROSARY
9-10PM SILENT ADORATION OF THE BL. SACRAMENT IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE OLD YEAR & TO PREPARE FOR THE NEW
10:00PM VIGIL OFFICE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD + BENEDICTION
10:45PM HOLY MASS (SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD)

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God - 10:00AM HOLY MASS

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord - 9:30AM HOLY ROSARY / 10:00AM HOLY MASS
FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK DINNER & EXTRACTION OF PATRON SAINTS
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Upcoming Retreats

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Jan 16-18, 2026

“The Beauty of the Sacraments”

Presentations Given By:

Karlo Broussard, of Catholic Answers

Enjoy this weekend retreat with Karlo Broussard of **Catholic Answers**. Karlo will be speaking on “the beauty of the sacraments” including topics of 1) The Seven Sacraments: God’s saving deeds among us, 2) The Eucharist: Mere Symbol or substantial presence?, 3) To confess or not to confess? A biblical defense of the sacrament of confession, 4) A biblical case for the priesthood, and 5) The bible blueprint for the mass.

Mr. Karlo Broussard, DPhil, a native of Southern Louisiana, left a promising musical career to devote himself full-time to the work of Catholic apologetics. As a staff apologist and speaker for **Catholic Answers**, and a member of the chancery evangelization team at the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma, he travels the country and the diocese giving talks on apologetics, biblical studies, theology and philosophy. Karlo is a regular guest on *Catholic Answers Live* and frequent contributor to *Catholic Answers Magazine Online*.

Karlo holds a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical University St. Patrick’s in Maynooth, Ireland, as well as undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology from Catholic Distance University and the Augustine Institute, and a master’s in philosophy from Holy Apostles College and Seminary. A dynamic and gifted Catholic speaker and author, Karlo is known for communicating with precision of thought, a genuine love for God and an enthusiasm that inspires.

For more information about this speaker or to register for this retreat visit:
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