

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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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 24, 2016

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 25-31

MONDAY

2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28

TUESDAY

Jer 14:17-22, Mt 13:36-42

WEDNESDAY

Jer 15:10, 16-21, Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Jer 26:1-9, Jn 11:19-27

SATURDAY

Jer 26:11-16, 24, Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

COLLECTION TOTALS

July 16 & 17, 2016

Adult \$5,575.77 **Loose** \$844.40

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$8.00

Parish Savings \$25.00

Improvement Fund \$140.00

Parish Savings \$100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

July 25-31

Monday	7:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Tuesday	7:15 am	Eleanor Harding
Wednesday	7:15 am	Ruth Sims
Thursday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Friday	7:15 am	Diane Fortman and Family
Saturday	7:15 am	Glen & Frances Griffiths
	5:00 pm	St. Mary Parishioners
Sunday	8:00 am	Herman & Wilma Schmenk
	10:00 am	Special Intentions for Bob & Henrietta Harris For their 53 years of marriage

MASS MINISTERS

July 30 & 31

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Mark Sible and Alger VanHoey

Sun 8 am Dan Griffiths and Paul Demske

Sun 10 am Roger and Dennis Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee

Sun 8 am Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis

Sun 10 am Kathy Rorick, Ralph Stark, Brenda Weber, Jenny Litchfield

READERS

Sat 5 pm Michelle Myers and Sare Cartwright

Sun 8 am Ben Helmkamp and Chad Helmkamp

Sun 10 am Rebecka Rorick and Melissa Cass

We would like to welcome a newly registered family, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cuci and their two daughters, to our parish family here at St. Mary. We hope that you will feel welcome here and feel God's presence in all who you meet.

St. Mary Annual Pork Burger and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 7th

11:00 am—1:00 pm

St. Mary School Hall

Free-will Offering

Sponsored by

Knights of Columbus

Home and School Association

All are invited!

*Come enjoy pork burgers, hotdogs and ice cream.
You will also be able to see the new floor, stove and
shelving in the kitchen.*

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Pope Benedict XVI said, "The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all, I entrust myself to your prayers." One of the benefits of prayer is that it opens the way to hope in the midst of distress or conflict or crises or doubts. Tertulian, one of the great early fathers of the Church said, "The Lord's prayer is truly the summary of the whole gospel."

In the first reading, Abraham is engaged in conversation with God regarding Divine justice for Sodom and Gomorrah. Persistent in his pursuit of justice for the people, Abraham draws God into a dialogue in an attempt to preserve the infamous city from being destroyed. But perhaps the most important aspect of this dialogue has to do with what it reveals about God. Ultimately, this dialogue reveals a God who is just, forgiving, loving. In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that no prayer is wasted. Prayer works. He invites us to persist in prayer as well, to "ask...seek...knock." In response to His disciples' request, Jesus gives them and us a sample prayer that we call "Our Father." With this sample prayer Jesus teaches us: What to pray for, how to pray and why we should pray. He wants us to build a good relationship with God, for God wants to answer our prayers. Relationships cannot exist without mutual communication.

Do you have a daily prayer time and do you persevere in it? Pope Francis notes, "All is not lost..." Pointing to the wisdom of St. Therese of little flower, he reminds us: "All it takes is one good person to restore hope."

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Do you or someone you know need an **Electric Chair**? A parishioner has one for anyone who may need it for free. They do not need it and would like someone to have it who is in need. It is in very good condition. Please call the parish office at 897-3261 if you are interested.

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.

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

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.

St. Mary Labor Day Festival is only six weeks away. Please plan now to help in some way. It's a parish event so please consider being a part of it. The Country Sore is in need of someone to be the head of it. If you can fill this position please contact Bryan Cass at 450-4199.

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.

With **Election 2016** in the near future our bishops have issued a detailed reflection on Catholic teachings and political life, called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* at www.fatihfulcitizenship.org. Start now to read and pray as to how you will vote in the election.

Four Steps to take before voting

1. Inform yourself about the Church's teachings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a great place to start.
2. Inform yourself about the issues. Read the Catholic press and listen to the candidates. See where the candidates stand on critical moral and social issues.
3. Seek input from Catholics you respect.
4. Pray. Take your hopes, concerns and worries to the Lord and ask for His guidance.

Our Sunday Visitor

