

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris
Finance: Jonathan Ormiston
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School Board: Angela Jansen
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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 30, 2016
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 31-November 6

MONDAY

Phil 2:1-4, Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

WEDNESDAY

Wis 3:1-9, Rom 5:5-11, Jn 6:37-40

THURSDAY

Phil 3:3-8a, Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY

Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY

Phil 4:10-19, Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

PARISH ACTIVITIES

October 31-November 6

Monday

6 pm—All Saints Day Eve Mass

Tuesday

8:15 am & 7 pm—All Saints Day Mass

Wednesday

6 pm—School Board Meeting

Thursday

8 am—6 pm—Eucharistic Adoration

1 pm—Benediction

7 pm—Knights of Columbus

Friday

8:15 am—First Friday Mass

Saturday

7:15 am—First Saturday Mass

After morning Mass—St. Vincent de Paul

6 pm—Trivia Night

Sunday

9:15—10:45 am—Religion Classes

COLLECTION TOTALS

October 22 & 23, 2016

Adult \$4,771.17 Loose \$397.63

Children \$153.90

Total Envelopes Issued: 222

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$25.00

Improvement Fund \$1.00

Tuition Assistance \$77.00

Catholic Charities \$21.00

Pentecost \$1.00

World Missions \$611.00

MASS INTENTIONS

October 31—November 6

Monday 7:15 am Purgatorial Society

ALL SAINTS DAY

Holyday of Obligation

Monday, October 31 @ 6:00 pm—St. Mary Parishioners

Tuesday, November 1 @ 8:15 am—Leo & Lois Teders

Tuesday, November 1 @ 7:00 pm—Jim & Retha Remke

Wednesday 7:15 am Herb Myers

Thursday 7:15 am Purgatorial Society

Friday 8:15 am Francis Meyer

Saturday 7:15 am Prayers in Thanksgiving of D.G.

5:00 pm Noll Family

Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary Parishioners

11:00 am Phillip Ross

MASS MINISTERS

All Saints Day and November 5 & 6

USHERS

Mon 6 pm Mark Sible and Alger Van Hoey

Tues 7 pm Joe Litchfield and David Helmer

Sat 5 pm Brian Myers and Gerry Schmidt

Sun 8 am Joe Litchfield and Craig Van Gessel

Sun 11 am Ralph Stark and Dennis Dancer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mon 6 pm Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee, Tom & Barb Sherwood

Tues 7 pm Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis

Sat 5 pm Theresa Meyer, Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Pat Hoover

Sun 8 am Stewart & Arlene Lewis, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes

Sun 11 am Bryan Cass, Catrina Dancer, Roger & Virginia Dancer

READERS

Mon 6 pm Teresa Breckler

Tues 7 pm Chad Helmkamp

Sat 5 pm Tom Sherwood and Sara Cartwright

Sun 8 am Christine Beck and Nancy Helmer

Sun 11am Melissa Cass and Katie Herendeen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brett Brinker's grandmother, **MARGARET HOOT**, who passed away last week. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Mary, Avilla, is always happy to have new members join their society. They meet on the first Saturday of the month at the rectory after the 7:15 am Mass. If you are interested in helping with the poor they would love for you to join them. Further information or questions please contact Pat Hoover at 347-3432.

Thank you to all who have pledged to the 2016 Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you haven't, please consider doing so as soon as possible. You can give your pledge by mailing it to the parish office or putting it in the collection basket. So far we have received 14,134.77 in pledges towards our parish goal of \$36,649.77.

REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel... Genuine hospitality is a social art. Being invited to someone's home is also a sign of one's standing or credibility in the community.

In several ways today's gospel story of Zacchaeus redefines the protocol of hospitality. Whether he was honest or not, Zacchaeus was paid by the occupying Romans, and his business as a chief tax collector made him unacceptable in the eyes of many. Yet, he climbed up a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he was traveling into Jericho. The importance of his public office and his reputation with the people mattered little as this man scurried up the tree. In his desire to get a good look at Jesus, to see him clearly, he forgot everything. How surprised he must have been when Jesus stopped beneath that tree and called up to him, personally. Not only had he seen Jesus, but more importantly Jesus had seen and spoken to him. The gospel describes Zachaeus as small, but his encounter with Jesus allowed him to grow, not in stature but in maturity and love and joy. He discovered that genuine happiness was not in material wealth, but in God's love and in loving others.

This gospel story ends as Jesus disregards the protocol of hospitality and invites himself to Zacchaeus' home eats with him. Zacchaeus is a changed man as he offers to make reparation for those whom he has cheated. Jesus offers salvation; Zacchaeus then offers hospitality; Jesus accepts hospitality; and Zacchaeus is granted salvation. He was once unable to see Christ clearly; now his vision is restored. He is a new creation.

In the events of your daily life, are there some areas of your life that you would want to change immediately? Pray for the grace to recognize Christ as he comes to you in the events and people of the day.

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There is a sign up sheet on the table in back of Church for you to volunteer 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.

St. Mary School news... Trivia Night is next Saturday, November 5th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. Ten people per table. Come join us for a night of fun. Must be 21 to play. For more information or to register please contact Kim Heshner at 897-2465.

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 us 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.

We are once again in need of recycled paper, clean on one side, for our everyday, preferably with no staples or bend edges so it goes through the copier. Please let the school office know if you have any. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

All you can eat Spaghetti Supper and Raffle, at St. John Bosco, Churubusco, on Saturday, November 5th at 6:00 pm. Free will offering. Everyone welcome!!!

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. To register please find brochures on the bulletin board in the back of Church or go online at www.dicoesefwsb.org/rejoice. Registration deadline is November 14th. For information contact Jan Torma (574-291-3381); jtheartpraise@msn.com or Allison Sturm (260-399-1452); asturm@diocesefwsb.org.

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.

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

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.

