

# 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  
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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  
November 6, 2016  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**November 7-13**  
**MONDAY**  
 Ti 1:1-9, Lk 17:1-6  
**TUESDAY**  
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14, LK 17:7-10  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
 Jn 2:13-22  
**THURSDAY**  
 PHlm 7-20, Lk 17:20-25  
**FRIDAY**  
 2 Jn 4-9, LK 17:26-37  
**SATURDAY**  
 3 Jn 5-8, Lk 18:1-8  
**SUNDAY**  
 Mal 3:19-20a, 2 Thes 3:7-12  
 Lk 21:5-19

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**November 5 & 6, 2016**  
**Adult** \$5,075.50 **Loose** \$361.00  
**Children** \$12.55  
**Total Envelopes Issued:** 220  
**# of Envelopes Used this Week:** 102  
**Weekly Contribution Budget:** \$8,508.00  
**Special Collections**  
**Vigil Lights** \$35.50  
**Hurricane Matthew** \$641.62  
**Tuition Assistance** \$10.00  
**World Missions** \$125.00

**No Religion Classes  
next Sunday,  
November 13th,  
because of the  
Craft Bazaar.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 7-13**

**Monday 7:15 am** Purgatorial Society  
**Tuesday 8:15 am** Special Intentions of Katharine Kawshawng  
**Wednesday 7:15 am** Special Intentions of D.G.  
**Thursday 7:15 am** Purgatorial Society  
**Friday 8:15 am** Ed & Jean Ryan and Family  
**Saturday 7:15 am** Diane Fortman and Family  
**5:00 pm** Deb Stoner  
**Sunday 8:00 am** Glen & Frances Griffiths  
**11:00 am** Special Intentions of Kimberly Clark and Family  
**5:30 pm** St. Mary Parshioners

**MASS MINISTERS**

**November 12 & 13**

**USHERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Jim Boyce and Mark Sible  
**Sun 8 am** Ed Smith and Dave Roesener  
**Sun 11 am** Joshua Edwards and Todd Carteaux

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee  
**Sun 8 am** Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Bill & Chris Freeman  
**Sun 11 am** Beverly Edwards, Katie Herendeen, Ginny Hatfield, Chris Passino

**READERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Rob Diffenderfer and Michelle Myers  
**Sun 8 am** Chad Helmkamp and Theresa Breckler  
**Sun 11am** Kathy Rorick and Brenda Weber

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **LORETTA SHERWOOD**, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to the Sherwood and Diffenderfer families. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

**Facilities & Capital Improvements Committee (NEW)** WE are looking for motivated volunteers to join a new committee being formed with a focus on identifying and planning the longer-term needs of St. Mary Parish. This committee will support parish strategic planning and provide the Finance Council with vital knowledge required to lay timely plans for meeting those needs. Anyone interested in better preparing our parish for the future is welcome; including members from our school's sending parishes, as the health of St. Mary School is integral to our Catholic community. Individuals employed in, or with knowledge of, construction and maintenance trades are specifically encouraged to participate. Cost estimating skills in various trades is a plus. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 pm in the old St. Mary convent. Please contact Brian Myers at 260-229-2569 if you have any questions.

**Youth News**—All hands on deck for one of our biggest fundraisers, running the concessions for the St. Mary Annual Craft Bazaar, next Sunday, November 13th. Work shifts are from 8—10am, 10am—noon, noon—2pm, 2—4pm. Please call Eve Peters at 897-2828 and let her know what shift you can work. Then at 5:30 pm there will be Teen Mass with activities until 8:00 pm. Activities will be making gift cards for our December trip to Sacred Heart Home.

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. We still need YOUR help. So far we have received 19,129.77 in pledges towards our parish goal of \$36,649.77.

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** Things do not always work out the way we expect. But, one thing is certain, the will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.

Today's scripture readings pertain to the basis of our resurrection hopes. These hopes are reflected in the first reading, which describes the heroic faith of many Jews, especially a mother and her seven sons, during the difficult period when the Greeks were attempting to impose paganism on the Jewish people. That was about a century and a half before the birth of Jesus Christ. The faith that these faithful Jews showed was amazing.

The Sadducees in today's gospel provide us with a model of a people without hope. The Sadducees were of the priestly class and wealthy. Their cynical question portrays their unbelief in the resurrection of the dead. Thus they live only for today.

As Christians we may wonder about what life after death will be like. We may try to imagine what heaven will be. Even though our faith does not provide us with a picture of heaven, it fills us with hope for an everlasting life of intimacy with God, the source of all love. As we reflect on death, which Jesus refers as "sleeping," not lost, we are rooted in this hope. It gives us cause to live our lives differently. Our God is a God of the living. We are called to live as witnesses of this life.

We do this as we share daily in the paschal mystery. By living our faith more fully, and recognizing in our life the example of Jesus life, death and resurrection, we are filled with hope. There is a quote, "If you believe, you are wrong, when you die you are right. If you don't believe, you are right, when you die, you are wrong." What do you believe? Why do you believe? I shall never die, I shall be somewhere forever. My soul will be with God in heaven forever.

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Mark your calendars for St. Mary Student Council **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, November 14th from 1:00—6:00 pm, in the school hall. With the holidays approaching, the blood supply tends to get low. Please consider donating and give the gift of life!

**National Vocation Awareness Week is November 6-12.** Please take time with your family to pray for vocations this week. This need is always great, but pray especially for those who may be discerning their call from God.

**St. Mary School news** 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 call the school office at 897-3481 if you have any to donate.

St. Mary School will have a Nativity-themed float in the Kendallville Christmas parade this year on Saturday, December 3rd, at 1:00 pm. We would love to have a large turnout to help promote our school/parish community and Catholic faith. All St. Mary parishioners of invited to join us, as well as all sending parishes. Please email Mrs. Taube at [htaube@stmaryavilla.org](mailto:htaube@stmaryavilla.org) if you are interested, as planning and costumes are well underway.

All are invited to attend the **closing celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Ft. Wayne on Saturday, November 12th, at 5:00 pm. Bishop Rhoades will offer this as a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the blessings of the Jubilee Year. The Year of Mercy officially concludes on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20th, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint Peter's at the Vatican; but the Jubilee Year is brought to a close in local diocese around the world on the preceding Sunday, November 13th.

**Rejoice! Women's Retreat** on December 2-4, at the Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center. 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](http://www.dicoesefwsb.org/rejoice). Registration deadline is November 14th.

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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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.















