

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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July 4, 2016

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

July 4-10

Monday	8:00 am	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	7:15 am	Herb Myers
Wednesday	7:15 am	Richard & Bonnie Kohrman
Thursday	7:15 am	Special Intentions H.H.
Friday	7:15 am	Special Intentions D.G.
Saturday	7:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
	5:00 pm	Jim & Retha Remke
Sunday	8:00 am	Robert Breckler
	10:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 4-10

MONDAY

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22, Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13, Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9, Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Hos 14:2-10, Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY

Is 6:1-8, Mt 10:24-33

SUNDAY

Dt 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

MASS MINISTERS

July 9 & 10

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Brian Myers and Mark Sible
Sun	8 am	David Helmer and Joe Litchfield
Sun	10 am	Josh Edwards and Jim Hullinger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Michelle Myers, Pat Hoover, Dennis & Jan Hudecek
Sun	8 am	Chad Helmkamp, Monte Van Gessel, Arlene & Stewart Lewis
Sun	10 am	Catrina Dancer, Jenny Litchfield, Bryan Cass, Beverly Edwards

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Rob Diffenderfer and Tina Ball
Sun	8 am	Chad Helmkamp and Nancy Helmer
Sun	10 am	Melissa Cass and Brenda Weber

Please help us **welcome Rev. Frank Murphy, C.S.C.** to St. Mary next weekend at all our weekend Masses. He is from the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Congregation of Holy Cross has been serving the Catholic Church for over 175 years. A commitment to mission has been a part of Holy Cross' charism from its inception. The priests and brothers of Holy Cross, inspired by founder Blessed Basil Moreau, work with missionary zeal in 16 countries, on five continents. The Holy Cross Mission Center, sponsored by the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has provided education, parish ministry, care for the poor and religious formation in East Africa, Mexico, Chile, Perú, and Bangladesh since 1923. An estimated 100,000 people in these countries are helped by Holy Cross every day. However, as you will hear next weekend, from Rev. Frank Murphy, C.S.C., a Holy Cross priest on the formation staff at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame, who served for fifteen years in the Holy Cross missions in East Africa (Uganda and Kenya), so many of our international brothers and sisters are still in need. Learn how you can support the Holy Cross Mission Center and help feed the souls and bodies of those suffering in unimaginable poverty. You can learn more about the Holy Cross Mission Center by visiting www.holycrossmissions.org.

A big thank you to who knitted/crocheted white Baptismal Blankets. The parish now once again has a nice selection to give families when they have their babies baptized. Thank you for giving of your time and talent. May God bless you!

Congratulations St. Mary School for winning third place in the parade last weekend at the Avilla Freedom Festival.

COLLECTION TOTALS

June 25 & 26, 2016

Adult \$4,535.00 **Loose** \$201.00

Children \$1.27

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$23.00

Parish Savings \$40.00

Improvement Fund \$10.00

Tuition Assistance \$50.00

Peter's Pence \$451.00

July 7
8:00 am—6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Blessed Mother Teresa said, “The best way to show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with joy. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.” For blessed Mother Teresa, our true joy is connected to what we will have and not what we have.

The first reading describes a time in Jewish history right after the Babylonian exile. The Jews had been returning home to Israel after they had been slaves and exiles for 50 years. Their cities, lands and homes were in ruins, and they were discouraged and depressed. But the prophet Isaiah calls upon them to rejoice and be glad, for they will come to know the joy and the fulfillment of the promises of God. Prosperity, peace and comfort are the promises they shall see and come to know. They can hope in the power of God to transform their mourning into joy, for God is the source of new life. In hope they await the reign of God.

In Jesus, the reign of God was brought nearer to the people. Through His ministry of teaching, healing and exorcism Jesus revealed God’s power breaking into their world. Jesus also invites others: His first disciples along with seventy-two more to the same ministry, enabling them to be heralds of the coming of the reign of God. Through Jesus’ empowerment the disciples experienced first-hand the breaking into their world of God’s reign.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that what is really important is understanding the relevance of the Cross of Jesus Christ for one’s life. All else in the world becomes less important in light of the Cross. In your experience what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What hardship do you face in sharing the gospel with others? How have you experienced joy form being a transformative power for good? “Blessed be God who comforts us in all our trails,” (2 Cor 1:3).

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Paint Sprayer and Painter needed! Do you have a paint sprayer and are able and willing to use it to paint the rectory garage? Paint has been purchased. If you can help with this please contact Tom Sherwood at 637-5194.

SCRIP will not be available until Monday, July 18th. It will be available from 8:30-9:30 am in the school hall in the teacher’s lounge. 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 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 irritantmom@hotmail.com. There will be a teachers’ meeting on Sunday, August 8th, between Masses, to discuss plans for the year.

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.

“Christmas in July” Sale: Stop by the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 1600 S. Calhoun Street, Ft. Wayne, the week of July 11-16, and save 30% on all holiday decorations. Open 9:00 am—5:00 pm, Monday-Friday and 9:00 am—3:00 pm on Saturday.

Help needed at St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store: Tim Fagan, store manager, is looking for a couple of good part-time employees with experience in cashiering and customer service. Please stop by and fill out an application.

Monthly “Garage Sales” at St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store on July 23, August 20 and September 17 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Bargains on the sidewalk and in the garage at the rear of the downtown store—house and garden tools and all sorts of miscellany—some of which is even Free!

Pray for the Nation...

May God grant you and your family a safe and happy holiday weekend.

