

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**February 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris

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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

February 8-14

Monday 7:15 am George Clifford
Tuesday 7:15 am Purgatorial Society

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 am—James & Donna Martin

7:00 pm—Francis Fischer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 8-14

MONDAY

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY

Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

Thursday 7:15 am Herb Myers
Friday 8:15 am Purgatorial Society
Saturday 7:15 am Diane Fortman and Family
5:00 pm Loretta Demske
Sunday 8:00 am Paul & Ginny Christman
11:00 am Special Intentions for M.E and B.E.
5:00pm St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday and February 13 & 14

USHERS

Wed 7 pm Marion Duehmig and Joe Litchfield
Sat 5 pm Mark Sible and Alger Van Hoey
Sun 8 am Dave Roesener and Dan Griffiths
Sun 11 am Ralph Stark and Roger Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Wed 7 pm Eve & Tom Peters, Beverly Edwards, Elaine Taulbee
Sat 5 pm Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover, Jim Schmenk
Sun 8 am Christine Beck, Nancy Helmer, Bill & Chris Freeman
Sun 11 am Jennifer Litchfield, Kim Heshner, Bryan Cass, Beverly Edwards

READERS

Wed 7 pm Michelle Myers and Arlene Lewis
Sat 5 pm Rob Diffenderfer and Tina Ball
Sun 8 am Ben Helmkamp and Chad Helmkamp
Sun 11 am Rebecca Rorick and Brenda Weber

CROSS BEARER

Wed 7 pm Volunteer
Sat 5 pm Connor Heshner
Sun 8 am Volunteer
Sun 11 am Grant Evans

CANDLE BEARERS

Wed 7 pm Volunteers
Sat 5 pm Jonah Hopf and Lucas Cartwright
Sun 8 am Volunteers
Sun 11 am Jeremiah Evans and Collin Hayes

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed 7 pm Volunteers
Sat 5 pm Chaz Gabet and Volunteer
Sun 8 am Volunteers
Sun 11 am Christopher Willavize and Anthony Deyo

COLLECTION TOTALS

January 30 & 31, 2016

Adult \$5375.00

Loose \$302.61

\$5,677.61

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$45.10

Parish Saving \$61.00

Improvement Fund \$10.00

First Offering \$24.00

Latin America \$77.00

Tuition Assistance \$20.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Remember...**LENT begins this Wednesday, February 10th!!** Make this the Best LENT Ever!! *Don't give up chocolate THIS LENT! Do something life-changing...* Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever email program. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. They will guide you through the 40 chapters in Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...In Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," the woman Portia says: "The quality of mercy is not strained/. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven/upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:/It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

In our first reading today, Prophet Isaiah is the recipient of a terrifying vision. He sees the Lord God. Yet, he is a sinner, and knows himself to be a sinner. Terror turns to invitation when his sin is removed by the Lord and Isaiah offers to be sent out as God's own prophet.

In the Gospel, Simon Peter is amazed at the miraculous catch of fish and the power of Jesus. Simon Peter probably felt he was a mighty competent fisherman, and yet it is Jesus, who shows him where all the fish are that day. Amazement turns to realization on the part of Peter and the other disciples. They know themselves to be imperfect. They discover the Master, Jesus, and He in turn invites them to become more than they are, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men."

Also, in the second reading, St. Paul encounters the Lord, his master, and because of that experience becomes more. Truly, he is transformed from one who persecutes the Church to one who is its biggest promoter among the Gentiles. He knows himself, his previous attitudes and actions, and describes the transformation as being "born out of the normal course."

However, in all three readings for this Sunday, there is a self-knowledge, an encounter with divinity and a transformation in Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and Simon Peter for the greater glory of God's kingdom. Both the prophet and disciples experienced what we pray in the Psalm: "You built up strength within me." Conversion to a new way of life usually takes a very long time. But Pope Francis tells us: "God's face is the face of a merciful Father who is always patient."

This evening...

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

with

Father David Mary Engo as guest speaker!

Sunday, February 7th

5:00 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!!!!

Any questions please contact:

Sara Cartwright @ 260-564-5292

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New Front School Doors will be installed on Wednesday, February 10th. We will not have access through those doors for the entire day. If you will be visiting the school on that day, please call the office at 897-3481 and we will come to Door #2 for you to enter. Thank you for your patience as we undergo this small construction phase.

Early Morning snow/ice removal. Help is needed in the early morning in preparing sidewalks when we have had a snowfall or ice accumulation during the night hours. If you can commit to providing snow removal and/or salting for ice on parish grounds sidewalks please contact the parish office at 897-3261 or school office at 897-3481.

Burger King/Chili Coupon Booklets are on sell for \$3.00. They contain 17 coupons for Burger King, Chili's, Ft. Wayne Komets and Ft. Wayne Mad Ants. Stop in the school office if you would like some or call the parish office. These booklets are a "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraiser for the school.

Throw-away, recycled items that can be turned into money and valuable resources: St. Mary School is 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 you can help please let the school office know (897-3481). Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Sister Theresa is collecting **cancelled stamps** to help benefit the Missions. Also keep the **Box Tops and the soup labels** coming! Please make sure the entire barcode is attached on the Campbell's labels. Please bring these items 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!!

Setting Men's Hearts of Fire for Christ... Saturday, February 20 at the Ft. Wayne Coliseum Expo Center for the largest gathering of Catholic men in Indiana—the Rekindle the Fire Annual Diocesan Men's Conference. This year's theme is "Battling Your Goliath." This dynamic, spirit-building conference will help you grow closer to Christ, equip you with the armor and tools to battle your own Goliath and lead you to become better leaders, friends, husbands, fathers and sons. Register today at **rekindlethefire.net**.

Youth News...Youth Mass is next Sunday, February 14th at 5:30 pm with activities until 8:00 pm. Mr. Helmkamp will be our game host for the evening. We anticipate an evening of fun surprises! Feel free to invite your friends and/or valentine. We'll have chili to eat...any side dishes or desserts are always appreciated. See you next week!

The Knights of Columbus and Altar/Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Life and Family Services last weekend at the Breakfast Buffet. Over \$1,000 was given to them for the ministry.

Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the students who participated in their annual Free Throw Contest at St. Mary School. Congratulations to all the winners who competed at the district level this past Saturday, Feb. 7th: Braeden Ball, Trevor Ball, Josie Deyo, Olivia Eagan, Ashlen Gromaski, Abby Haynes, Collin Haynes, Connor Heshner, Olivia Heshner, Ryan McNutt and Jessica Willavize.

