

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
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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 14, 2016
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 15-21

MONDAY

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab,
1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

TUESDAY

Ez 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY

Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY

Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY

Ez 43:1-7a, Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY

Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

COLLECTION TOTALS

August 6 & 7, 2016

Adult \$6,391.50 Loose \$169.14

Total Envelopes Issued: 223

of Envelopes Used this Week: 100

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$22.00

Parish Saving \$515.00

Tuition Assistance \$1.00

MASS INTENTIONS

August 15-21

Monday 8:00 am Deane Fortman and Family
Tuesday 7:15 am David Didion
Wednesday 7:15 am Eleanor Harding
Thursday 7:15 am Sharon Shively
Friday 8:15 am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Saturday 7:15 am Pat King
5:00 pm St. Mary Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 am Paul & Virginia Christman
10:00 am Lynn Harris and Betty Teders

MASS MINISTERS

August 20 & 21

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Brian Myers and Gerry Schmidt
Sun 8 am David Helmer and Joe Litchfield
Sun 10 am Dennis Dancer and Todd Carteaux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Michelle Myers, Pat Hoover, Theresa Meyer, Julea Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
Sun 10 am Kim Heshner, Jenny Litchfield, Bryan Cass, Catrina Dancer

READERS

Sat 5 pm Tina Ball and Tom Sherwood
Sun 8 am Jim and Theresa Breckler
Sun 10 am Katie Herendeen and Kathy Rorick

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **PAT KING**, who died last week. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

YOUTH MASS TONIGHT AT 5:30 WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HALL UNTIL 8:00.

Monday, August 15, is the Holy Day of *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. In our diocese if a Holy Day falls on a Monday or Saturday, it still is a Holy Day but is not a Holy day of Obligation as the case is this year for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like to honor this Holy Day we have Mass here at St. Mary at 8:00 am on Monday.

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.

Altar/Rosary Society ladies are asked to support our youth group by donating your good, clean used items for their garage sale and to bake goodies so that along with the garage sale there can be a 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...It can be very hard to tell the truth. A lot of us might need it at times, but few of us appreciate it. Blessed Mother Teresa speaks to Her Religious on May 18, 1968, "My dearest children, we must feel the suffering of our people. To be transfigured we have to be disfigured in our own sight."

The events in our first reading occurred at a time when the Babylonians were trying to take Jerusalem. Jeremiah who strongly resisted the call to be a prophet to the king of Israel, Zedekiah; because he knew that to proclaim the truth and to call Israel to faithfulness would cost him his life. Yet, he told the Jews that Jerusalem would be destroyed if they didn't surrender. The people who heard Jeremiah's predictions weren't happy about what they heard. Many of the Jewish leaders decided to kill Jeremiah as a result. But for Jeremiah to be faithful to God was a priority above all else, even above life itself.

Like Jeremiah, Jesus had to confront many of the people in authority in his day and we know what happened to him. Knowing how he would be rejected and would have to suffer for teaching God's message, he decided to warn his disciples that they may be in for a lot of pain and suffering if they chose to follow him. God's kingdom revealed that to be a disciple of Christ could bring about division among friends and family. For Jesus, God's kingdom is more important than even one's family or friend. The saying is not so much an attack on the family as it is an indirect and extreme way of highlighting the supreme importance of God's kingdom. The gospel of Jesus called for a radical way of life that often stood in contradiction to the popular beliefs of the people.

The letter to the Hebrews encourages us not to grow despondent, but to persevere and to keep one's eyes focused on Christ. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "One great poverty is our inability to live our lives with joy."

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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 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 irritantmom@hotmail.com.

Dear Families,

We are back! The school year has started smoothly and quickly. Students and staff are rested and gearing up for a great year. We are so fortunate to have central air. I remember my first years of teaching in a second floor classroom without air conditioning. Thankfully, those days are long gone.

I want to thank HASA and the Knights of Columbus for their generous work in hosting the Ice Cream and Pork Burger Social event last Sunday.

Thanks to everyone for the phenomenal response and attendance at our first All-In Registration Day. Many positive comments were shared.

In Service to others,
Mrs. Sandor, Principal

Pray for our country by praying the **54-day Rosary Novena** (Apostolate For Family Consecration). The novena starts Monday, August 15th, on the feast day of the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven, and concludes on October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. If you choose to join in this powerful 54-day novena, you will be praying it in union with Catholics throughout the United States of America for the spiritual renewal of this great country that was founded as "one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all." We know too well that liberty and justice are more frequently being denied to the Catholic institutions, the unborn, the elderly, and the poor. As we pray this "Novena for Our Nation" together, we ask Our Lady to intercede for us and to turn the hearts of all men to God.

In 1884, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Fortuna Agrelli, an Italian girl with three incurable diseases who was in danger of dying, and told her to say three novenas of rosaries for her healing and to immediately pray three novenas of rosaries in thanksgiving. Our Lady instructed Fortuna to pray the rosaries in faith, regardless of whether it seemed that her prayer was answered. Fortuna followed the Blessed Mother's direction and was miraculously healed.

A novena is nine days long and Fortuna prayed six novenas, leading to the beginning of the 54-day Rosary Novena devotion. The devotion consists of praying the Rosary on 27 consecutive days for a specific intention, followed by another 27 days of praying the Rosary in thanksgiving, regardless of whether the intention was answered.

For more information about the 54-day Rosary Novena and "Novena for our Nation" at the [National Catholic Register](#).

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!

“Volunteers
are not paid—
not because they
are worthless,
but because they
are priceless.”

Author Unknown

