

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **Ministry Contact Persons**

Ushers: Bryan Cass  
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Servers: Melissa Cass  
RCIA: Katie Herendeen  
Religious Education: Barb Braley  
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## **Parish Organizations**

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris  
Finance: Jonathan Ormiston  
Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards  
Cemetery: Bryan Cass  
Bldg. & Grounds:  
Mark Bush and Tom Sherwood  
Knights of Columbus: Tom Peters  
Scrip: Kathy Rorick  
Youth: Eve Peters

## **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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**AVILLA, INDIANA**  
**September 18, 2016**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**September 19-25**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Glen & Frances Griffiths
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Paul & Brunetta Sible
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Special Intentions for Katharine Kawshawng
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Don Swangin
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Lucille Yingling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Joan Lauer
	<b>11:00 am</b>	St. Mary Parishioners

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sept. 19-25**  
**MONDAY**  
 Prv 3:27-34, Lk 8:16-18  
**TUESDAY**  
 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13, Lk 8:19-21  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13  
**THURSDAY**  
 Eccl 1:2-11, Lk 9:7-9  
**FRIDAY**  
 Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22  
**SATURDAY**  
 Eccl 11:9-12:8, Lk 9:43b-45  
**SUNDAY**  
 Am 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Tm 6:11-16,  
 Lk 16:19-31

**MASS MINISTERS**  
**September 24 & 25**

**USHERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Alger VanHoey and Mark Sible  
**Sun 8 am** Ed Smith and Dave Helmer  
**Sun 11 am** Josh Edwards and Dennis Dancer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

**Sat 5 pm** Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover  
**Sun 8 am** Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis  
**Sun 11 am** Roger & Virginia Dancer, Katie Herendeen, Kathy Rorick

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**September 10 & 11, 2016**  
**Adult** \$5,189.00 **Loose** \$308.04  
**Children** \$7.00  
**Total Envelopes Issued:** 226  
**# of Envelopes Used this Week:** 102  
**Weekly Contribution Budget:**  
 \$8,508.00  
**Special Collections**  
**Vigil Lights** \$58.75  
**Improvement Fund** \$5.00  
**Parish Saving** \$175.00  
**Catholic Communication** \$285.00

**READERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Tom Sherwood and Michelle Myers  
**Sun 8 am** Jim Breckler and Steve Christman  
**Sun 11am** Melissa Cass and Brenda Weber

**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.

This weekend everyone will have the opportunity to view the Annual Bishop's Appeal video entitled "*Blessed are the Merciful*" during Mass. Next weekend is pledge Sunday and every parish family is asked to please pick up your Annual Bishop's Appeal packet in the back of Church. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal to support the work of the Church. St. Mary of the Assumption Parish goal is \$36,649.77 this year. We need everyone's pledge in order to reach our goal.

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. As stated in last weekend's bulletin we are taking up a second collection this weekend to help Catholic Charities USA provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. If you forgot to bring your gift or was unable to give this weekend, but still would like to support this collection, please put it in an envelope marked "Louisiana" and drop it in the collection basket next weekend. Thank you for caring and giving!

**Religious Education Classes** next Sunday, September 25th from 9:15—10:45 am in the school hall for grades 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 8th and high school.

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** A third grader asked his teacher, “Why are parents so tough when it comes to discipline their children?” The teacher replied, “Our parents are not really tough, rather they were trying to help us understand the true Christian values that we will continue to develop for the rest of our lives. The values that God wants them to teach us....”

In our first reading, prophet Amos is not shy about telling God’s people how God despises dishonestly and injustice. Their prosperity turned their minds away from God. And they frequently used dishonest ways to enrich themselves. Prophet Amos calls us to continue to look at our business dealings and all of our dealings with people. Are we honest in these relationships?

The “good news” in today’s gospel, may strike us as confusing. It sounds as if Jesus is condoning the shrewd acts of the manager. Is he asking us to act in this way? I don’t know. The confusion may cause us to reflect on our material possessions and our use of them to examine our skills as managers of these gifts. It is in this way that our puzzlement may indeed become “good news.” Jesus wants us to use our gifts of intelligence and perception, by keeping ourselves well informed in matters of the world and of our faith. We are promised that we shall be welcomed into an eternal dwelling if we use our gifts to build friendship and to give life in our world. What kind of stewards are we?

Today, identify one area of your life where you are not exercising wise use of your gifts. What must you do to change this? What will this cost you? Pray for the courage and the strength to change.

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Check out the *Apple Festival* poster in the back of church. If you haven’t volunteered to work at St. Mary caramel corn booth this year, October 1 & 2, there is a sign up sheet by the poster. There are many different time slots for you to choose from that can fit into your schedule to lend a helping hand. Any questions please contact Dave and Annette Roesener at 897-3389.

**Attention anyone who rents or uses the school hall/kitchen...**The person who is in charge of renting it is responsible for making sure all lights are turned off, doors are locked when leaving. The kitchen, gym and restrooms located by the gym, are the only areas that are to be used or entered, unless arrangements are made prior to the rental.

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

**Raffle**—The Sisters in Avilla are selling raffle tickets for the benefit of their religious community, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart after the Masses this 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.

Bishop Dwenger High School has two immediate part time second shift custodial positions open. The hours for one position is 3:00—8:30 pm, the other is 5:00—10:30 pm. Both jobs consist of basic cleaning/custodial duties that entail mopping floors, clean up/set up of sporting events, cleaning of classrooms and restrooms, snow removal, and other duties as required by supervisor. Interested and qualified candidates should submit completed applications to the Bishop Dwenger main office by September 30th. Application can be found online at <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Criminal-Background-Checks>. This posting can be found on the Bishop Dwenger website—[www.bishopdwenger.com/Employment](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Employment).

**Apple Dumpling Assembly Time...**today, Sunday, September 18th, either from noon-3:00 pm or from 2:00—5:00 pm, at Crosspointe Family Church, 210 Highpointe Crossing, Kendallville (jst of Drake Rd.). Help needed...lend a hand...join the fun!

**Where is God calling you?** Let the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, lead you toward deeper contemplative listening during a free weekend retreat for single, Catholic women ages 18-42. The retreat takes place November 18-20. During the retreat explore where God is calling you, ask any questions you have about vocation, get an inside look at life as a Sister of Providence, get to know Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and more. To learn more, contact Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771 or email [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org) or register online at [ListeningRetreat.SistersofProvidence.org](http://ListeningRetreat.SistersofProvidence.org). The Sisters of Providence is a congregation of nearly 320 women religious, with more than 200 Providence Associates, collaborate with others to create a more just and hope-filled world through prayer, education, service and advocacy. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia, through works of love, mercy and justice.

*Be Kind,  
Be Honest,  
Be Loving,  
Be True,  
And all these things  
will come back to you.*

Author Unknown

***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











