

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Music: Barb Braley

Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
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Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards
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Scrip: Kathy Rorick
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St. Mary School

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Secretary: Sara Lake
School Board: Angela Jansen
HASA: Kim Heshner

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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September 4, 2016
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 5-11

MONDAY

1 Cor 5:1-8, Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY

1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

1 Cor 7:25-31, Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY

Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

FRIDAY

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27, Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY

1 Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY

Wis 9:13-18b, Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

September 5-11

Monday

11:00 am—4:00 pm

St. Mary Labor Day Festival

Tuesday

6:00 pm

St. School Board Meeting

Sunday

9:15—10:45 am

Religious Education Classes for grades
2nd and 8th, and high schoolers

COLLECTION TOTALS

August 27 & 28, 2016

Adult \$4,686.00 **Loose** \$329.00

Children \$15.61

Total Envelopes Issued: 226

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$51.00

Improvement Fund \$7.00

Parish Saving \$7.00

Tuition Assistance \$97.00

Assumption of Mary \$3.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$327.72

MASS INTENTIONS

September 5-11

Monday	7:15 am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	8:15 am	Pat King
Wednesday	7:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Thursday	7:15 am	Francis Fischer
Friday	8:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	7:15 am	Special Intentions of Bill Hatfield
	5:00 pm	Leila & Corny Blomeke
Sunday	8:00 am	Noll Family
	11:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

September 10 & 11

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Jim Boyce and Gerry Schmidt
Sun 8 am	Paul Demske and Marion Duehmig
Sun 11 am	Dennis Dancer and Todd Carteaux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm	Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee, Dennis & Jan Hudecek
Sun 8 am	Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
Sun 11 am	Ralph Stark, Brenda Weber, Kim Heshner, Jenny Litchfield

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Rob Diffenderfer and Michelle Myers
Sun 8 am	Nancy Helmer and Christine Beck
Sun 11 am	Katie Herendeen and Melissa Cass

Religious Education Classes begin next 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. **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. Any questions or need more information please call Barb Braley at 897-9334 after 4:00 pm this week or email 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, 10" x 8"* *Jesus, I Trust In You Sacred Heart of Jesus* pictures and *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.

We have launched a new project, *Helping Hands*, an opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends and others to reach out a helping hand to our teachers. For more information 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.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... The priest shared some wisdom his mother taught him as a boy. "The grace of God is like rain. We all have a bucket and rain falls evenly, independent of our positive or destructive actions. The difference is that some people's buckets overturned. Anyone can turn the bucket right side up, but it is often easier with the support and affirmation of others."

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the wisdom of God. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks about what is necessary to be His disciples. It requires the wisdom of heart, to know the difficulties and sacrifices necessary to follow Him. He tells us that following Him may cost us some biological relationships, some material comforts and pleasures, that at one level we all desire. His sayings about building a tower or going into battle emphasize the need for wisdom. Before we do anything in life we need to know what may be required of us. This is wisdom. Before we decide to be a disciple of Jesus, we need to know that it will involve the cross.

We see a concrete example of discipleship in the second reading in which St. Paul had to leave his country and successful life so as to become the Apostle of the Gentiles; Onesimus was asked to return bravely to a less than ideal situation in service of the gospel, and Paul implores Philemon to accept the slave, Onesimus, as a brother and an equal. Today, pray for the grace to let no other attachment take precedence over your commitment to follow Christ. Jesus is the authentic wisdom of God; follow Him.

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**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
50TH ANNUAL PARISH
LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**

**Monday, September 5th
11:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Featuring
Nelson's Barbecue
Chicken and Pork Chops
Adult dinner—\$10.00
Children dinner—\$6.00**

Chicken Half or Pork Chop—\$6.00

**Refreshments on site for purchase, Bingo (18 & older), Activities for the kids,
Country Store goodies, Trash & Treasure, Theme Baskets for bidding and 50/50 draw
Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun!**

There is something for everyone to lend a helping hand with today, Sept. 4th, to get ready for the festival, starting after the 8:00 am Mass.

**Set up the dining room and carry out area
Set up the parish grounds
Wash and wrap potatoes**

Your generosity is needed with the following:

Garden fresh tomatoes are needed for the dining room. Please bring them to the hall today 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 today 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 today.

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 starting around 9:00 am.

**EVERYONE IS NEEDED FOR CLEAN UP STARTING AT 4:00 PM ON MONDAY
IN THE SCHOOL HALL AND ON THE PARISH GROUNDS.
ANY HELP THAT YOU CAN OFFER WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED!**

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

For information or questions please contact Bryan Cass at 450-4199 or Beverly Edwards at 318-2802

