

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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
October 16, 2016
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS
October 17-23**

Monday	7:15 am	Special Intentions for Kimberly Clark & family
Tuesday	10:30 am	Special Intentions of all Grandparents
Wednesday	7:15 am	Eleanor Harding
Thursday	7:15 am	Diane Fortman and Family
Friday	8:15 am	Monica Martin
Saturday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
	5:00 pm	John & Flora Blomeke
Sunday	8:00 am	In Gratutude
	11:00 am	St. Mary Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 17-23

MONDAY

Eph 2:1-10, Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

2 Tm 4:10-17b, Lk 10:1-9

WEDNESDAY

Eph 3:2-12, LK 12:39-48

THURSDAY

Eph 3:14-21, Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

Eph 4:1-6, Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

Eph 4:7-16, Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

**MASS MINISTERS
October 22 & 23**

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Jim Schmenk and Gerry Schmidt
Sun 8 am	Paul Demske and Stewart Lewis
Sun 11 am	Todd Cardeaux and Dennis Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5 pm	Tom & Barb Sherwood, Theresa Meyer, Pat Hoover
Sun 8 am	Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
Sun 11 am	Roger & Virginia Dancer, Eve & Tom Peters

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Tina Ball and Sara Cartwright
Sun 8 am	Christine Beck and Bridget Breckler
Sun 11am	Katie Herendeen and Rebecca Rorick

**HAPPENING IN THE PARISH
October 17-23**

Tuesday

7:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting

Saturday

7:00 pm—Trunk or Treat
(see St. Mary School news for details)

Sunday

9:15 am—Religious Education Classes

COLLECTION TOTALS

October 8 & 9, 2016

Adult \$5,866.00 **Loose** \$158.00

Children \$19.01

Total Envelopes Issued: 222

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$24.55

Improvement Fund \$316.00

Tuition Assistance \$37.00

Parish Savings \$255.00

Tuition Assistance \$1.00

All Saints \$5.00

All Souls \$5.00

Thank you to all who have already pledged to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. \$4,570.00 more has been pledged, making the total to date \$9,474.77. Your gifts have helped our diocesan Church to continue teaching, preaching and serving those most in need of food, counsel and security. 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 of \$36,649.77.

All Lectors please pick up your 2017 Workbook on the table in the back of Church. Thank you for fulfilling this special ministry here at St. Mary.

We would like to say "Thank You" to an **anonymous donor for their donation to be put towards St. Mary Church painting project and to another anonymous donor who gave a donation to "be used where needed."** May God continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity.

There was a **sweatshirt left in the caramel corn booth tent** at the Apple Festival. If you are missing yours please contact the parish office to see if it's yours.

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

St. Mary Parish and community would like to say....

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to EDNA MEYER!

She will turn 100 years old on October 21st!!!! May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving care!

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Every Christian is called to be Semper Fidelis, always faithful. Faithfulness means trust. The question might be raised, Trust in what? Trust in God alone. And trusting is not a one-time proposition but a lifetime pilgrimage. It requires perseverance.

All the readings for today talk about perseverance and a vivid picture of the power of prayer. The first reading recounts an example of perseverance in prayer; Paul admonishes Timothy to persevere in proclaiming The Word; the woman in the gospel exemplifies perseverance in the quest for justice. Perhaps we all can find a lesson or two here.

Surely if a corrupt judge would give into the pleas of this persistent widow, our God will hear our persistent cries. Persistence paid off for the widow, and so will we be rewarded if we persist in our prayers to God. Like the widow, we are asked to stay strong in our faith, even when the going gets difficult. It is easy to persist in the good times, when life is smooth. But, what of our strong faith when we are persecuted or when we just don't feel the presence of God? The gospel tells us that swift justice is due those who are persistent in calling upon the Lord. Through constant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Just as Moses, the widow and St. Paul did.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy of the sources of his faith—his family, his teachers and most importantly, the scriptures. It is this formation that strengthens Timothy for the task at hand, the preaching of the Word.

A poor widow with three children who was so motivated by The Word of God, when ask: "How do you survive with your kids in this cruel and unfriendly world?" She answered, "I am nothing without God, all my trust and hope is in Him: I eat when He wills. If I have nothing today, at least I hope for tomorrow; and God always provides. There are still those who care for us and think of us." Psalm 31:24 says "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord."

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Annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be held again this year at St. James Restaurant on November 6th starting at 11:00 am. This year all proceeds will be divided between the three churches here in Avilla, Calvary United Methodist, Emmanuel Lutheran and St. Mary Catholic Church, to help the Avilla-LaOtto Christmas Bureau help the needy. Each church is asked to donate 28 homemade pies. These pies are to be taken to St. James on Saturday, November 5th. If you would like to bake a pie for this please fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and put it in the collection basket as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the parish office at 897-3261. Thank you.

Youth Group News Youth Mass tonight, October 16th at 5:30 pm. 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 please bring a finger food to share (chips, graham crackers, etc.). Please call Eve Peters at 897-2828 with any questions.

St. Mary School news...Get ready to celebrate the love of reading with our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair On October 17-21, during regular school hours. This year, one of our Book Fair goals is to ensure as many children as possible have access to and receive books. One of the ways we can do that is through the *All for Books* program. With your help, donations will purchase books for our library and classrooms. Not only does your donation help our cause, but Scholastic Book will match monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from the Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children to need through organizations such as *Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc. and the National Center for Families Learning*. If you would like to donate a monetary donation but can not attend the book fair, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Books" and drop it in the collection basket next weekend. Thank you!

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. EVERYONE welcome!

HASA Trivia Night will be Saturday, November 5th. Set-up is from 6:00—7:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Bring your own food and drink. Participates must be over 21. Each table or team can be up to 10 people. Each table or team may have a theme, including dressing up and decorating your table. Prizes are awarded for the best theme and for the most correct answers. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call Kim at 466-5123 to reserve your table.

We are once again in need of recycled paper for our everyday use. The paper needs to be clean on one side, preferably with no staples or bend edges so it goes through the copier. If anyone has a source to collect "clean-on-one-side" paper, please let the school office know. Any amount, small or large, will be greatly appreciated.

St. Gaspar's 33rd annual Fancy Fair Craft Bazaar and Cookie Bar will be held on October 29th from 9:00 am—2:00 pm, 10871 N. SR 9, Rome City, IN. Along with many craft vendors, there will be low-cost lunch, homemade desserts, soups, sandwiches and drinks. Table rental is \$20. Please contact Luanne Shull at 574-202-3007 if interested.

NAME _____ NUMBER OF PIES _____

CONTACT INFORMATION _____

