

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.

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AVILLA, INDIANA
October 9, 2016
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 10-16
MONDAY
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32
TUESDAY
Gal 5:1-6, Lk 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY
Gal 5:18-25, Lk 11:42-46
THURSDAY
Gal 1:1-10, Lk 11:47-54
FRIDAY
Eph 1:11-14, Lk 12:1-7
SATURDAY
Eph 1:15-23, Lk 12:8-12
SUNDAY
Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tm 3:13-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

COLLECTION TOTALS

October 1 & 2, 2016
Adult \$6,271.00 **Loose** \$201.62
Children \$15.05
Total Envelopes Issued: 222
of Envelopes Used this Week: 101
Weekly Contribution Budget:
\$8,508.00
Special Collections
Vigil Lights \$18.00
Improvement Fund \$1.00
Tuition Assistance \$37.00
Parish Savings \$337.00

MASS INTENTIONS

October 10-16

Monday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	10:30 am	Special Intentions of all Grandparents
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	8:15 am	Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Saturday	7:15 am	The Noll Family
	5:00 pm	Herb Myers
Sunday	8:00 am	The Lauer Family
	11:00 am	Eric Teders
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

October 15 & 16

USHERS

Sat	5 pm	Alger VanHoey and Mark Sible
Sun	8 am	Tony Helmer and Marion Duehmig
Sun	11 am	Josh Edwards and Ralph Stark

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat	5 pm	Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee, Dennis & Jan Hudecek
Sun	8 am	Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun	11 am	Katie Herendeen, Ginny Hatfield, Beverly Edwards, Kathy Rorick

READERS

Sat	5 pm	Michelle Myers and Tom Sherwood
Sun	8 am	Ben & Brenda Helmkamp
Sun	11 am	Brenda Weber and Melissa Cass

Thank you to the 24 families who have already pledged to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. To date \$4,904.77 has been pledged towards our parish goal of \$36,649.77. Prayerfully you have picked up your Annual Bishop's Appeal packet in the back of Church by now and are planning to give your pledge today. We need everyone's pledge in order to reach our parish goal.

Come join us for the **Rosary Crusade** next Saturday, October 15th at 12:00 noon on the lawn in front of St. Mary Church. Come pray the rosary and be part of the crusade praying for our country and all mankind. You are welcome to bring your lawn chair to use if you want.

Religious Education Classes next Sunday, October 16th from 9:15-10:45 am.

Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul truck will be available in the church parking lot for your donated items the weekend of October 29 & 30.

Youth Group News— Check out our Facebook page @ St.Mary's TLC. The Cedar Point trip was so much fun! Feel free to add your trip pictures and/or "like" our page.

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.). Please call Eve Peters at 897-2828 with any questions.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... An infant will take her first steps toward someone she trusts, so too in the life of faith. Faith involves looking to God from the point of reality, as a child looks to a parent: in dependence and trust.

Naaman was an Aramean army general when Syria was then called Aram. He had the dreaded disease of Leprosy, and he went to Israel looking for the prophet Elisha for healing. Naaman is healed by faith, and comes to profess his belief in the One true God, the source of healing.

Ten lepers came upon Jesus. All of them had enough faith to ask for healing and to follow Jesus' directions. Upon arrival all ten were cured of their leprosy. Yet only one returned to Jesus to give praise and thanksgiving. Only one recognized the true source of the healing and was thus more fully healed, and received the gift of salvation.

Again, Naaman and the Samaritan leper are healed and both deepen in faith as they proclaim their healing and give praise to the source of healing. Though we probably have not experienced such miraculous physical healing, we have experienced God's healing touch in our lives. If we respond in gratitude and praise we are doubly blessed. The ancient Greek writer Aesop described gratitude as "the sign of noble souls."

How often we take for granted the blessings we have been given! It's not so much that we aren't thankful. We just forget to stop and express our gratitude, to recognize and praise the source of all goodness. An ancient proverb says, "One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind." God's goodness to us surpasses the debt of gold and mere human kindness. Therefore, we die forever in debt to Him.

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Thank you for another successful year for St. Mary caramel corn booth at the Apple Festival. The weather and caramel corn sales exceeded all expectations. We enjoyed a record gross income of \$6,896.50. After all expenses, our profit was \$4,919.81 (another record). None of this would have been possible without your help and prayers. Over 80 volunteers from our church and school families came together and participated during the week to set up, decorate, make and sell caramel corn, tear down and store the operation for another year. It was wonderful having so many young people involved in decorating the booth, and in packaging and selling the caramel corn. We are also grateful to the families who donated corn stalks and pumpkins, which helped make our booth stand out from the others.

Our cumulative profit (after all expenses, including the purchase of the operation from the sorority) over the last five years now stands at \$17,248.07! Thank you so much for your ongoing support. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

St. Mary School HASA news...Mark your calendars or *Trunk or Treat!* HASA is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 pm and lasting 1-2 hours and everyone is invited! Please contact Kim Heshner if you would like to decorate your trunk and distribute candy and treats for this event. HASA will provide hotdogs, chips, water, hot coca and warm apple cider. You are asked to park in the north parking lot by the main doors. You may start preparing your vehicle at 6:00 pm. Please plan on being in place by 6:45 pm so we may come and rope off this area for safety. Park in the large church parking lot (west side of the school) if you have Trunk or Treaters but do not plan to decorate your vehicle. Bring outdoor chairs if you would like to sit and socialize.

Bishop Dwenger High School invites prospective students and their families to join them for their annual **Open House** on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Students and parents are able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators and tour the school. Come and see what it means to be a "Citizen of Two Worlds."

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 or call Helen Austgen at 574-234-0687.

In marriage, couples are either slowly growing ever deeper in love or are slowly drifting ever further apart. Christian couples need to retreat from the busyness of daily life from time to time in order to refocus on their primary relationships with their spouse and with the Lord. Join Fred & Lisa Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life on November 5-6 for **An Encounter with the Beloved: A retreat for married couples** at Lindenwood Retreat Center. The price is \$195 per couple and includes one overnight stay, meals, snacks and materials. The retreat will be limited to 40 couples, so register early. For more information and to register, go to lindenwood.org.

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.

