

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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AVILLA, INDIANA**

July 31, 2016

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 1-7

MONDAY

Jer 28:1-17, Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY

Jer 30 1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Mt 14-22-36

WEDNESDAY

Jer 31:1-7, Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY

Jer 31:31-34, Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1, 6-7, Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19

Lk 9:28b-36

SUNDAY

Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Lk 12:32-48

MASS INTENTIONS

August 1-7

Monday 7:15 am Francis Fischer
Tuesday 7:15 am Glen & Frances Griffiths
Wednesday 7:15 am Francis Meyer
Thursday 7:15 am In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Friday 7:15 am Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Saturday 7:15 am Jim & Retha Remke
5:00 pm St. Mary Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 am Eleanor Harding
10:00 am Special Intentions of Rita England and Lori Meyer

MASS MINISTERS

August 6 & 7

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Jim Schmenk and Brian Myers
Sun 8 am Marion Duehmig and Stewart Lewis
Sun 10 am Jim Hullinger and Ralph Stark

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Tom & Barb Sherwood, Theresa Meyer, Michelle Myers
Sun 8 am Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
Sun 10 am Catrina Dancer, Ginny Hatfield, Beverly Edwards, Bryan Cass

READERS

Sat 5 pm Tina Ball and Grace Cartwright
Sun 8 am Brenda Helmkamp and Nancy Helmer
Sun 10 am Katie Herendeen and Melissa Cass

COLLECTION TOTALS

July 23 & 24, 2016

Adult \$4,256.55 **Loose** \$231.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$12.00

Improvement Fund \$250.00

Tuition Assistance \$188.00

***St. Mary Annual
Pork Burgers/Hot dogs
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

newly remodeled kitchen. It looks amazing!

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...A very wealthy man one day went to a priest to consult him about a certain matter. Apparently life was not going too well for him, and he wanted to know if the good priest could help him at all. The priest took a piece of paper and wrote on it the one word: "God." This he showed to the other and asked, "What do you see there?" "God," replied his visitor. Then the priest took a dollar bill with which he covered up what he had written. "Now what do you see?" he asked. "A dollar bill," was the reply. "That is what is wrong with you," said the priest, "you can't see God for money?"

Qoheleth (is the Hebrew name and when is translated into the Greek word, it comes out *Ecclesiastes*), the speaker in the first reading, upon seeing the reality of life and death, the passing nature of all things, wisely concludes that to amass wealth is futile, since we cannot take our material fortunes with us after death. Qoheleth tells us to enjoy each day as it comes and not become too attached to anything this world has to offer.

Similarly, Jesus, addressed by someone in the crowd who wants him to tell his brother to give him his share of the inheritance, instead tells him the parable of the rich fool. Through the parable Jesus teaches that possessions and wealth are not bad. Rather, it is one's attitude toward possessions that matters. The danger is that one becomes possessed by possessions, keeping focused on things and wealth, rather than having God as the center of one's life. Money or possession can so easily become one's master and so often comes between God and those who possess it. And the danger is greed.

In the second reading, St. Paul challenges us to rise above those things of the world which keep us from being Christ-Like. He invites us to refocus our attention on what really matters. Setting our hearts and focusing on Christ we will grow rich in God. What lessons does the parable of the rich fool teach you? What is your attitude toward money and possessions? How do you strike a balance?

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Do you or someone you know need a **Motorized 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 irritant-mom@hotmail.com. There will be a teachers' meeting on Sunday, August 8th, between Masses, to discuss plans for the year.

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 five 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.

Is God Hiding From YOU?

With summer vacation coming to an end and a new school year beginning soon, don't get weighted down with all of life's demands that you feel like God is hiding from you. We are used to seeing God in the joyful moments of our lives. Yet, when life gets busy we may feel that God has deserted us when we need Him most. Fueled by doubt, we have trouble finding Him.

Find Him in rest. God reveals Himself in quiet moments. Building points of rest into our busy schedules can help us find God. In prayerful silence we can hear His voice.

Find Him in peace. Your problems are not bigger than God. Do what you can, then be at peace. When you are at peace, you will know God's presence.

Find Him in kindness. The most common encounter we have with God is through other people. God reveals Himself through the kindness of another human being.

Remember, God loves each of us in the deepest way possible and is always ready to guide us back to Him when we get too weighted down with "things" of this world.

