

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
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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.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
AVILLA, INDIANA
September 25, 2016
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
September 26-October 2

Monday	7:15 am	Clay Helmkamp
Tuesday	8:15 am	Herb Myers
Wednesday	7:15 am	Francis Meyer
Thursday	7:15 am	Diane Fortman and Family
Friday	8:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	7:15 am	Special Intentions of D.G.
	5:00 pm	Ed & Catherine Karl
Sunday	8:00 am	Noll Family
	11:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 26-October 2

MONDAY

Jb 1:6-22, Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16, Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Jn 1:47-51

FRIDAY

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5, Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

MASS MINISTERS

October 1 & 2

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Gerry Schmidt and Jim Boyce
Sun	8 am	Joe Litchfield and Craig Van Gessel
Sun	11 am	Bryan Cass and Roger Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Tom & Barb Sherwood, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee
Sun	8 am	Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
Sun	11 am	Brenda Weber, Eve & Tom Peters, Ralph Stark

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Tina Ball and Sara Cartwright
Sun	8 am	Theresa Breckler and Steve Christman
Sun	11 am	Katie Herendeen and Kathy Rorick

COLLECTION TOTALS

September 17 & 18, 2016

Adult \$5,321.00 **Loose** \$161.03

Children \$57.32

Total Envelopes Issued: 226

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$16.00

Improvement Fund \$286.00

Parish Saving \$151.00

Catholic Communication \$6.00

CCD Support \$51.00

Louisiana Flood Victims \$692.76

Prayerfully each parish family picked up their Annual Bishop's Appeal packet in the back of Church. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal to support the work of the Church and drop it in the collection basket next weekend or mail it to the parish office in the near future. If you did not pick it up, please do so next weekend. St. Mary of the Assumption Parish goal is \$36,649.77 this year. We need everyone's pledge in order to reach our goal.

There will be no Religious Education Classes next Sunday, October 2, because of Fall break for East Noble Schools.

The St. Vincent de Paul truck was not in the parking lot this weekend for donations because the store is not accepting donations at the present time. Theresa Meyer will check with them and see if they will be taking donations in October. St. Vincent de Paul has their regular monthly meeting next Saturday, October 1, after the 7:15 am Mass in the rectory. Thank you for supporting St. Vincent De Paul Society.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus would like to extend a special "Thank You" for your generous response to their raffle ticket sales last weekend. May God bless you all for your support.

Have you volunteered yet to work at St. Mary caramel corn booth at the *Apple Festival* next weekend, October 1 & 2, at the fairgrounds in Kendallville? There are many different time slots for you to choose from that can fit into your schedule. This is a parish fundraiser so come and lend a helping hand while having fun. Any questions or to volunteer please contact Dave and Annette Roesener at 897-3389.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... A senior student at Catholic High School, who was searching for her purpose in life said, "This might sound crazy, but at 18, I was desperately trying to figure out what do I have to offer the world." There is a wise saying, "Your smiling in your brother's face is charity."

Today's readings challenge us to consider our personal attitude toward the material blessings we enjoy. The message is pointed and perhaps harsh. Lazarus and the rich man are the models of the "have nots" and the "haves." Could this be a microcosm of what often happens between these two groups in our own society today? Coupled with this story is the reading from Amos which warns us of the attitude which says "we deserve" our blessings.

However, all we have and are is a gift from God. When we truly understand and believe that, then we can begin to live as one with all men and women. To recognize our complete giftedness is to know that without God we are nothing. In this "nothingness" we can identify with the poor, the sick, the victims of injustice, with all peoples.

As followers of Christ, we are called to recognize and live out a sense of "connectedness" with all humans. When we do this we model Christ. St. Mother Teresa said, "Be kind and merciful, let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."

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Food for Thought...

To the hungry, mercy comes as a hot meal
To the homeless, a safe place to sleep
To the poor, new clothes to wear
To those who thirst, clean water
To the sick, a healing hand
To those in sorrow, a peaceful presence
To the elderly, a sympathetic ear
To the lost, a guiding voice.

By Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

Youth Group News- The next Youth Mass will be at 5:30 pm on Oct. 16th (not on the second weekend this month due to Fall Break). Please join us afterwards for a youth group community project. We will conclude the evening with a bonfire at the Peters' home until 8:00 pm. Hot dogs, drinks, and marshmallows provided, youth bring a finger food side to share (chips, graham crackers, etc.). If youth are available to help with the Apple Festival Caramel Corn booth please contact Annette Roesener at 897-3389 to volunteer.

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.

East Noble Special Needs Meeting There will be an informational meeting for parents of children with special needs who reside within the East Noble School Corporation attendance area and are home-schooled or attend a non-public school at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 27th at the administrative office building (126 W. Rush Street, Kendallville). Those with questions can contact Karla Mettert at 349-3346.

St. John Bosco is having their annual laundry detergent fundraiser to help with parish's tuition subsidy. They are selling 5 gallon buckets of HE laundry detergent, softener, and dish detergent for \$45 each. Laundry and dishwasher pods are also available for \$45 (200 and 250 count). To place an order call Krista Morris at 260-715-8282 or Kala Warner at 260-341-4344. Thank you for your support.

All you can eat fish and chicken fry by Dan's of Huntington, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Hope Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, IN on Friday, October 7th from 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults (11 and over) are \$9, children (ages 6-10) are \$4 and age 5 and under are free. Handicap accessible and carry outs available.

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 or register online at ListeningRetreat.SistersofProvidence.org. The Sisters of Providence is a congregation of nearly 320 women religious, with more than 200 Providence Associates. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia, through works of love, mercy and justice.

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

