

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**April 3, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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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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Website: stmaryavilla.org

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

April 4-10

Monday	7:15 am	Don Ley
Tuesday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	7:15 am	Robert Harding
Thursday	7:15 am	Ralph & Bernice Malcolm
Friday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	7:15 am	Jim & Retha Remke
	5:00 pm	Doloris Ely
Sunday	8:00 am	Paul & Brunetta Sible
	11:00 am	Angel Alfonso Ramos
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 4-10

MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19

MASS MINISTERS

April 9 & 10

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Mark Bush and Alger Van Hoey
Sun 8 am	Dan Griffiths and Paul Demske
Sun 11 am	Arian Grimm and Bryan Cass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm	Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover
Sun 8 am	Bill & Chris Freeman, Ben & Brenda Helmkamp
Sun 11 am	Ralph Stark, Brenda Weber, Kim Heshner, Jenny Litchfield

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Tom Sherwood and Rob Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am	Nancy Helmer and Chad Helmkamp
Sun 11 am	Rebecca Rorick and Sara Cartwright

CROSS BEARER

Sat 5 pm	Cooper Teders
Sun 8 am	Volunteer
Sun 11 am	Jacob Grimm

CANDLE BEARERS

Sat 5 pm	Dustin Teders and Mitchel Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am	Volunteers
Sun 11 am	Conner Heshner and Grant Evans

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5 pm	Chaz Gabet and Nathan Allen
Sun 8 am	Gason Feist and Volunteer
Sun 11 am	Jeremiah Evans and Landon Cass

COLLECTION TOTALS

March 19-20, 2016

Adult \$5,134.00 **Loose** \$685.50

Children \$25.83 = **\$5,845.33**

Total Envelopes Issued: 225

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$24.55

Improvement Fund \$25.00

Easter Flowers \$25.00

Tuition Assistance \$30.00

Easter \$3,266.00

Care of the Holy Land \$708.03

Holy Thursday \$65.00

Pope Francis Night is Thursday, April 14th at St. Mary School. There will be a potluck from 5:30-6:00 pm with activities following from 6:00—7:00 pm including a shadow puppet theater, an interactive story, a Pope Francis prayer activity, a wax museum, a book walk, the kindergarten Reading/Writing Restaurant, and the book fair. We are a St. Mary Family, so come dressed in blue (spirit wear or blue shirt and jeans are just fine), and we will be collecting non-perishable food items, paper products, personal hygiene items, and cleaning products for the local bank. Please bring a friend! Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Please RVSP by April 1st by calling the school office at 897-3481 so we can plan accordingly. The main dish will be provided and families are asked to bring a side dish to share and your own non-alcoholic beverage. **We look forward to seeing our families and guest!**

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...Practically, none of the apostles expected a resurrection of Jesus from death. They had to be convinced that hard way, as Thomas did. They were the doubter, and when they were convinced, they proved that they believed by having their throats cut for the cause of Christ.

Belief is a gift from God. We do not earn it, but we must choose to receive it. We must be open to faith to discern God's action within us. In our first reading, we see the power of Jesus at work through the signs and wonders that the Apostles worked. In the second reading, Jesus appeared to St. John and told him, "Do not be afraid." The gospel begins with the account of the locked doors. Yet, despite locked doors, God is present.

How often do we place ourselves behind locked doors? We act out of fear and in the search for security. A person full of fear and anxiety and worry does not know peace. Before we know peace, we have to know who we can trust and know that our trust is secure. Peace was Jesus' parting gift to the Apostles.

The gospel is about freedom, salvation and healing. One sign of the attitude of openness to these is the hands that are open and touching. We are called to be open to the peace of God, the gift of God's presence, in an attitude and posture without fear, an attitude that is forgiving. Thomas the Apostle believed because he touched the wounds of Jesus. We can strengthen our faith by touching the wounded in our world. Ask God how you can help be an instrument of healing. Like the Apostles, was there a time in your life in which you felt alone and afraid? Were you able to find peace? How?

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Youth News The last youth Mass of the school year will be April 10th at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and activities until 8:00 pm. We will honor our outgoing seniors and invite the incoming group of current 5th grade students to join us. Let's see what Weird Olympics is all about. Come join the fun!

16th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service will be Monday, April 4 at the Crosspointe Family Church, Kendallville, IN. Sponsored by Parkview Home Health & Hospice. Join others in the community and share your story. Refresh and renew your spirit as we enter this new springtime remembering those we love. If you would like to honor loved ones, you may bring pictures or small tokens of remembrance. For more information please contact Cathy Petrie, LCSW, bereavement counselor at 800-292-9894.

The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN, will host "In the Light of Providence Retreat: A Photographic Journey," from 9:30 am—4:30 pm on Saturday, April 9th. Persons attending will view photography of nature, take photos, hear from a National Geographic photo journalist and more. Cost is \$40, which includes lunch. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or call 812-535-2952 or email jfrost@spsmw.org.

Nationally-known author, speaker and humorist, Terry Hershey, will present "**Sanctuary: The Presence of Mercy and Compassion**" Retreat from Friday, April 15—Saturday, April 16 at Victory Noll Center, 1900 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN. He will tell stories of grace and inspiration as well as sharing his gift of seeing the world with new eyes. The cost is \$75.00 and includes accommodations and retreat. For commuters not staying overnight at Victory Noll, the cost is \$50.00. Continental breakfast and Saturday noon meal are included for all. Please register by April 7th. You may check out Terry Hershey's website at www.terryhershey.com. For more information or to register, please call 260-356-0628 , ext. 174, or email at victorynoll-center@olvm.org. or visit their website at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

Everyday is a blessing for GOD is!
He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End!
He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all!
He is the Architect of the universe
and the manager of all times.
He always was, He always is, and He always will be...
Unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone!
He was bruised and brought healing!
He was pierced and eased pain!
He was persecuted and brought freedom!
He was dead and brought life!
He is risen and brings power!
He reigns and brings peace!
The world can't understand Him,
armies can't defeat Him,
schools can't explain Him and leaders can't ignore Him.
Herod couldn't kill Him,
Pharisees couldn't confuse Him,
Nero couldn't crush Him and Hitler couldn't silence Him.
He is light, love, longevity, and Lord.
He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God.
He is holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.
His ways are right!
His word is eternal.
He is my Redeemer, Savior and guide.
He is my peace, joy, comfort!
He is my Lord and He rules my life!
He will never leave me, forsake me, mislead me or forget me!
When I fall, He lifts me up.
When I fail, He forgives!
When I am weak, He is strong.
When I am lost, He is the way.
When I am afraid, He is my courage!
When I stumble, He steadies me!
When I am hurt, He heals me.
When I am broken, He mends me!
When I am blind, He leads me!
When I am hungry, He feeds me!
When I face trials, He is with me!
When I face persecution, He shields me!
When I face problems, He comforts me!
When I face loss, He provides for me!
When I face death, He carries me home!
He is everything for everybody, everywhere,
every time, every day.
He is God. He is faithful.
I am His and He is mine!

