

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 6, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
Finance: Jonathan Ormiston
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

March 7-13

Monday	7:15 am	George Clifford
Tuesday	8:15 am	Eric Teders
Wednesday	7:15 am	Pam Schmidt
Thursday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:15 am	Catherine Schmenk
Saturday	7:15 am	Diane Fortman and Family
	5:00 pm	Deb Stoner
Sunday	8:00 am	Special Intentions D.G.
	11:00 am	Special Intentions H. & Family
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 7-13

MONDAY

Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY

Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY

Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY

Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY

Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

MASS MINISTERS

March 12 & 13

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Mark Bush and Mark Sible
Sun	8 am	Dave Roesener and Dan Griffiths
Sun	11 am	Arian Grimm and Jim Hullinger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Elaine Taulbee, Theresa Meyer
Sun	8 am	Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp, Ben & Brenda Helmkamp
Sun	11 am	Brenda Weber, Jennifer Litchfield, Kim Heshner, Bryan Cass

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Rob Diffenderfer and Grace Cartwright
Sun	8 am	Christine Beck and Bridget Breckler
Sun	11 am	Melissa Cass and Roger Dancer

CROSS BEARER

Sat	5 pm	Nathan Allen
Sun	8 am	Volunteer
Sun	11 am	Anthony Deyo

CANDLE BEARERS

Sat	5 pm	Cooper Teders and Mitchel Diffenderfer
Sun	8 am	Volunteers
Sun	11 am	Connor Heshner and Landon Cass

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat	5 pm	Lucas Cartwright and Dustin Teders
Sun	8 am	Volunteers
Sun	11 am	Chrisstophher Willavize and Collin Haynes

St. Vincent de Paul Report For the months of Oct.—Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016 St. Vincent de Paul Society has helped 218 individuals and three charities by dispersing \$4,605. The collections for these months totaled \$2,045. The society thanks the parishioners for their generosity and asks God's blessing on all.

Everyone is invited...School students, teachers and staff invite all to join them for the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 11 & 18 at 1:45 pm in Church. On Wednesday, March 23th the Stations will be mimed at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

Ladies are you baking and preserving for the **Altar/Rosary Society Bake Sale next Sunday, March 13th?** Canned goods, jams and jellies, candies, baked goodies...all kinds are needed!!

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 27 & 28, 2016

Adult \$5,836.00

Loose \$126.00

Children \$26.50

\$5,988.50

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$42.50

Parish Saving \$220.00

Improvement Fund \$25.00

Black & Indian Mission \$25.00

Tuition Assistance \$107.00

First Offering \$7.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Do you have anybody to forgive, who did something terribly bad to you? Sometimes, you try to look past it, but you can't help worrying. But, thanks to the good Lord, who forgives and removes our guilt. That's a gift no money can buy.

Admitting one is wrong is hard, but it opens the door to seeking forgiveness from God, who is mercy. We just heard the story of a loving and forgiving father who accepted his younger prodigal son back unconditionally, when the son came home a new person. As the son returned a changed person, the deep relationship between the father and his younger son, reminds us of two important lessons: Knowing exactly who we are, and what we need. Although, both brothers (younger and elder sons) miss the point. It's God's mercy that saves us. The most wondrous love of this father reaches out to both of them. God reaches out to us in passionate love and mercy. Also, it is the story of a clear image of God's continuing care for His people. While the Hebrews were on the journey, God provided for them, manna from heaven, and led them into the promised land.

However, this memorable and beautiful parable of the gospel, encourages us to see beyond the immediate situation, to be honest about ourselves, and to look at our lives with the light of faith and to avoid bad choices.

A short story: Blessed Mother Teresa said, "I remember once I picked up a woman from dustbin and I knew she was dying. I took her out the took her to the convent. She kept on repeating the same words: "My son did this to me." Not once did she utter the words: 'I'm hungry, I'm dying, I'm suffering.' She just kept on repeating: 'My son did this to me.' It took me a long time to help her to say: 'I forgive my son,' before she died."

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Youth News (6th-12th grades) - Next Sunday, March 13 is Youth Mass at 5:30 pm with activities until 8:00 pm.

Seniors, scholarship applications will be available that evening. 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 on March 13th. 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. In order to cut costs, we will use private vehicles for travel instead of buses. Any parents that would be able to drive please contact Eve Peters at 897-2828.

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 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!

There is only a couple of **Baptism Blankets** left. These blankets are a gift from St. Mary Parish to the family when their baby is baptized here at St. Mary. Would you be interested in knitting or crocheting one for this purpose? If so we ask that you make them out of all white yarn. A nice size is approximately between 30" x 30" or 36" x 36". These can be brought to the parish office when you have finished one. Thank you for your time and effort to this ministry.

Have you forgotten to pick up a RICE BOWL in the back of Church to use this Lent? Its not too late to pick up one and put your loose change in it or the money you may save by packing your lunch instead of eating out. Please bring it back on Easter and put it in the container provided in back of Church.

Natural Family Planning is a scientifically based, morally acceptable method of regulating conception based on daily observation and interpretation of the natural signs of fertility and infertility which occur in a women's body with NO harmful side affects. International studies confirm that, when used to avoid pregnancy, NFP has an effectiveness rate of 98-99%. **Sessions for Engaged and Married Couples include 3 classes. It is necessary to attend all 3 classes in a series in order to be fully instructed in the method.** Sessions will be offered at the following locations for 2016:

- St. Charles Parish, Ft. Wayne, on March 15, March 29 and April 19.
- St. Vincent Parish, Ft. Wayne, on May 26, June 2 and June 30
- St. Vincent Parish, Ft. Wayne, on September 8, September 22 and October 13.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ft. Wayne, on November 7, November 21 and December 12.

All classes are from 7:00 -9:00 pm. The fee for the class series and materials is \$40.00 per couple. Please register online at www.diocesefwsb.org/Family at least one week in advance. For more information please contact the diocesan Office of Family Life at 574-234-0687.

St. Patrick Parish, Ft. Wayne, **Fish Fry** on March 18th from 4:30-7:00 pm. Drive Thru only. Full Meal Dinner is \$9.00 and Fish Only is \$12.00.

Immaculate Conception, Auburn, 24th consecutive year celebration of "**Divine Mercy Sunday**" will be on Sunday, April 3. Plan now to attend. 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. Bring your family and friends. Come praise God for His Divine Mercy in the person of His Son, Jesus.

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

