

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
AVILLA, INDIANA  
October 2, 2016  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 2-9**

**Monday 7:15 am** Prayers in Thanksgiving D.G.  
**Tuesday 8:15 am** Eugene Renninger  
**Wednesday 7:15 am** Herb Myers  
**Thursday 7:15 am** In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered  
**Friday 8:15 am** Herman & Wilma Schmenk  
**Saturday 7:15 am** In Gratitude  
**5:00 pm** Jim & Retha Remke  
**Sunday 8:00 am** St. Mary Parishioners  
**11:00 am** Special Intentions of Ruby Gunkel

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**October 3-9**

**MONDAY**

Gal 1:6-12, Lk 10:25-37

**TUESDAY**

Gal 1:13-14, Lk 10:38-42

**WEDNESDAY**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14, Lk 11:1-4

**THURSDAY**

Gal 3:1-5, Lk 11:5-13

**FRIDAY**

Gal 3:7-14, Lk 11:15-26

**SATURDAY**

Gal 3:22-29, Lk 11:27-28

**SUNDAY**

2 Kgs 5:14-17, 2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

**MASS MINISTERS**

**October 8 & 9**

**USHERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Alger VanHoey and Jim Schmenk  
**Sun 8 am** Dave Roesener and Dan Griffiths  
**Sun 11 am** Todd Carteaux and Jim Hullinger

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

**Sat 5 pm** Elaine Taulbee, Pat Hoover, Theresa Meyer, Julea Diffenderfer  
**Sun 8 am** Bill & Chris Freeman, Ben & Brenda Helmkamp  
**Sun 11 am** Catrina Dancer, Jenny Litchfield, Bryan Cass, Kim Heshner

**READERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Grace Cartwright and Rob Diffenderfer  
**Sun 8 am** Chad Helmkamp and Nancy Helmer  
**Sun 11am** Roger Dancer and Rebecca Rorick

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**October 3-9**

**Tuesday**

**6:00 pm**

School Board Meeting

**Thursday**

**8:00 am—6:00 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration

**7:00 pm**

Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Friday**

**8:15 am**

First Friday Mass

**Sunday**

**9:15—10:45 am**

Religious Education Classes

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**September 24 & 25, 2016**

**Adult** \$3,922.00 **Loose** \$154.35

**Children** \$46.23

**Total Envelopes Issued:** 226

**# of Envelopes Used this Week:** 100

**Weekly Contribution Budget:**

\$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$9.00

**Improvement Fund** \$280.00

**Tuition Assistance** \$140.00

**Louisiana Flood Victims** \$140.00

Prayerfully you have picked up your 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 today. St. Mary of the Assumption Parish goal is \$36,649.77 this year. We need everyone's pledge in order to reach our goal.

**If you were not able to sign up to lend a helping hand at St. Mary Parish caramel corn booth at the Apple Festival this weekend, but would still like to help, all extra help would be greatly appreciated and needed to help tear down/clean up this evening (Sunday, October 2) starting at 5:00 pm at the Noble County Fairgrounds. We are located next to the big, white Pork Producers building.**

**St. Mary School News...** The **Annual World-Wide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be celebrated on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. If you would like to view a two minute video message from Bishop Cozzens go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klWxzW3tdMc>.

Oak Farm Montessori School invites everyone to join them for a free, community-wide event, *Mentoring Kids in the Digital Age*. Author, speaker and workshop leader, Deborah Heitner, PhD, will be sharing her insight in helping parents understand the important role that they play in the development of our children as digital citizens. She will discuss such topics as: the importance of empathy in a digital world, the effects of social pressures in school, Smart Kids with Smart phones and minding your digital footprints. If you are looking for tools to survive in this technologically driven world, then you will want to RSVP to Nikole at [nalbright@oakfarmschool.com](mailto:nalbright@oakfarmschool.com) by Tuesday, October 4th. Visit the link <https://www.smore.com/dyfb4-raising-digital-natives?ref=email-content#w-0219947932> for more details.

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** St. Mother Teresa said, “If we pray we will believe, if we believe we will love, if we love we will serve. Only then can we put our love for God into living action through service of Christ in the distressing disguise of the poor.”

The key words in today’s gospel might be “faith” and “duty.” At first reading it may seem that the two have little connection. The prophet Habakkuk who lived during the difficult time of the Babylonian invasion and the eventual destruction of Jerusalem, is reassured that “the just man, because of his faith, shall live.” Jesus responds to the apostles’ desire for greater faith by telling them two stories. One story illustrates the power of faith and the other tells us to regard our Christian service as duty, never expecting reward or recognition.

One link between these two stories may be found if we ponder the faith-filled life of someone we know who serves God diligently. Faith grows and is nurtured by service to others. In our service we recognize our helplessness and powerlessness. Thus, we rely on God much more and our faith in turn is strengthened. Also, one who is truly alive in faith desires to serve in response to this great gift. Just as we have been touched by God, we desire others to experience this new life. We expect no reward and realize that it is a privilege to serve God.

St. Paul tells us in his letter to Timothy that, as we serve the Lord and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation, the Spirit is at work in us, making us “strong, loving and wise.”

I felt so bad when I read the story of the terrible murders of two Catholic sisters who had served the poor in Central Mississippi. They were stabbed to death in their house in Durant, Mississippi, by an intruder on August 25, 2016. What an awful, terrifying, and violet way to die. Yet, these two sisters: Margaret Held and Paula Merrill lived their lives in complete Christian disciple values: care for one another, compassion for the needy and service of others. As we pray for their souls, may be also ask ourselves how do we want to live our lives? And how do we want God to find us?

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**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.).

**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.

The Garrett Knights of Columbus is having an All-You-Can-Eat fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, October 7th from 4:00—7:00 pm at 121 N. Randolph St, Garrett, IN. The cost is \$9 for adults and children under 12 are \$5. Please come and help support the Knights of Columbus support St. Joseph’s church and school.

**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.

**“Why Catholic” Classes** will be on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm from October 10-November 14 and Friday mornings at 9:00 am from October 14-November 18. The series called “Believe Profession of Faith” will be the material studied. The cost is \$14.95. If interested in attending the Monday classes please contact Steve/Lucy Papaik at 347-5547 and for Friday classes please contact Carol Blackman at 317-0682. For classes in Spanish please contact Gustavo Barrentos at 242-6847.

Registration is now open for a day-long conference, “Strengthening Marriages and Families: Building a Christ-Centered Home on November 12 at Bishop Luers High School, Ft. Wayne, IN. This symposium is an invitation to reflect on marriage, the family, parenting and issues confronting spouses and families today. Featured speakers include Bishop Rhoades, President Ferril Sorenson, Chris Godfrey, John and Mary O’Callaghan, Jason Cook, and Fred and Lisa Everett. For more information, and to register, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/family](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/family) or call Helen Austgen at 574-234-0687.

**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. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia, through works of love, mercy and justice.















