

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **March 13, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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### **Ministry Contact Persons**

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Servers: Melissa Cass  
RCIA: Katie Herendeen  
Religious Education: Barb Braley  
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

March 14-20

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Lois Teders
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Don Ley
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Robert Harding
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Roy Yingling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Mary Parishioners
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Special Intentions for L. & L.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 14-20

**MONDAY**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Jn 8:12-20

**TUESDAY**

Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

**WEDNESDAY**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42

**THURSDAY**

Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

**FRIDAY**

Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

**SATURDAY**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**SUNDAY**

Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

## MASS MINISTERS

March 19 & 20

### USHERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Alger Van Hoey and Brian Myers
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Paul Demske and David Helmer
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Bryan Cass and Ralph Stark

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover, Jim Schmenk
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Stewart & Arlene Lewis, Craig & Linda Van Gessel
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Roger, Virginia, Dennis and Catrina Dancer

### READERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Tom Sherwood and Tina Ball
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Jim Breckler and Steve Christman
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Katie Herendeen and Rebecca Rorick

### CROSS BEARER

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Jonah Hopf
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Volunteer
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Conner Heshner

### CANDLE BEARERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Chaz Gabet and Volunteer
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Volunteers
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Jacob Grimm and Collin Haynes

### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Mitchel Diffenderfer and Nathan Allen
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Volunteers
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Grant and Jeremiah Evans

## COLLECTION TOTALS

March 5 & 6, 2016

Adult \$7,071.00

Loose \$366.76

Children \$12.76

- \$7,450.52

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$30.00

Parish Saving \$655.00

Easter Flowers \$15.00

Catholic Relief Services \$196.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

# of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

**Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday** We are in need of volunteers to represent the twelve apostles for the washing of the feet at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday during Mass. If you would like to volunteer to do this please call the parish office at 897-3261.

**Monetary Donations** are needed to upgrade the sound system in Church and purchasing of the new stove in the school hall kitchen. When we work together great things happen. A number of parishioners gave money towards purchasing the new school doors which are now installed. Thanks for all who made it possible. If you would like to help with the sound system and/or stove please send your donation to the parish office or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket marked either "sound system" or "stove." Thank you!

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** Everyone loved St. Pope John XXIII because he loved everybody. When he died, the New York Herald Tribune said of him, "Like good wine, he warmed the hearts and imaginations of people forced to live in a cold, tasteless practical world." He opens the way to hope for many people in the midst of conflict and despair.

In today's readings, we are assured that God cares for us, and He forgives us. God's statement: "See, I am doing something new." This is expressed through the prophet Isaiah, and the prophet tells the Jews in exile that the road back to their own land is being made ready.

The first two readings and the responsorial psalm go on to assure us that God has formed us, blessed us and called us to Himself. We are forgiven and beloved. Through the gospel episode, we are enlightened, we see Jesus taking a new approach of sinners, and especially to a woman caught in adultery. Jesus speaks not only to the scribes and the Pharisees of His time but to us also. With very few words and a simple action, Jesus teaches us about honesty, forgiveness and conversion as He challenges the self-righteous while He accepts and forgives the accused sinner. Jesus recognizes that some actions are inappropriate and offensive to the justice of God. He forgives the sinner, but does not excuse or explain away the sin. Although, Jesus knew their target wasn't the woman but Himself. They thought they had Him trapped.

Today, what is new? What is the Lord doing? What the Lord is doing may be us; we put our past behind us and move on to what is ahead. Jesus expects us to turn away from all kinds of shameful behaviors, and also from destructive and negative words that tear down or hurt the others reputation. Because God's mercy is meant to help us lead holier lives. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness. Be kind and merciful; let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."

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**St. Mary School News** As our Lenten journey continues, every Friday, students observe a silent lunch. As some of the students finish eating, they bow their head or put it down on the table to pray for those in Purgatory. The reverence and participation during Stations of the Cross is another powerful witness of their understanding of Lent. As adults, if we pause and observe our children, the lesson can be immeasurable. As we move into this last quarter, let us come together: read books, learn lessons, and grow in our faith. Our Lenten journey is our time to remain steadfast in seeking God in all ways and in all places.  
Mrs. Sandor, Principal

We are in need of another helper for lunch duty on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 897-3261.

There are several openings for school board this year, including a representative with children from St. Mary Parish, **someone without children at the school from St. Mary Parish** and a representative from another sending parish with children at St. Mary School. If you wish to run for school board, please let the office know by March 31st. We must have enough notice to get a biographical sketch from each candidate to run in the bulletin in the weeks leading up to the election.

**Gather your can goods!** The Indiana State Bar Association is sponsoring their 8th annual "March Against Hunger" food drive. We are collecting canned goods until March 27th. All donations will go back to Noble and La-Grange County food banks. After the holidays the banks are in desperate need of food. Your donation may be brought to the school office.

On behalf of the Missionary Childhood Association, Dr. Kay Schneider wrote this to the school students after \$310.00 was collected: "I want to compliment you on your most generous gifts to the missions. These children are hungry for food, hungry for knowledge and hunger for the love of Jesus. They really, really want to go to school. Compared to them, we in America are rich beyond their dreams. Thank you for helping these children. \$3.00 buys 75 pencils for a mission school. \$4.00 buys bread for 10 children for one week. \$5.00 buys milk for one child for one month. Please remember to also pray for these children and the missionaries who serve them."

**Youth News (6th-12th grades)** - Seniors, scholarship applications will be available this evening at activities. Any senior that has been participating in Youth Group over the years is encouraged to apply.

We will be going to Sky Zone and Pizza Hut on March 20th. Permission slips will be available tonight. The cost for participating students of St. Mary Youth Group will be \$10. Feel free to invite a friend. The cost for non-members is \$15. We will use private vehicles for travel instead of buses. Parents that can drive please contact Eve Peters at 897-2828.

Presence Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, now has a **boutique called "The Corner Shop"** located on the corner across from the Community Center. Proceeds go exclusively to fund activities such as Bingo. Its open on Thursdays from 10:00 am—3:00 pm. However, if the Corner Shop volunteer, Carol, is in the building on another day, she will gladly open the boutique for you. New or gently used items are welcome. Questions may be directed to Kim Ley, Director of Activities/Volunteers at 897-2841 ext.234.

Immaculate Conception, Auburn, annual celebration of "**Divine Mercy Sunday**" will be on Sunday, April 3. Divine Mercy Devotions at 2:00 pm, individual confessions from 2:00—2:50 pm, Holy Mass at 3:00 pm and fellowship and refreshments at 4:00 pm.

**Progressive Sale at St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop**, 1600 S. Calhoun Street, Ft. Wayne. This week, March 14-19, all clothing and accessories (shoes, belts, ties and purses) will be 30% off; March 21-26 its 50% off; and March 28-April 9 it will be \$5.00 per bag. Come help us clear out our winter wear. Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

Volunteers don't have time; they have heart. **Redeemer Radio is looking for volunteers** for various jobs and responsibilities for the upcoming on-the-air Spring Sharathon on April 27-29. Contact Director of Community Relations, Jennifer Zurbuch at Jennnifer.Zurbuch@RedeemerRadio.com or call 260-436-9598 to learn more about how you can be a vital part of the Redeemer Radio Family.















