

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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AVILLA, INDIANA**

**August 28, 2016
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 29-Sept. 4

MONDAY

1 Cor 2:1-5, Mk 6:17-29

TUESDAY

1 Cor 2:10b-16, Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:31-37

THURSDAY

1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

1 Cor 4:6b-15, Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

Wis 9:13-18b, Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33

August 29-September 4

Thursday

8:00 am—6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus

Friday

8:00 am

ColeSlaw making in the school hall
for Labor Day Festival

8:15 am

First Friday Mass

Saturday

7:15 am

First Saturday Mass

After morning Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Sunday

**Starting after the 8:00 am Mass
until finished**

Setting up for our Labor Day Festival

COLLECTION TOTALS

August 20& 21, 2016

Adult \$4,282.00 **Loose** \$175.91

Children \$9.40

Total Envelopes Issued: 226

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$15.00

Improvement Fund \$267.00

Parish Saving \$2.00

Tuition Assistance \$61.00

Assumption of Mary \$197.00

MASS INTENTIONS

August 29-September 4

Monday	7:15 am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	8:15 am	Francis Meyer
Wednesday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Thursday	7:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Friday	8:15 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
	11:00 am	Special Intentions of Lucy H. and Alice M.

MASS MINISTERS

September 3 & 4

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Brian Myers and Mark Sible
Sun	8 am	Dave Roesener and Dan Griffiths
Sun	11 am	Ralph Stark and Josh Edwards

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Theresa Meyer, Pat Hoover
Sun	8 am	Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun	11 am	Katie Herendeen, Kathy Rorick, Tom & Eve Peters

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Sara Cartwright and Tom Sherwood
Sun	8 am	Bridget Breckler and Chad Helmkamp
Sun	11 am	Roger Dancer and Melissa Cass

**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***

Sunday, August 28 from 9:00—11:00 am
Grilled Pork Burger Sandwiches, hot and ready to eat,
available for purchase on site during garage sale

Religious Education Classes begin Sunday, September 11th. The new time will be from **9:15—10:45 am**. To date, our religious education teachers are Lis Braley for grade 2, Chad Helmkamp for grade 8, and Barb Braley for high school. If there are no more teachers, these will be the only classes this year. **Registration** will be on the first class date in the school cafeteria. Please do not put names and money/checks in the offering basket during Mass. There will be a brief meeting, then the students will be dismissed to their classes while parents register their students. The cost will be \$10.00 per student to help cover the cost of materials. To volunteer to teach K-1st, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, or grade 7, please call Barb Braley at 897-9334 after 4:00 pm on weekdays or email irritantmom@hotmail.com.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Today's readings center on true humility. Blessed Mother Teresa describes humility as knowledge of self. And self-knowledge puts us on our knees. Speaking to her religious on true humility, she said, "It is said that humility is truth and Jesus is the truth, therefore, the one way that will make us most Christ-like is humility. Do not think that hiding your gifts of God is the sign of humility. No, do and use whatever gifts God has given you."

In the first reading from Sirach, the father advises the son to conduct his affairs with humility, not thinking of himself as greater or less than others. Rather, the better way is to stand in a balance, acknowledging oneself with honesty and as an equal to others. To do so is to appreciate the gift of life from God.

Traditionally, for the Jews at the time of Jesus, it was a very important thing as to where a person sat in an assembly or at a table; and eating together was a way of signifying shared values. Jesus' teaching on true humility comes when He tells us about who should be invited to our house for dinner, the marginal person; those who cannot repay the favor. Jesus reminds us that true humility is not so much about what we think of ourselves, as it's about what we think of others and how we treat them. Christ-like humility is a love for all people because they are loved by God. Jesus not only taught it but practiced it. He responded to all people.

Reflect on your own attitude toward the poor, the homeless, the jobless. How does the gospel enlighten your understanding of God's presence in them? Listen to them speak to you and hear your response. St. John Paul II said, "Everyday I think with anxiety of all those who are dying of cold and hunger."

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ST. MARY LABOR DAY FESTIVAL NEWS

With only a week remaining until St. Mary 50th Annual Labor Day Festival is upon us, here is what is needed from YOU, as a member of St. Mary Parish and Family:

Helping hands are needed on Friday, Sept. 2, chopping cabbage and making coleslaw, starting at 8:00 am in the school hall kitchen.

There will be something for everyone to help with on Sunday, Sept. 4th, to set up for the festival inside the school and on the parish grounds, and washing and wrapping potatoes in the hall kitchen starting after the 8:00 am Mass.

Garden fresh tomatoes are needed for the dining room. Please bring them to the hall on Sunday during set up or on Labor Day starting around 9:00 am.

Items for the Trash & Treasure. Please bring your items to the rectory garage on Sunday during set up time or on Labor Day starting around 10:00 am.

Homemade baked goodies and canned fruits, vegetables, jelly, and jams, and fresh garden vegetables are needed for the Country Store. Please bring on Monday, Labor Day, starting around 9:00 am to the big tent.

2 Liter bottles of pop for the kids games. These can be put in the rectory porch anytime this week.

Theme Baskets. Please bring on Monday, Labor Day, starting around 10:00 am to the big tent.

If you volunteered to donate pies for the dining room please bring them on Monday, Labor Day, to the hall area starting around 9:00 am.

"THANKS" IN ADVANCE FOR DONATING AND LENDING A HELPING HAND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**For information or questions please contact Bryan Cass at 450-4199
or call the parish office at 897-3261.**

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 News: 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. 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.

We have launched a new project, *Helping Hands*. As the school year progresses, classroom and/or teacher needs change. Our Helping Hands Project is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends and others to reach out a helping hand to help teachers meet these needs. If you would like more information or a list of the Helping Hands needed for a classroom or teacher, please contact the school office at 897-3481.

Grade 8 JF volunteer needed. If this is something which interests you, please contact Stacy Dumbacher at the JA office at 260-415-3422. There is required training and she will provide the details.

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.

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.

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

