

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris

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Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards

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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 15-21

Monday	7:15 am	Herman & Wilma Schmenk
Tuesday	8:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Wednesday	7:15 am	Diane Fortman and Family
Thursday	7:15 am	Francis Meyer
Friday	8:15 am	Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Saturday	7:15 am	Special Intentions for R.G.
	5:00 pm	Don Ley
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners
	11:00 am	Special Intentions for A.L.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 15-21

MONDAY

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY

Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY

Est C:12, 21-28, Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY

Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

MASS MINISTERS

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Mark Bush and Alger Van Hoey
Sun 8 am	Marion Duehmig and David Helmer
Sun 11 am	Arian Grimm and Dennis Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm	Tom & Barb Sherwood, Elaine Taubee, Theresa Meyer
Sun 8 am	Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun 11 am	Jennifer Grimm, Ginny Hatfield, Katie Herendeen, Chris Passino

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Sara and Grace Cartwright
Sun 8 am	Nancy Helmer and Bridget Breckler
Sun 11 am	Melissa Cass and Roger Dancer

CROSS BEARER

Sat 5 pm	Mitchel Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am	Volunteer
Sun 11 am	Grant Evans

CANDLE BEARERS

Sat 5 pm	Trevor Ball and Johah Hopf
Sun 8 am	Volunteers
Sun 11 am	Jeremiah Evans and Nathan Allan

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5 pm	Braedon Ball and Conner Heshner
Sun 8 am	Volunteers
Sun 11 am	Christopher Willavize and Landon Cass

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.

There are plenty of **RICE BOWLS** for everyone in the back of Church to use during this Lent.

2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are also in the back of Church for you to pick up.

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 6 & 7, 2016

Adult	\$6,087.00
Loose	\$534.00
Children	\$19.24
	\$6,640.24

Special Collections

Vigil Lights	\$19.00
Parish Saving	\$415.00
Improvement Fund	\$10.00
Latin America	\$1.00
Tuition Assistance	\$1.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$25.00
Total Envelopes Issued:	225
# of Envelopes Used this Week:	104
Weekly Contribution Budget:	\$8,508.00

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Each year on this Sunday, the Church gives us the story of the temptations of Jesus in the desert as He begins His public life; to encourage us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to set aside time for prayer and self-denial so we can have the spiritual strength to over power the temptations that come to all of us.

From the Bible we learn that temptation follows a four-step process, which Satan used on Adam and Eve and on Jesus. In step one Satan identifies a desire inside of you. Step two is doubt. Step three is deception, and step four is disobedience.

But, Jesus resisted the devil's temptations of pleasure, power and fame, by relying on the Word of God to guide and strengthen Him, and by trusting in God's love and wisdom. Jesus challenges us to stand up for ourselves, to know that God must take priority over everything else in our lives for God deserves our worship.

Just as Moses tells his people the story of their origins as the people of God. And this story was retold each year at the Hebrew thanksgiving or harvest festival because it presents God's continuing presence and care for His people, even from the time of Abraham. Also, this story is a call to remain faithful to God who loves and cares so much for His people.

Yet, in the background is the testing of an ancient Israel in the wilderness between the departure from Egypt and the entry into the promised land. Where the wilderness generation failed in its testing, Jesus succeeds in His. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that our belief in Jesus as the Lord, risen from the dead, leads us to salvation. Our profession of faith affirms our direction toward holiness.

Lent is a kind of little desert. Sometimes life itself takes us into a desert, with the death of a loved one or a feeling that we have lost our purpose. Our faith is really tested during such times; but that's what Lent is for; to think and pray about these things. To understand the tactics of the Satan and be able to say no to him.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of **DEB STONER**, daughter-in-law of MaryJane Stoner and sister-in-law of MaryLou Monesmith. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

Youth News... Tonight, Sunday, February 14th, is youth Mass 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. Hope to see you there!

Ladies...get ready, set, and bake! Start baking and preserving now for the **Altar/Rosary Society Bake Sale on Sunday, March 13th**. Canned goods, jams and jellies, candies, baked goodies...all kinds are needed!!

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 at 897-3261. These booklets are a "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraiser for the school.

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. Also, please keep the **cancelled stamps, Box Tops and Campbell soup labels** coming. These items can be brought to the school office anytime during regular office hours from 8:00 am—3:00 pm or put them in an envelope and drop them in the collection basket when you attend Mass. Thanks for your help!

Dear Families,

Our Lenten journey has begun. Every Ash Wednesday, I try to embrace and cherish the sight of children, teenagers, young adults and grandparents with the mark of the ashes on their forehead. It is one of the few times when one can see such a visible sign of faith. During these next forty days we will share a faith journey rooted in Lent: a time of repentance, sacrifice, healing and growing in our relationship with God. May we share the Lenten promise of sacrificing our time for someone else. While the ashes may no longer be on our foreheads, our lives will be the visible signs of faith. **As a school community, every Friday at 1:45 pm we will pray the Stations of the Cross in Church. St. Mary School children and staff invite anyone and everyone to come and join us in this Lenten tradition.**

In service to others,
Mrs. Jane Sandor

Setting Men's Hearts of Fire for Christ... Next 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**.

A Valentine Prayer

Dearest Heavenly Father,

I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me.

Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day.

I need your love to sustain me.

Please continue to let me feel your comforting love in my life.

I give myself over to you to perfect in me this gift of love, that I may be able to express it and share it with others.

Please continue the work you are doing in my heart so my heart will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

