

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 10, 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

April 11-17

Monday 7:15 am Purgatorial Society
Tuesday 8:15 am Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Wednesday 7:15 am Chris Ellert
Thursday 7:15 am Purgatorial Society
Friday 8:15 am Robert Dornbush
Saturday 7:15 am Prayers in Thanksgiving for D.G.
5:00 pm Eleanor Harding
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 am Special Intentions for Ruby Gunkel

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 11-17

MONDAY

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

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 13:14, 43-52, Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

COLLECTION TOTALS

April 2 & 3, 2016

Adult \$7,394.14 **Loose** \$149.00

Children \$9.50 = **\$7,552.64**

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 104

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$14.00

Improvement Fund \$1025.00

Tuition Assistance \$25.00

Rice Bowl \$345.34

Easter \$50.00

MASS MINISTERS

April 16 & 17

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Brian Myers and Jim Boyce
Sun 8 am Marion Duehmig and Paul Demske
Sun 11 am Roger Dancer and Jim Hullinger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee, Michelle Myers, Theresa Meyer
Sun 8 am Chad Helmkamp, Monte Van Gessel, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun 11 am Bryan Cass, Beverly Edwards, Catrina Dancer and Volunteer

READERS

Sat 5 pm Tina Ball and Sara Cartwright
Sun 8 am Christine Beck and Teresa Breckler
Sun 11 am Katie Herendeen and Brenda Weber

CROSS BEARER

Sat 5 pm Jonah Hopf
Sun 8 am Volunteer
Sun 11 am Jeremiah Evans

CANDLE BEARERS

Sat 5 pm Trevor Ball and Lucas Cartwright
Sun 8 am Volunteers
Sun 11 am Grant Evans and Nathan Allen

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5 pm Braedon Ball and Chaz Gabet
Sun 8 am Volunteers
Sun 11 am Collin Haynes and Jacob Grimm

Missalettes and Hymnals Starting with *The Most Holy Trinity* weekend, which is May 22nd this year, we will again be having the missalettes in the pews. We will continue to use the St. Augustine Hymnals for our music issue. You may still use the hymnal for the weekend readings if you prefer, but the missalettes will also be available from now on. The cost of the missalettes will cost the parish \$960 per year. The missalettes are changed three times a year. The cycles are from Advent to Holy Week; Holy Week through the Easter Season; and then through ordinary time to Advent.

The Word Among Us Subscriptions that are available in the back of church costs the parish \$900 per year for 50 subscriptions. A new one comes on an average once a month. These are for St. Mary Parishioners and you are most welcome to take one, but **please take only one per month**. We will continue to order these for now. Please consider ordering your own if you are able by using the order form in the back of the pamphlet. Thank you for your consideration.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...As Christians, we know that the most powerful message of Jesus in scripture is mercy. It is a mercy that accepts us as we are and a mercy that does not condemn us as a result of our status because of external circumstances. We know that Peter had denied Jesus, and Thomas had not believed the accounts of the meetings with the Risen Jesus. Yet, they are in the company of the Lord.

According to the Acts of the Apostles, what they come to understand is that Jesus' love is a forgiving love. Again and again we, like the apostles, are invited to return to Jesus' company even when we have refused or ignored the invitation before.

The gospel of St. John shows that, not only is each of us forgiven, we are commissioned to share the love of God. Just as the Risen Jesus commissions St. Peter to undertake a pastoral mission on his behalf, so we too, are called to share ourselves and our faith with others. To accept forgiveness is to begin to live a forgiving life. The signs of this in today's gospel are the commands to give nourishment and care to others. Can you think of people who are difficult for you to forgive? Let go of the reasons why forgiveness is difficult. Leave your mind open for the grace of God to be known. Love embraces the whole person.

Blessed Mother Teresa was asked how she converted 15,000 men out of the gutters of Calcutta. How, after dragging these poor mortals into your hospice could you ever evangelize them and teach them the gospel? She answered, "Well, I didn't. When I took care of them and showed them love, I would say to them, 'Would you like to hear about Christ?' And they would say, 'Is Christ like you?' 'No', I would say, 'but I try to be like Him.' 'Then I want to be a Christian.'" That is the way we should act as Christians.

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Did you pick up your free copy of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly book yet? If not please feel free to pick up a copy this weekend in the back of church. And if you did receive one and would like another copy for a neighbor or friend, please pick up another one or two.

YOUTH NEWS: The last youth Mass of the school year will be tonight, 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. Come see what it's all about. We look forward to seeing everyone.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS: When students and teachers return from spring break, our first week is filled with some wonderful opportunities for the St. Mary Community to build relationships.

On Tuesday, April 12th, we would be so grateful if all of our volunteers would graciously give us the chance to say thank you. We will celebrate Mass at 8:15 am and then all volunteers are asked to please come to the school. There will be a light breakfast for you and a special song from our students. If you have driven for a field trip, helped with a sport, provided classroom support, made copies, worked on a HASA event, helped with Grandparents' Day, prayed for us, or any other of the hundreds of ways to support our school, please come.

On Thursday, April 14th, our Pope Francis Night will give us the opportunity to share a meal, work with your children to complete a Five Finger Prayer Craft, participate in a shadow puppet theater, see an interactive story, witness a saintly wax museum, visit the book fair and quite simply build friendships. We are even working on a special surprise! Please invite a neighbor or relative who is not enrolled at St. Mary. Your children, our students, have a story of joy to share. We will also have a potluck dinner that evening at 5:30. HASA is providing the main dish and paper products. Families are asked to bring a dish or two to share with others, and to bring their own drinks. Our faith is best lived and served when shared with others. Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 12 and April 14th.

In service to others,
Mrs. Sandor, Principal

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.

Did you buy groceries and/or gas last week? Plan on buying any this week? Did you purchase SCRIP to do so? If not, what are you waiting for? St. Mary Scrip staff would love to help you purchase some Scrip to do your shopping with. . . Get gift cards for the same amount that you pay for. Pay \$50 and get \$50 worth of Scrip of your choice to many different participating stores and make money for the school and parish at the same time...Walmart, Meijer, Marathon, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonalds, Subway, Applebees and many, many more! Scrip available on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00—9:00 am in the teacher's lounge in the school. For more information or questions please call Kathy Rorick at 417-2666, Brandy Teders at 349-9095 or the school office at 897-3481.

Getting into Heaven

A man died and stood before the gates of heaven. St. Peter said, "Here's how it works. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man said. "I was married to the same woman of 50 years; never cheated on her."

"Great," St. Peter said. "That's three points!"

"Three points?" the man said. "Well, I attended church all my life and tithed faithfully."

"Terrific!" said St. Peter, "that's certainly worth a point."

"One point? The said. "How about this; I started a soup kitchen and worked in a homeless shelter."

"Fantastic, that's two more points," St. Peter said.

"TWO POINTS!!" the man cried, "At this rate the only way I will get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!" St. Peter said.

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