

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
Finance: Jonathan Ormiston
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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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August 7, 2016
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

August 8-14

Monday	7:15 am	Herb Myers
Tuesday	7:15 am	George Clifford
Wednesday	7:15 am	Don Swangin
Thursday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:15 am	Art Resler
Saturday	7:15 am	Ruth Sims
	5:00 pm	St. Mary Parishioners
Sunday	8:00 am	Special Intentions for Mike & Connie Baker
	10:00 am	Special Intentions for Bob and Troy Harris

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 8-14

MONDAY

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c, Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY

Ez 2:8-3:4, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26

THURSDAY

Ez 12:1-2, Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63, Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32, Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

MASS MINISTERS

August 13 & 14

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Alger Van Hoey and Jim Boyce
Sun	8 am	Marion Duehmig and Paul Demske
Sun	10 am	Jim Hullinger and Bryan Cass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Volunteer, Elaine Taulbee, Tom & Barb Sherwood
Sun	8 am	Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun	10 am	Virginia & Roger Dancer, Brenda Weber, Ralph Stark

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Tina Ball and Grace Cartwright
Sun	8 am	Chad Helmkamp and Christine Beck
Sun	10 am	Katie Herendeen and Melissa Cass

COLLECTION TOTALS

July 30 & 31, 2016

Adult \$4,819.00 Loose \$249.80

Children \$.50

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$29.25

Catholic Home Missions \$1.00

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

Ice Cream Social

Today, 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!

Youth Garage Sale will be August 27 & 28 in the school hall. You can start cleaning out your closets and cupboards now and save any unwanted items to be donate for the sale. Items can be brought to the rectory garage by calling the parish office ahead of time at 897-3261 . Please do not leave items outside of garage or rectory porch.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...One anonymous text says, “fear knocked at the door; faith answered. No one was there.” The light of life is given to us through faith. When we light a candle, we say to the darkness, we beg to differ.

Our two scripture readings take us back in history to our spiritual beginning as Christians. The second reading takes us back to the time of Abraham and Sarah as they left their homeland and relatives to travel to a new land where God was leading them. They had great faith in God’s promise. Abraham and Sarah were the parents of the Jewish people.

The first reading takes us several centuries after the time of Abraham to the time when God’s people, in faith, left Egypt to an unknown land under the leadership of Moses. Their faith and courage in the Lord led the way.

In the gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that they are not to fear. Like the ancient Israelites, they can put their faith in God. For they too are called to be prepared for the Lord’s coming at any time. Called to be faith-filled, they are to live a life that speaks of their readiness for the coming of the Son of man. It is a life of constant faithfulness to God in every activity. Jesus teaches us that, lived faith is marked by a bold and holy confidence.

Each of us today is making his or her own journey in life. It might be toward a new career, or toward marriage or it might be just a matter of trying to survive the stresses of each day. Whatever it is, we know from everyday experience that if it’s a better place we are moving toward, we need to adequately prepare ourselves for it.

A teenage boy was at the bedside of his great-aunt who was near death. When she hugged the boy with a smile she whispered something in his ear: “ if I don’t see you here on earth again, I will see you in heaven.” That is faith. Do you live in fear? What are your fears, your hopes, your expectations? In silence, present these to God.

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There is a meeting today, August 7th, in the school lounge between Masses for the those who are teaching, or would like to teach, a religious education class for this school year. We will be going over the schedule and teachers will be getting their teacher’s manuals in order to prepare for classes. If you missed the meeting and would still like to be a teacher, please contact Barb Bralley at 897-9334 or at irritantmom@hotmail.com. We still need teachers for K-1, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade and 7th grade. **It would be a shame if our children would not be able to attend religious education classes due to a lack of teachers!**

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.

We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the paint for Father’s garage and a special thank you to Mark Bush, Rob Diffenderfer and Tom Sherwood for painting it. You guys did a fantastic job. It looks great!

Bishop Dwenger Craft Bazaar is now accepting registrations for vendors and crafters for their November 12th event. Crafters may rent tables for \$50 each and some electricity is available for a selected number of spots. Registrations and information can be found on the Performing Arts page at www.bishopdwenger.com/Performing-Arts. Please contact Karen Graham at 419-518-0241 for more information.

Natural Family Planning: Love, Mercy, Life-Opening the Heart of Marriage is this year’s theme of a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s vision for marriage and promote methods of Natural Family Planning. NFP is an umbrella term for the safe, natural, effective and morally sound methods of both achieving and avoiding pregnancy. If you would like to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese and to see a schedule of classes, please go to <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning> or call 574-234-0687. Don’t have time to attend an in-person class? Learn NFP in the comfort of your home by contacting one of the NFP providers listed at <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>. The Catholic Church invites all husbands and wives to embrace God’s plan for married love. Learn more about the beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching>.

2016 LABOR DAY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER

Please look over the different areas that need a helping hand. Check you calendar and pray to see where God is telling you to volunteer some of your time and talent on Labor Day at St. Mary Parish Festival which is Monday, September 5th. Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Check the area(s) that you would like to help with by putting down your preferred time on the space provided. Shifts start at 10:30 or 11:00 am and go until 4:00 pm. Shifts are usually 2 or 3 hours in length. Someone will then contact you to let you know of your scheduled time. Thank you for giving of yourself.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DINING ROOM _____	COUNTRY STORE _____	PARKING CARS _____
KITCHEN _____	50/50 RAFFLE SALES _____	YOUTH GAMES _____
CARRYOUTS _____	THEME BASKET RAFFLE _____	REFRESHMENT TENT _____
BINGO _____	CUT PIE FOR DINNERS _____	TRASH & TREASURE _____
	MEAL TICKET SALES _____	

- Many hands are also needed to help on **Friday, September 2nd** (in the morning) making cole-slaw; Sunday, September **4th** washing/wrapping potatoes and setting up the parish grounds between and after Masses; **Monday, September 5th** to volunteer at areas listed above and to clean up after the festival starting around 4:00 pm.
- **THEME BASKETS are needed.** Anyone can donate a theme basket. An example would be “a baker’s basket.” It would include such things as baking pans, measuring spoons and cups, oven /hot pads, etc. Each basket needs to have a list of contents and cost attached. If the basket is homemade simply list contents and for price put “priceless.” Since we do not have a license to sell alcohol baskets can not contain any kind of alcohol.
- **2 LITER BOTTLES OF POP are needed for the ring toss game.** If you are able to donate some please put them on the back porch of rectory.
- **Someone to be in charge of the Country Store.**
- **PIES, nine inches in size if possible, to be served with the dinners,** either homemade or purchased. Please bake if needed. Please indicate below how many and what kind.

How many _____ What Kind _____

If you have any questions or need more information concerning any of the above please contact the parish office at 897-3261 or Bryan Cass at 450-4199. Please return this form by August 26th by dropping it in the collection basket or to the parish office. **St. Mary Labor Day Festival is a PARISH EVENT.** Please lend a hand in some way as a St. Mary Parishioner! Thank you!

“No one
is more cherished
in this world
than someone who
lightens the burden
of another.”

Author Unknown

