

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 21, 2016
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 22-28

MONDAY

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12, Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

2 Thes 2:1-3s, 14-17, Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51

THURSDAY

1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Cor 1:17-25, Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a, Lk 14:1, 7-14

COLLECTION TOTALS

August 13 & 14, 2016

Adult \$5,515.00 Loose \$584.22

Total Envelopes Issued: 226

of Envelopes Used this Week: 100

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$15.00

Improvement Fund \$307.00

Parish Saving \$1.00

Tuition Assistance \$1.00

Assumption of Mary \$161.00

MASS INTENTIONS

August 22-28

Monday 7:15 am Prayers in Thanksgiving of D.G.
Tuesday 8:15 am Max Kline
Wednesday 7:15 am Francis Meyer
Thursday 7:15 am Eleanor Harding
Friday 8:15 am Purgatorial Society
Saturday 7:15 am Special Intentions for D.G.
5:00 pm Betty Herl
Sunday 8:00 am Ralph & Bernice Malcolm
10:00 am St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

August 27 & 28

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Alger Van Hoey and Jim Boyce
Sun 8 am Craig Van Gessel and Tony Helmer
Sun 10 am Bryan Cass and Jim Hullinger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee
Sun 8 am Bill & Chris Freeman, Chad Helmkamp, Nancy Helmer
Sun 10 am Virginia & Roger Dancer, Beverly Edwards, Ginny Hatfield

READERS

Sat 5 pm Rob Diffenderfer and Grace Cartwright
Sun 8 am Steve Christman and Nancy Helmer
Sun 10 am Brenda Weber and Rebecka Rorick

Starting Sunday, September 4th, the 10:00 am Mass will be at 11:00 am for the months of September—May.

St. Mary Youth Group

Annual Garage & Bake Sale

Grilled Pork Burger Sandwiches, hot and ready to eat, available for purchase on site during garage sale

Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, August 28 from 9:00—11:00 am

Items can be brought to the rectory garage Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week by calling the parish office at 897-3261. On Friday, August 26, you are to take your items to the school hall. Please do not leave items outside of garage or rectory porch.

For more information or questions please contact
Eve Peters at 897-2828

Altar/Rosary Society ladies are asked to support the youth group by baking goodies for the bake sale. Also if you can lend a hand on Friday, August 26 to help organize and price items for the sale that would be most appreciated. If you can help please contact Henrietta Harris at 693-3454.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...The message or request of a little child who is beginning to walk for the first time is: "Take my hand and help me walk; and keep my balance till my legs strengthen. And should I fall, and fall again, take my hand and help me up."

Our first reading today comes from the time when the Jews were recovering from their long exile and enslavement in Babylon (the present-day Iraq). It was a difficult time for them. Because, their homes, cities, and farms had lain in ruins for fifty years. The prophet Isaiah tells God's discouraged people that some day people from all nations would come to worship the same God they worshipped. Isaiah reminds us that: spiritually the Jewish people are our ancestors, and God wants all people to be saved.

Even though the promise of salvation was offered to all, a wonderful image; but Jesus, reminds us that, sadly, not everyone is headed that way; there were some who rejected it. In response to a question in today's gospel, Jesus raised a caution to those who were gathered. No one receives the kingdom because of ancestry. Rather one must hear the Word of God and live it in one's life in order to gain access to the feast of the kingdom. To do this is to come in through the narrow gate. The "closed door" reminds all of us that time will run out. And, we can't take salvation for granted.

The letter to the Hebrew speaks of a narrow door, but in terms of discipline. Discipline brings forth the fruit of peace and justice in one's life and in the world. Quietly, describe an event in your life when you have experienced being rescued, protected or saved. In light of this experience, what does it mean for you to be saved by God?

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We are still in need of Religious Education teachers! It would be a shame if our children would not be able to attend religious education classes due to a lack of teachers! If you can help in any way please contact Barb Braley at 897-9334 or at irritant-mom@hotmail.com.

On the table in the back of church there are *Jesus, I Trust In You Sacred Heart of Jesus* prayer cards with the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the back and 10" x 8" Jesus, I Trust In You Sacred Heart of Jesus pictures** for anyone who would like one. There are also a few *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* prayer cards. Please help yourself.

St. Mary School is now enrolled in the **Aunt Millie's School Spirit Program**, a program that will help the school earn money when we do something we already do anyway: buy bread! It's easy! Just save the proof-of-purchase symbols (UPCs) with the School Spirit symbol from eligible products, and drop them in the collection basket or school/parish office. (The proof-of-purchase is the bar code and School Spirit symbol found on the bottom of the bread wrapper. Just clip it out; please do not send the entire bread bags). Aunt Millie's will pay the school a nickel for every UPC. Those nickels add up fast. During August, September and October Aunt Millie's will **DOUBLE** cash awards! All UPC's received that are postmarked from Aug. 1—Oct. 31, 2016 will be automatically doubled!

Campbell's Soup Labels Program Ending. As of August 1, 2016, only UPCs with *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank account. They have begun the process of removing the logo and expect there will be a limited number of products that contain these labels in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all Labels for Education logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted.

St. Joseph Catholic School, Garrett, is seeking applications for a **pre-school teacher and teacher assistance position**. If interested please contact the school office at 357-5127.

Understanding Your Grief The Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice and Parkview LaGrange Home Health & Hospice bereavement support groups will present *Understanding Your Grief*. This 10-week program is designed to provide guidance for patients and caregivers of family members who are experiencing a multitude of feelings from serious illness or loss of a loved one. Discuss the normal emotional responses to illness and death and how to cope. Sessions are on Tuesdays, September 13–November 15 from 4:00—5:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, IN or on Thursdays, September 15—November 17 from 4:00—5:30 pm at the Kendallville Public Library, 221 S. Park Avenue, Kendallville, IN. For more information or to register please call (800) 292-9894.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society of Ft. Wayne is looking for **volunteer drivers to take people** to doctor/medical appointments using their accessible CareVan. This ministry has been going on for over 30 years. If you are interested, please call Jim Andrews at 446-7446 for more details.

Give a child a safe home: Become a Foster Parent. Are you considering foster parenting? Are you seeking a challenging but rewarding experience? If so, Quality Counseling is seeking caring, compassionate, and committed foster parents who wish to make a difference in the life of a child and contribute to the community. If interested please contact Quality Counseling at 260-739-7261 or email at fostercare@qualitycounseling.org.

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. This can be more than one person. Two or three families can do it together. This is a very good money maker for the festival. Please help!!**
- **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!

“You may not have saved
a lot of money in your life,
but if you have saved
a lot of heartaches
for other folks,
you are a pretty rich
man... Volunteer!”

Seth Parker

