

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Organizations

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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June 26, 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 27-July 3

MONDAY

Am 2:6-10, 13-16, Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12, Mt 8:23-27

Mk 7-6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

THURSDAY

Am 7:10-17, Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

Am 8:4-6, 9-12, Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

Am 9:11-15, Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY

Is 66:10-14c, Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

COLLECTION TOTALS

June 18 & 19, 2016

Adult \$4,774.00 **Loose** \$107.43

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$17.00

Parish Savings \$12.00

Improvement Fund \$212.00

Tuition Assistance \$86.00

Peter's Pence \$110.00

**St. Vincent de Paul collection
for the month of May was \$379.00.**

Thank you for giving
to the less fortunate.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 27-July 3

Monday 7:15 am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Tuesday 7:15 am Christy Landrigan
Wednesday 7:15 am Special Intentions D.G.
Thursday 7:15 am Purgatory Society
Friday 7:15 am Eleanor Harding
Saturday 7:15 am Antonio Scalia
5:00 pm Don Ley
Sunday 8:00 am Living & Deceased Family Members of
Joseph R. Kummer
10:00 am St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

July 2 & 3

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Gerry Schmidt and Jim Schmenk
Sun 8 am Tony Helmer and Stewart Lewis
Sun 10 am Ralph Stark and Roger Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Tom & Barb Sherwood, Theresa Meyer, Julea Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am Christine Beck, Nancy Helmer, Bill & Chris Freeman
Sun 10 am Brenda Weber, Kim Heshner, Jenny Litchfield, Bryan Cass

READERS

Sat 5 pm Grace Cartwright and Tom Sherwood
Sun 8 am Ben & Brenda Helmkamp
Sun 10 am Roger Dancer and Kathy Rorick

Happenings in the parish this week

First Friday Mass—Friday, July 1 @ 7:15 am

First Saturday Mass—Saturday, July 2 @ 7:15 am

St. Vincent De Paul Meeting—Saturday, July 2 after 7:15 am Mass

Father's Day 9-Mass Novena will be from July 12-20. One hundred sixty one fathers will be remembered in the novena. Thanks for all who included their fathers in the novena.

Did you remember your baby bottle for the Campaign for Life and Family Services? If you forgot to bring it please bring it by next weekend so all bottles can be turned in together. Thank you for participating in the campaign.

The Sunday morning **religious education program is in need of several good teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.** Classes start Sept. 11 and run through April 30th. We currently need teachers for K-1st grades, 2nd grade, 3&4 grades, 5&6 grades, and 7th grade. If interested, please call Barb Braley, DRE, at 242-3256 or email at irritant-mom@hotmail.com. There will be a teachers' meeting on Sunday, August 8th, between Masses, to discuss plans for the year.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Love can do strange and wonderful things. It can inspire parents to make any and every sacrifice to assure their children the spiritual and material goods without which life is incomplete. When St. Teresa of Avila was asked, "What do you do in order to always think of God?" She said, "It is not difficult, we naturally think of someone we love."

Anyone who owned twelve oxen in Ancient Israel was most likely a very wealthy person. To sacrifice those oxen and burn one's tools for cultivating the soil, one's life work and survival, would have been a radical act. This is precisely what we are told Elisha did in the first reading, as he responded to the call of the Lord given through Elijah, a prophet of God. His response emphasized his understanding of the radical commitment required of one who desires to follow the Lord. For Elisha, to follow the Lord meant a total renunciation of all his possessions. He then leaves his land and follows Elijah, becoming a prophet of the Lord.

In today's gospel, Jesus' journey to Jerusalem became a witness of His radical commitment to the Kingdom of God and nothing could deter Him from being faithful to this commitment. But what does that actually mean for the disciple of Jesus? Responding to three potential disciples, Jesus makes it clear that to follow Him will require a new single-mindedness that will challenge their current life. For they will need to be detached from all things that give material or psychological securities.

However, the most important element of being Jesus' disciple is to know that one must also walk the road with Jesus to Jerusalem, the place where all security, all former responsibilities and relationships were suspended. Jerusalem is the place of the total renunciation and radical sacrifice of all times in the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Reflecting on your life, how do you hear yourself called by God to live a more committed Christian life? What is one area that you would like to become detached from? In silence turn this area of your life over to God, and trust in what He can do for you. Amen.

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Many thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time, effort and muscles in cleaning out and removing the cupboards in the school hall kitchen! It went very well and quick because of your caring hearts and helpful hands! May God bless you abundantly!

SCRIP will be available on Monday, June 27 and Friday, July 1 from 8:30—9:30 am in the school. Then it will not be available until Monday, July 18th. Thank you for supporting the SCRIP program. It really adds up and helps our parish/school community.

There are free *The Catholic Yearbook* in the back of Church printed by the diocese for anyone who would like one.

The parish would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the new handicap signs and for having the holes patched and new lines painted on the Church's parking lot.

Bishop Dwenger High School is looking for a full-time instructional aide that would assist in the classroom and resource room with those students who have a diagnosed disability or struggle in school. If interested, please send your resume and cover letter to Amy Johns, Assistant Principal, at amyjohns@bishopdwenger.com.

Something funny to think about...

FUNNY how a \$20 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the market.

FUNNY how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

FUNNY how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

FUNNY how we can't think of what to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

FUNNY how we get thrilled when a ball game goes into extra innings, but complain when a sermon is longer than normal.

FUNNY how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at Mass.

FUNNY how we need 2-3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last minute.

FUNNY how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

FUNNY how we believe what the media says, but question what the Bible says.

FUNNY how everyone want to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything.

FUNNY how you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing....

How does God fit into your heart and soul and priorities in life?

Author Unknown

