

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards
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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
September 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
September 12-18

Monday	7:15 am	Phillip Ross
Tuesday	8:15 am	Charles & Margaret Gordon
Wednesday	7:15 am	Special Intentions J.F.
Thursday	7:15 am	George Clifford
Friday	8:15 am	Paul & Brunetta Sible
Saturday	7:15 am	Eric Teders
	5:00 pm	Sam Duehmig
Sunday	8:00 am	In Gratitude for Prayers Answered
	11:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 12-18

MONDAY

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33, Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY

Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

THURSDAY

1 Cor 15:1-11, Jn 19:25-27

FRIDAY

1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49, Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY

Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13

MASS MINISTERS
September 17 & 18

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Jim Schmenk and Brian Myers
Sun 8 am Stewart Lewis and Tony Helmer
Sun 11 am Ralph Stark and Jim Hullinger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm Tom & Barb Sherwood, Theresa Meyer, Michelle Myers
Sun 8 am Bill & Chris Freeman, Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp
Sun 11 am Bryan Cass, Catrina Dancer, Beverly Edwards, Ginny Hatfield

COLLECTION TOTALS
September 3 & 4, 2016

Adult \$5,842.00 **Loose** \$247.75

Children \$28.28

Total Envelopes Issued: 226

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:
 \$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$25.00

Improvement Fund \$20.00

Parish Saving \$501.00

Tuition Assistance \$40.00

CCD \$176.00

READERS

Sat 5 pm Sara Cartwright and Tina Ball
Sun 8 am Bridget and Theresa Breckler
Sun 11 am Kathy and Rebecca Rorick

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Phillip Ross**, brother of Becky Smith, and for **Eugene Renninger**, brother of Sr. Theresa, who passed away. May Phillip and Eugene rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

Teen Mass tonight at 5:30 pm with activities until 8:00 pm. Any questions please contact Eve Peters at 897-2828.

Boys in fourth grade and up who would like to be altar servers, candle bearers and cross bearers at St. Mary weekend Masses please contact Melissa Cass at 260-403-7922 so that you can be put on the schedule and trained if needed. This is a very important ministry. Parents, please encourage your sons to fulfill this ministry here at St. Mary Church.

Anybody need a **portable dishwasher**? If so please contact Katie Herendeen at 260-582-9773.

Does anyone have a copy or two of **Scott Hahn's "Home Sweet Home"** that could be used for St. Mary RCIA program? If so please contact Katie Herendeen at 260-582-9773.

St. Mary School News... You may have noticed Bix the Bison in front of the Church/School property along Main Street on Friday. He is visiting for a few days thanks to the Kendallville Parks Department and the local HAWK radio station. Many of these fiberglass bison have been decorated and can be found all over the state to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial year. Bix is traveling to various locations throughout the Kendallville area, so keep looking for him after he leaves St. Mary next week. What a fun way to celebrate our State's bicentennial year!

The Mass on Friday, September 16th is being planned by the 8th graders, and a Constitution Day Program will follow. You are all welcome to join us.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... In today's world, thousands of people destroy their lives simply because there is nobody waiting for them to listen. Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation on the family, he said, "A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps him or her...to grow in self-esteem and, in turn, to develop a capacity for intimacy and empathy."

Today's gospel contains three parables that speak to us of God's love and mercy. Most especially these stories remind us no matter how far off the chosen path we may stray, God will be waiting and welcoming us. We are reminded that it is in our sinfulness that God comes to us. Like the son who returned to his loving father, we too can celebrate with the Lord out of our weakness. For we walk our closest walk with Him when we acknowledge our helplessness and utter dependence on God, our Father.

In the Exodus reading the Israelites have turned their backs on the Lord who brought them out of Egypt. Moses pleads on their behalf and God relents. And, in the second reading, we hear St. Paul describe what a sinful person he once was and how God was merciful to him.

However, the Church offers us its welcoming arms, through the Sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation. Celebrating these Sacraments is encountering the loving Father as He welcomes us or calls us back to the family of believers. But, how often we doubt the unlimited mercy of God, and deny the need to have His help in getting back "on track."

A man who had been beaten up was picked up from the streets of Melbourne by St. Teresa of Calcutta. He was an alcoholic who had been for years in that state, and the sisters took him to their home of compassion. From the way they touched him, the way they took care of him, suddenly it was clear to him: "God loves me." He left the home and never touched alcohol again, and went back to his family, to his job. Later, when he got his first salary, he came to the sisters and gave them the money, saying, "I want you to be for others the love of God, as you have been to me." Pray for those individuals "who are lost." As the loving father welcomes back his son, may we reach beyond judgment to free those condemned by others' self-righteousness.

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**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
CHURCH**

**50TH ANNUAL PARISH
LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**

was another successful one.

PROFIT \$10,002.18 (approx.)

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who donated their time and helping hands in ANY way! For all who donated tomatoes, pies and cakes for the dining room and carry out dinners, items for the trash & treasure booth and country store, pop for the ring toss game and theme basket donations. Once again, thank you, St. James Restaurant for chopping the cabbage for the coleslaw, baking pies and potatoes, and for the ice, place mats and carry out bag donations. Everyone's efforts were GREATLY appreciated. Set up and tear down went amazingly quick and the fellowship and working together was SUCH A TRUE BLESSING and so refreshing to experience. The festival is only made possible with God's grace and people who give of themselves. May God bless everyone who said "yes" when asked to help and/or volunteered.

Food For Thought...

Anna Brest, an 11th grader at Gary High School in Cary, N.C., who won 2015 Student Essay Contest, she writes:

"We live in a fast-paced society where we encounter many people every day. It is easy to judge, to not take the time to understand. It is easy to harbor anger or hatred, rather than take the time and effort to forgive. It is easy to be so overwhelmed that we look out only for ourselves, and don't take the time to think of others. The experience of God's mercy changed all of that for me, and it will do the same for others. If only everyone could have the same experience, what a harmonious and joyous world we would live in."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades would like to invite all couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th Wedding Jubilees this year to a special Mass. The Mass will take place at St. Charles Borromeo, 4916 Trier Rd., Ft. Wayne, on September 25th at 11:00 am. A reception will follow at Hession Center, enter door #3. You may register by calling the Office of Family Life at 574-234-0687 or email haustgen@diocesefwsb.org. Registration deadline is September 16th.

Raffle—The Sisters in Avilla will be selling raffle tickets for the benefit of their religious community, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart after the Masses next weekend, September 17 & 18. Prizes are \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Tickets are \$10, 3 for \$15 and 6 for \$40. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, there has been terrible flooding in Louisiana, the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all those living in communities who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of security. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Along with other diocese through our country, we will take up an emergency collection next weekend, September 17 & 18, to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana floods. This collection can be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Ft. Wayne—South Bend

Apple Festival
October 1 & 2, 2016
31st Annual Apple Festival of Kendallville
Saturday 9:00 am—6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Last year St. Mary Church and School experienced great success during the Apple Festival. This year we will once again have a booth selling caramel corn. Our booth will be located next to the Pork Producers building at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. Volunteers are needed. Shifts will be approximately three and a half hours long on Saturday and Sunday. Please find the dates and times below and volunteer when you would like to help. You can drop this form in the collection basket next weekend or give it to Dave or Annette Roesener. Special pioneer dress is required for all participants which are available for both men and women at the booth if you do not have some of your own. Please contact Dave and Annette Roesener with any questions at 897-3389. Thank you so much for supporting this project.

Wednesday, September 28, from 5:00—7:00 pm, men are needed to set up supply tent

Name & telephone # _____

Thursday, September 29 from 5:00—7:00 pm, men are needed to set up storefront

Name & telephone # _____

Friday, September 30 from 4:00—6:00 pm, ladies are needed to decorate booth

Name & telephone # _____

Saturday, October 1, working the booth

8:00—11:30 am (Name & telephone) _____

11:30 am—3:00 pm (Name & telephone) _____

3:00—6:00 pm (Name & telephone) _____

Can work anytime (Name & telephone) _____

Sunday, October 2, working the booth

8:30—11:30 am (Name & telephone) _____

11:30 am—3:00 pm (Name & telephone) _____

3:00—6:30 pm (Name & telephone) _____

Can work anytime (Name & telephone) _____

Can work all weekend (Name & telephone) _____

“I am only one, but still
I AM ONE.
I cannot do
everything but still
I CAN DO SOMETHING
and because I cannot
do everything,
I will not refuse
to do something
I CAN DO.”

Helen Keller

