

# 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  
Cemetery: Bryan Cass  
Bldg. & Grounds:  
Mark Bush and Tom Sherwood  
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Scrip: Kathy Rorick  
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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 17, 2016

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 18-24

**MONDAY**

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8, Mt 12:38-42

**TUESDAY**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Mt 12:46-50

**WEDNESDAY**

Jer 1:1, 4-10, Mt 13:1-9

**THURSDAY**

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13, Mt 13:10-17

**FRIDAY**

Jer 3:14-17, Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**SATURDAY**

Jer 7:1-11, Mt 13:24-30

**SUNDAY**

Gn 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

## COLLECTION TOTALS

July 9 & 10, 2016

**Adult** \$6,692.00 **Loose** \$256.32

**Total Envelopes Issued:** 223

**# of Envelopes Used this Week:** 101

**Weekly Contribution Budget:**

\$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$16.00

**Parish Savings** \$25.00

**Improvement Fund** \$276.00

**Tuition Assistance** \$5.00

**Labor Day Festival Grocery** \$540.00

**Holy Cross Mission** \$1,104.66

## MASS INTENTIONS

July 18-24

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Father's Day Novena
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Father's Day Novena
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Father's Day Novena
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Elizabeth Henry
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Eleanor Harding
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Agatha Fischer
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Don Ley
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Mary Parishioners
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Special Intentions for Sr. Debrah and Sr. Karen Marie for their 50 years

## MASS MINISTERS

July 23 & 24

### USHERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Brian Myers and Gerry Schmidt
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Craig Van Gessel and Tony Helmer
<b>Sun 10 am</b>	Todd Carteaux and Josh Edwards

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Theresa Meyer, Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Bill & Chris Freeman, Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp
<b>Sun 10 am</b>	Kim Heshner, Katie Herendeen, Eve & Tom Peters

### READERS

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Rob Diffenderfer and Tom Sherwood
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Teresa Breckler and Steve Christman
<b>Sun 10 am</b>	Kathy Rorick and Brenda Weber

Please welcome Father Henry Byekwaso to St. Mary this weekend.

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.

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 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...** Pope Francis said: "In welcoming the stranger, we welcome God, and in the faces of others we see the face of Christ." To extend hospitality to friends is a pleasurable task. Extending hospitality to people whom we do not know, because they are strangers, can be awkward, especially if they arrive unannounced as in the first reading today.

How many of us would go to as much trouble as Abraham and Sarah to welcome mere strangers with a lavish banquet? Abraham doesn't realize it at the time that it is God whom he is entertaining. Abraham's hospitality to his mysterious visitors and its surprising results within a year provides a glimpse of the importance of hospitality in the Ancient Near East. Through the three strangers God was present to Abraham and Sarah, bringing good news of the fulfillment of the promise. Their openness and presence to the strangers revealed God's presence in their lives.

In the gospel, Martha is concerned about hospitality as well, but not without complaining about Mary's lack of assistance. Martha asks Jesus to do something about it. Jesus does not address what Martha believes to be the problem but instead goes to the heart of the issue. Jesus suggests that Mary has chosen "the better part."

The Martha-and-Mar narrative challenges us to balance practical action and contemplation. We all need both contemplation and activity. However, we can spend all our lives acting like Martha so overwhelmed with practical duties that we end up intellectually and spiritually empty. In other words, in the midst of our busy world, we also need to give ourselves time and space in which to think and pray. This is the "better part" that Mary chose. We need to be both Martha and Mary. To welcome, to be present, to keep one's life focused on the Lord, is to come to know the presence of God in all of life. For those who remain in the presence of the Lord there is the promise of new life, as with Abraham and Sarah.

In your life, have you ever experienced God's presence to you through another person? How do you hear yourself called to be more hospitable to friends, family and strangers?

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**SCRIP** will be available Monday, July 18th in the teacher's lounge in the school hall. Thank you for supporting the SCRIP program. It really adds up and helps our parish/school community.

**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!

**Redeemer Radio: World Youth Day Coverage** World Youth Day has become the largest gathering of young people in the world. This August, more than 2.5 million people are expected to be in Krakow, Poland for WYD. Redeemer Radio will be airing coverage. Tune to 106.3 FM Northeast Indiana the week of July 24. Check out RedeemerRadio.com as a program schedule will be released closer to the date.

Our parish's **Labor Day Festival** is only seven weeks away! Please mark your calendar now and plan to lend a helping hand in some way or another.

#### **Principles of Sacrificial Giving**

1. Give back to God according to the way He has given you by giving the first portion of income—a generous percentage of income to church and charity.
2. Our giving should represent a genuine sacrifice. We give more than we feel comfortable with, trusting that God will not be outdone in generosity.
3. Our Sacrificial gift should be based on the scripture, 10% of income: 5% to the parish and 5% for other charities.
4. We wrap our gift in an envelope and deposit is in the Offertory Collection with care and love.

**What can we expect if we do this?** Well, many people in our parish are sacrificial givers and what they and others have found is that by practicing Sacrificial Giving they are filled with joy and grow spiritually. Their faith is deepened. They have a much closer relationship with God. Further, their needs are taken care of.

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