

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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RCIA: Katie Herendeen  
Religious Education: Barb Braley  
Music: Barb Braley

## **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 23, 2016  
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**October 24-30**

**MONDAY**

Eph 4:32-5:8, Lk 13:10-17

**TUESDAY**

Eph 5:21-33, Lk 13:18-21

**WEDNESDAY**

Eph 6:1-9, Lk 13:22-30

**THURSDAY**

Eph 6:10-20, Lk 13:31-35

**FRIDAY**

Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16

**SATURDAY**

Phil 1:18b-26, Lk 14:1, 7-11

**SUNDAY**

Wis 11:22-12:2

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

Lk 19:1-10

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**October 15 & 16, 2016**

**Adult** \$4,345.00 **Loose** \$181.00

**Children** \$131.90

**Total Envelopes Issued: 222**

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

**Weekly Contribution Budget:**

\$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$16.00

**Improvement Fund** \$41.00

**Tuition Assistance** \$71.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 24-30**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Sam Duehmig
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Eugene Renninger
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	George Clifford
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Francis Fischer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Glen & Frances Griffiths
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Jerry & Luella Boyce
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Mary Parishioners
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Don Meyer

**MASS MINISTERS**

**October 29 & 30**

**USHERS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Jim Schmenk and Jim Boyce
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Tony Helmer and Ed Smith
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11 am</b>	Bryan Cass and Jim Hullinger

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Bill & Chris Freeman, Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11 am</b>	Kim Heshner, Ralph Stark, Beverly Edwards, Jenny Litchfield

**READERS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Rob Diffenderfer and Grace Cartwright
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Steve Christman and Jim Breckler
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11am</b>	Kathy Rorick and Brenda Weber

Prayerfully you have helped our diocesan Church continue teaching, preaching and serving those most in need of food, counsel and security by giving to the 2016 Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you haven't do so yet, please consider giving your pledge by next weekend. You can give your pledge by mailing it to the parish office or putting it in the collection basket. We need everyone's pledge in order to reach our parish goal of \$36,649.77.

There are still some **2017 Workbooks** on the table in the back of Church for those who lector at our weekend Masses. Please pick yours up if you haven't already do so. Thank you for fulfilling this special ministry here at St. Mary.

**Religious Education Classes** next weekend, October 30th, from 9:15—10:45 am.

Next weekend there will be a sign up sheet on the table in back of Church for you to come on the first Thursday of every month for **Eucharistic Adoration and pray before the Blessed Sacrament**. It's important to have people sign up and appointed because there is suppose to be at least two people present at all times during Adoration. This way we will be able to know if there is or not. It starts after the 7:15 morning Mass and closes at 6:00 pm with Benediction. God gives us His mercy, love and grace 24/7, week after week, month after month. Can you give Him one hour a month before the Blessed Sacrament? The next Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary is on Thursday, November 3rd. Any questions please contact Sue Litchfield at 349-3422 or Henrietta Harris at 693-3454.

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** The spiritual life is a life of continual self-examination, and not self-exaltation. The truly righteous are fundamentally humble. St. Augustine said, "If we do not fall into certain sins we owe it to the grace of God." God's grace is abundant and effective in those who are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Today we are given some guidance in how we should pray. We are offered this guidance in the form of a story about two men who prayed. One prayed with head held high, listing the many sacrifices he had made for the Lord, and separating himself from the sinners. The other, head and eyes bowed, acknowledged his sinfulness and begged God's mercy. We are told that the second man shall be exalted and the first shall be humbled. The point is that, Jesus was not trying to put down people who try to be good and applaud people who aren't. The story is really all about prayer; to help His listeners identify and change behavior in themselves that is harmful. Our prayer is to be in humility, raising up God's name in praise, and recognizing our complete dependence on Him.

Sirach affirms this in saying that the "prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." In our lowliness we are joined with all people. We dare not stand in judgment of anyone. Even St. Paul displays this attitude when he forgives those who have betrayed him. He learned how to depend on God alone.

Honestly look at one specific area of your life where you most need the grace of humility. Pray that this day you will seek your identity only in Christ.

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St. Mary is not sponsoring an hour on **Redeemer Radio during the Fall Sharathon**. However, Bishop Rhoades will be on the air Wednesday, October 26th from noon to 1:00 pm. If you are going to be able to support Redeemer Radio with a pledge or a one-time donation during the Fall Sharathon, would you consider making the pledge during Bishop Rhoades' hour and make sure to mention that you are making the pledge in thanksgiving for St. Mary, Avilla?

**St. Mary School news...** We would like to thank Tom and Laura Fortman for their help with some physical plant updates. The lighting in the gym has been repaired and under the guidance of Mark Bush and Tom Sherwood, the landscaping has been spruced up and bushes trimmed and dead ones removed to clear the line of sight for better visibility for safety reasons by the exits.

We would like to cordially invite all veterans from our school family to a Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11th from 10:00 -10:30 am. Please consider joining our staff and students in honoring veterans for their service to all. Please call the school office at 897-3481 to let us know you will be joining us.

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.

**Life and Family Services** currently has an opening for the position of Program Coordinator for the Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center and BABE Store. The perfect candidate will have:

1. Experience in a helping field.
2. Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate and inspire others and very compassionate.
3. Excellent organizational skills.
4. Outstanding written and oral communication skills.
5. Big heart to serve others with the gifts that God has given.

If interested please contact Deanna Rodenbeck at 347-5720 (office) or 349-8158 (cell).

**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.

The ABBA House in Ft. Wayne will have a **2 day pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine for the annual Way of Lights Christmas extravaganza and Mass/tour at the St. Louis Cathedral**. The deadline for registration is October 29th. Payment by cash, check or credit card is due by November 5th. For more information or to register, call 482-8299 or come by the ABBA House, 3209 N. Anthony Blvd., Ft. Wayne.

**Rejoice! Women's Retreat** on December 2-4, at the Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center. This retreat is an invitation to come deepen your prayer and open your life more fully to the action of the Holy Spirit. Registration is now open until November 14th by going online at [www.dicoesefwsb.org/rejoice](http://www.dicoesefwsb.org/rejoice) or find brochures on the bulletin board in the back of Church. For information contact Jan Torma (574-291-3381); [jheartpraise@msn.com](mailto:jheartpraise@msn.com) or Allison Sturm (260-399-1452); [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org). If this is a financial hardship, please contact Allison Sturm.

Annual  
***TURKEY DINNER with all the Trimmings***

St. James Restaurant  
Sunday, November 6th  
11:00 am—Until food runs out  
Free Will Offering

All proceeds will benefit the Chamber of Commerce  
“Avilla Christmas Charities”

If you or anyone you know needs help with Christmas presents/food, etc and would like to benefit from the “Avilla Christmas Charities” applications are now available at the

Avilla Town Hall and St. Mary parish office.

All applications are kept confidential.

Deadline to apply to be considered is November 28th.

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The three churches here in Avilla, Calvary United Methodist Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Mary Catholic Church, are asked to help with this event by baking pies. Each church is asked to bake 28 homemade pies. These pies are to be taken to St. James Restaurant on Saturday, November 5th, by noon. If you would like to bake a pie for this please fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket by next weekend. Thank you!

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PIES \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_  
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St. Mary  
Annual  
***CRAFT BAZAAR***

St. Mary School Hall  
Sunday, November 13th  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sponsored by the Altar/Rosary Society

Many Crafters

Door Prizes

Cookie Decorating

Lunch available for purchase

Table Rental is \$25.00

For questions or to rent a table contact Henrietta Harris at 260-693-3454  
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**Ladies...**the Altar/Rosary Society is asking for donations of baked goodies, homemade candies, canned goods and crafts to sell at the Altar/Rosary Society table during the bazaar.

All proceeds will benefit the society in helping pay for altar breads, wine and candles here at St. Mary.













