

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Religious Education: Barb Braley
Music: Barb Braley

Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
Finance: Jonathan Ormiston
Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards
Cemetery: Bryan Cass
Bldg. & Grounds:
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Knights of Columbus: Michael Edwards
Scrip: Kathy Rorick
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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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AVILLA, INDIANA
July 10, 2016
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 11-17

MONDAY

Is 1:10-17, Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

Is 7:1-9, Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16, Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19, Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Mi 2:1-5, Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY

Gn 18:1-10a. Cp; 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

COLLECTION TOTALS

July 2 & 3, 2016

Adult \$6,476.00 **Loose** \$188.97

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$58.00

Parish Savings \$605.00

Improvement Fund \$40.00

Peter's Pence \$45.00

Labor Day Festival Grocery \$30.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection for the month of June was \$457.00

MASS INTENTIONS

July 11-17

Monday	7:15 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	7:15 am	Father's Day Novena
Wednesday	7:15 am	Father's Day Novena
Thursday	7:15 am	Father's Day Novena
Friday	7:15 am	Father's Day Novena
Saturday	7:15 am	Father's Day Novena
	5:00 pm	Adeline Ellert Sandberg
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners
	10:00 am	Father's Day Novena

MASS MINISTERS

July 16 & 17

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Alger Van Hoey and Jim Boyce
Sun 8 am	Ed Smith and Dave Roesener
Sun 10 am	Bryan Cass and Ralph Stark

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm	Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee, Tom & Barb Sherwood
Sun 8 am	Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Christine Beck, Chuck Rhodes
Sun 10 am	Roger & Virginia Dancer, Ginny Hatfield, Beverly Edwards

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Sara and Grace Cartwright
Sun 8 am	Bridget and Jim Breckler
Sun 10 am	Katie Herendeen and Rebecka Rorick

Please welcome Rev. Frank Murphy, C.S.C., this weekend. Hope you will consider supporting the works of the Holy Cross Mission Center and give as generously as you are able. The Congregation of Holy Cross has been serving the Catholic Church for over 175 years. The priests and brothers of Holy Cross work with missionary zeal in 16 countries, on five continents. An estimated 100,000 people in these countries are helped by Holy Cross every day. However, as you heard from Holy Cross priest, Rev. Frank Murphy, C.S.C., today, so many of our international brothers and sisters are still in need. If you were not prepared or able to support Father's mission today, and would still like to give, you can put it in the collection basket next weekend. Please put your gift in an envelope marked "Holy Cross Mission." You can learn more about the Holy Cross Mission Center by visiting www.holycrossmissions.org.

DO YOU KNOW...someone interested in Catholicism? RCIA equals Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the ordinary way that people are formed in our faith as adults. It is a process that starts in the fall and goes to the spring with Easter time being the time of Baptism or profession of faith. If you do know someone please pray for them that the Holy Spirit will continue to work to bring them to the Church. Please give their names to Father or Katie Herendeen. For more information or questions please contact Katie Herendeen at 260-582-9773.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Love should be as natural as living and breathing. St. Teresa of the little flower said: “When I act and think charitably, I feel it is Jesus working in me; the deeper my union with Him, the stronger my love for the residents of Carmel.”

In today’s gospel, Jesus’ parable of the good Samaritan challenges all of us. In responding to the commandment to love God, neighbor and self, and also to answer the lawyer’s inquiry as to who was his neighbor, Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan. It was a Samaritan, one looked down upon by Jews as unclean, who chose to help the beaten man. Without a doubt the Samaritan showed the greatest awareness of what it means to live the commandment of love. At the end of the parable Jesus charged the lawyer to go and do the same. Yet, how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whomever is in need.

The knowledge and ability to live out God’s command to love was not foreign to the Israelites. As reflected in the first reading, Moses called on the Israelites to adhere to the commandments with all their heart and soul. This knowledge of God’s command is already in our mouths and hearts, and all we need to do is to live it out in our lives.

Again, being a good Samaritan is risky business, and that’s what love is. It is risky business too. Jesus is telling us in today’s gospel, love is not just a matter of reaching out to help someone, it’s also a matter of how much you are willing to risk being hurt or letting someone use you or take advantage of you. As expressed in St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, the perfection of this love is realized in and through Jesus Christ. It is in Christ Jesus that the fullness of what it means to live a selfless love is best exemplified. Through this selfless love, God reconciled everything on earth and in the heavens bringing peace to all.

Reflecting on Jesus’ parable of the good Samaritan, what do you do to help you listen to the cries of those in need? When have you experienced compassion and grace from an unexpected source? How did you feel?

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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, this week, 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!

