

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **January 10, 2016 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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RCIA: Katie Herendeen

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Music: Barb Braley

### **Parish Organizations**

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris

Finance: Jonathan Ormiston

Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards

Cemetery: Bryan Cass

Bldg. & Grounds:

Mark Bush and Tom Sherwood

Knights of Columbus: Michael Edwards

Scrip: Kathy Rorick

Youth: Eve Peters

### **St. Mary School**

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Principal: Mrs. Jane Sandor

Secretary: Sara Lake

School Board: Angela Jansen

HASA: Kim Heshner

### **SACRAMENTS**

**Marriage:** Active registered parishioner(s) arrange for an appointment with the pastor six months prior to wedding date. A wedding must be celebrated in church.

**Baptism:** Call pastor to provide information, sacramental preparation and schedule the date & time of the Baptism.

**Ministry to Sick and Shut-ins:** Notify the pastor to arrange for visits to the sick or shut-ins, the reception of Communion and/or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are going to the hospital for surgery, the Anointing of the Sick can be received. If you are sick or undergoing surgery, let us know and we will include you in our prayers at Mass and on the parish Prayer Chain.

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 4:00-4:45, by appointment and scheduled Penance Services.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

January 11-17

**Monday** 7:15 am Jerry Thomas  
**Tuesday** 8:15 am Purgatorial Society  
**Wednesday—Saturday** no morning Mass  
**Saturday** 5:00 pm Jon Schmenk  
**Sunday** 8:00 am St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 am Special Intentions for M.C.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 11-17

### **MONDAY**

1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20

### **TUESDAY**

1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28

### **WEDNESDAY**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

### **THURSDAY**

1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

### **FRIDAY**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12

### **SATURDAY**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a, Mk 2:13-17

### **SUNDAY**

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

## MASS MINISTERS

January 16 & 17

### USHERS

**Sat** 5 pm Mark Bush and Gerry Schmidt  
**Sun** 8 am Paul Demske and Marion Duehmig  
**Sun** 11 am Arien Grimm and Bryan Cass

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

**Sat** 5 pm Theresa Meyer, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover, Michelle Myers  
**Sun** 8 am Chuck Rhodes, Monte Van Gessel, Craig & Linda Van Gessel  
**Sun** 11 am Katie Herendeen, Chris Passino, Tom & Eve Peters

### READERS

**Sat** 5 pm Grace Cartwright and Tina Ball  
**Sun** 8 am Jim Breckler and Ben Helmkamp  
**Sun** 11 am Roger Dancer and Rebecca Rorick

### CROSS BEARER

**Sat** 5 pm Lucas Cartwright  
**Sun** 8 am Cooper Teders  
**Sun** 11 am Jacob Grimm

### CANDLE BEARERS

**Sat** 5 pm Nathan Allan and Jonah Hoph  
**Sun** 8 am Volunteers  
**Sun** 11 am Grant Evans and Landon Cass

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat** 5 pm Mitchel Diffenderfer and Chaz Gabet  
**Sun** 8 am Dustin Teders and Gason Feist  
**Sun** 11 am Conner Heshner and Jeremiah Evans

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Rist**, sister of Barb Myers and Marion Duehmig, and sister-in-law of Lil Duehmig. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

Have you thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister? If so there is a training session at St. Charles, Ft. Wayne, on Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 am. If interested please contact Pat Hoover at 347-3424.

Did you get your gift “*Rediscover Jesus*” book by Matthew Kelly? If you didn’t and/or if another member of your family would like a copy also, please feel free to pick another one up in the back of Church. If you have a friend who would like one please take one for them as well.

We STILL HAVE NOT REACHED our Annual Bishop’s Appeal goal. Can you help??? A BIG “Thank you and God Bless You!” to the individuals who have given in addition to their ordinary pledge. Thank you for caring and giving from the gifts God has given to you.

## COLLECTION TOTALS

January 2 & 3, 2016

Adult \$7,027.00

Loose \$271.50

**\$7,298.50**

### Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$29.00

Improvement Fund \$35.00

Parish Saving \$340.00

Christmas \$160.00

First Offering \$510.00

Solemnity of Mary \$1,123.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

# of Envelopes Used this Week: 104

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

## REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. For many years, the Church combined three events in the life of Jesus: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana as one feast, known as the Epiphany. But around the eighth century, in Rome, the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord was shifted to the octave (the eighth day) of the Epiphany. After the Second Vatican Council, the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord was transferred to the Sunday after the Epiphany and designated as the conclusion of the Christmas Season.

Today's gospel account describes extraordinary occurrences, as Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River. Jesus' decision to be baptized indicates His choice. John baptizes, Jesus comes to him. Perhaps to sanctify the baptism Himself, to identify with His people, but certainly to bury the whole of the Old Adam in the water, to sanctify Jordan, and to consecrate us to God through spirit and water.

Also, St. Luke reveals the mystic meaning of Jesus' baptism as the Son in whom the Father is well pleased. Not only that Jesus' Baptism clarified for all the world who Jesus was, but it also gave Jesus His mission. He was to be a covenant of the people and a light for the nations.

Likewise, our baptism gives us our own identity. It tells us who we really are forever as God's children, beloved by the Father and called to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to our heavenly Father. Who we are should define how we live. May Christ help us to live up to the high dignity with which God has blessed us.

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Mark your calendar now...

Father David Mary Engo will be here at St. Mary on the weekend of February 6 & 7 for all three of our weekend Masses then on that Sunday evening, February 7th at 6:00 pm will be the opening evening of our parish's Mission here at St. Mary with Father David Mary Engo as guest speaker!

**Sunday, February 7th**

**5:00 pm**

*Share a meal together*

**6:00 pm**

*Theme: God-The Father of Mercy*

**Monday, February 8th**

**6:30 pm**

*Theme: Jesus- The Face of Mercy*

**Tuesday, February 9th**

**6:30 pm**

*Theme: The Sacrament of Mercy  
with Reconciliation Service*

**Wednesday, February 10th**

**7:00 pm**

*Closing of the Mission with  
Ash Wednesday Mass*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

If anyone would like to help with the Mission in any way please contact:

Sara Cartwright @ 260-564-5292  
Katie Herenden @ 260-582-9773

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in Church after the 11:00 am Mass today. If you can lend a helping hand it would be greatly appreciated.

**Help Needed:** Please contact Mrs. Grimm right away if you are interested in helping to prepare some fleece for a blanket-making activity during Catholic Schools Week. Her email is [jgrimm@stmaryavilla.org](mailto:jgrimm@stmaryavilla.org) or call the school office @ 897-3481.

Tonight, Jan. 10th, there will be the youth Mass at 5:30 pm with activities until 8:00. Any questions please contact Eve Peters at 897-2828.

**St. Mary School**

**Open House**

**Sunday, January 31st from 9:00—11:00 am**

There will be a breakfast buffet sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Altar/Society Ladies with a free will offering to Noble County Life and Family Services. Early Registration for preschool-8th grade will begin, and all are welcome to come visit the classrooms.

Come and see what St. Mary School has to offer!

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**From Bishop Rhoades...**As you have undoubtedly seen in the news, severe weather, in the form of violent storms, tornados and floods, has impacted people in the South and Midwest regions of our country. Additional major flooding is expected over the next several weeks as rivers and tributaries continue to rise. The USCCB has asked that dioceses take up a special collection for the humanitarian and Church needs as a result of these storms as well as anticipation of more domestic disasters. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the US, as they respond to immediate emergency needs for water, food, shelter, and medical care... We here at St. Mary, Avilla, will be taking up this special collection after Holy Communion next weekend, January 16 & 17. Please give as generously as you can and thank you.

For your information...St. Martin's Clinic in Garrett is now serving both Noble and Dekalb Counties.

















