

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**January 24, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris

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Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards

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Secretary: Sara Lake

School Board: Angela Jansen

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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 25-31

Monday—Saturday no morning Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday 8:00 am Diane Fortman

11:00 am Special Intentions for R.E.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 25-31

MONDAY

Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

TUESDAY

2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

2 Am 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17, Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Lk 4:21-30

MASS MINISTERS

January 30 & 31

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Alger Van Hoey and Brian Myer

Sun 8 am David Helmer and Craig Van Gessel

Sun 11 am Ralph Stark and Dennis Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Michelle Myer, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover, Jim Schmenk

Sun 8 am Chad Helmkamp, Chuck Rhodes, Stewart & Arlene Lewis

Sun 11 am Bryan Cass, Beverly Edwards, Jennifer Grimm, Ginny Hatfield

READERS

Sat 5 pm Tom Sherwood and Rob Diffenderfer

Sun 8 am Ben & Brenda Helmkamp

Sun 11 am Melissa Cass and Grace Cartwright

CROSS BEARER

Sat 5 pm Knights of Columbus

Sun 8 am Knights of Columbus

Sun 11 am Knights of Columbus

CANDLE BEARERS

Sat 5 pm Knights of Columbus

Sun 8 am Knights of Columbus

Sun 11 am Knights of Columbus

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5 pm Knights of Columbus

Sun 8 am Knights of Columbus

Sun 11 am Knights of Columbus

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **GEORGE CLIFFORD**, husband of Ruth Clifford and Steve Clifford's father, who passed away last week. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

There will be an **Altar/Rosary Society meeting next Sunday, January 31 at 9:30 am** in the Teacher's Lounge in the school hall. Come pray the rosary together and share your ideas on a fundraiser that the society can do to help the parish. All ladies are welcome.

There will be no Religious Education Classes next Sunday, January 31.

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.

COLLECTION TOTALS

January 16 & 17, 2016

Adult \$5,551.00

Loose \$198.86

\$5,749.86

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$35.00

Improvement Fund \$32.00

Parish Saving \$83.00

First Offering \$72.00

Solemnity of Mary \$15.00

Latin America \$2.00

Tuition Assistance \$118.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Dear Families,

This past week during one of our "snow-gift" days, I picked up my copy of *The Joy of the Gospel, Evangelium Gaudium*, Pope Francis. The book opened to page 19 with the following quote: *Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel.* For those in our school community this is our daily call, climb out of bed, jump into the day, and bring the presence of Christ to our students, their families, our colleagues and parishioners. It has been my experience that I need the light of the Gospel as much as I need to bring the light of the Gospel to others. Last weekend, several of our students spoke at their parishes and invited everyone to come to our Open House. Soon, Catholic Schools Week will be our celebration. Amid the wide variety of planned activities, we will earnestly begin to seek more families to join our school community. As we seek ways to increase our enrollment, I ask that everyone remember there are two very important considerations. Yes, increasing enrollment will be a great financial help. And secondary, and in many ways, the most important consideration, is bringing the Light of the Gospel to others. Please come and visit St. Mary School classrooms and see what St. Mary School has to offer next Sunday, January 31 at St. Mary School Open House. I look forward to all of us sharing the Light of the Gospel with old friends and new friends. Everyone is invited... parishioners, families, friends and neighbors!

In Service to Others,
Mrs. Jane Sandor, Principal

**St. Mary School
Open House**

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

Registration for preschool-8th grade will begin.

During St. Mary School Open House.....

Breakfast Buffet

sponsored by

Knights of Columbus and Altar/Rosary Society Ladies

School gymnasium

Free will offering to support

Noble County Life and Family Services.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Sister Theresa extends her thanks for all the donations of Christmas ornaments and little gifts that will find new homes with students when they say the Christmas Story again this year!

Throw-away, recycled items that can be turned into money and valuable resources: The school is again in need of recycled paper for every day use. The paper needs to be clean on one side, preferably with no staples or bent edges so it can be put through the copier. If anyone has a source to collect "**clean-on-one-side**" paper, please let the school office know (897-3481). Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Sister Theresa is still collecting **cancelled stamps** to help benefit the Missions. Also keep the **Box Tops and the soup labels** coming! These small donations may seem insignificant, but the school recently received a check for over \$500 from the Box Tops alone. Please make sure the entire barcode is attached on the Campbell's labels. Please bring them to the school office anytime during regular school hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am—3:00 pm or put them in an envelope and drop them in the collection basket. Thanks for your help!!

Teen News... Congratulations to our elected officials this year: Becca Rorick-President; Renea Martin-Vice President; Emily Rorick-Activities Director; Olivia Eagan-Middle School Representative.

The next Teen Mass will be February 14th at 5:30 pm with activities until 8.00 pm. Our own Mr. Helmkamp will be hosting teens with a game of his choice. No doubt, it will be an evening full of fun! Please feel free to invite your friends and/or Valentine and join us.

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...

**St. Mary of the Assumption Mission
Opening evening**

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

with distribution of Ashes

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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

Sara Cartwright @ 260-564-5292

Katie Herendeen @ 260-582-9773

The **Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo** has offered a **summer volunteer and leadership teen program** for many years. It is an opportunity for teens from 13-17 years of age to receive hands-on experience volunteering at a zoo. This program is a great way for teens to serve their community as well as to explore a potential career option. The online application can be accessed on the zoo website at <http://kidszoo.org/support-the-zoo/volunteering/teen-volunteers>. This is a competitive application process, and the deadline for applying to the program is February 29, 2016. If you would like additional information or have questions, please contact Kathy Terizzi at 260-427-6828 or volunteer@kidszoo.org.

