

# 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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## **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**  
**November 20, 2016**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**November 21 –27**

**MONDAY**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5, Lk 21:1-4

**TUESDAY**

Rv 14:14-19, Lk 21:5-11

**WEDNESDAY**

Rv 15:1-4, Lk 21:12-19

**THURSDAY**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3

Lk 21:20-28

**FRIDAY**

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2

Lk 21:29-33

**SATURDAY**

Rv 22:1-7, Lk 21:34-36

**SUNDAY**

Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**November 12 & 13, 2016**

**Adult** \$3,881.00 **Loose** \$355.00

**Children** \$11.35

**Total Envelopes Issued:** 220

**# of Envelopes Used this Week:** 101

**Weekly Contribution Budget:** \$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$10.00

**Improvement Fund** \$611.00

**Parish Savings** 51.00

**All Saints Day** \$37.00

**Military** \$419.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 21-27**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Herb Myers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Paul & Brunetta Sible
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Don Swangin
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Glen & Frances Griffiths
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Roy & Lucille Yingling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Mary Parishioners
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Phillip Ross

**MASS MINISTERS**

**November 26 & 27**

**USHERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Brian Myers and Jim Schmenk
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Paul Demske and Marion Duehmig
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Josh Edwards and Jim Hullinger

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Michelle Myers, Pat Hoover, Dennis & Jan Hudecek
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Monte Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Brenda Weber, Kim Heshner, Jenny Litchfield, Bryan Cass

**READERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Grace Cartwright and Rob Diffenderfer
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Steve Christman and Chad Helmkamp
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Melissa Cass and Kathy Rorick

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **DONALD RHODES**, father of Chuck Rhodes. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

Altar/Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who supported the Craft Bazaar in any way last Sunday. The society's total profit was \$1,641.10.

We would like to say "Thank You" to an **anonymous donor who gave a donation to "be used where needed"** to St. Mary Parish. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity.

**No Religious Education Classes** next Sunday, November 27th, because of Thanksgiving Break.

**Wow! Thank you for another successful Red Cross Blood Drive this past Monday!** 35 units were collected which can save up to 105 lives! Thank you to all those who came out to support the Red Cross and their efforts; you are appreciated by all!

**Knights of Columbus peanut brittle for sale** after all three weekend Masses. Questions? Please contact Tom Peters at 897-2929.

When spring 2017 comes St. Mary Parish will be in need of a grounds keeper to do the mowing and trimming of our parish grounds, and then leaf raking and clean up in the fall. Rider and push mowers are provided. If you or anyone you know would like to do the job please contact the parish office at 897-3261.

**REFLECTIONS from Father Daniel...** Throughout Jewish history, David was viewed as a successful and an ideal king, in spite of some serious misbehavior. The Jewish people always longed for another ideal king like David, “the anointed one.” The word “anointed” referred to Messiah in Hebrew or Christ.

The scripture readings for this Sunday can help us understand better the biblical theme of the kingship of Jesus Christ. Today we hear the story of Jesus’ crucifixion, how the soldiers threw dice for his clothes, mocked him, and offered him cheap wine. It is in the context of this gospel reading that we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. What a perfect illustration of the paradox, of defeat the Christ lived!

This is a king like no other we have known, and the contrast is evident as we ponder the scene of his death on the cross. We see His throne to be the cross, no gold-laden vestments, only nakedness before His people, no special securities on His right and left, only two thieves that share in His painful death. Even more, we see no attitude of revenge or anger. Rather we witness a man who is willing to forgive and offers Himself completely for the very men who kill Him. He even promises one of the thieves that he will share paradise with Him. This is Christ the King whose kingship serves as model for our living.

Today’s gospel calls us to commit ourselves to be followers of this king and to the building of His kingdom. To do this we must model the king Himself, the King of Peace. May we follow where He leads. Today, spend some time in silence and reflect on your own personal cross. St. Erasmus said, “No devotion to the saints is more acceptable to God, than the imitation of virtues. Do you want to honor St. Francis? Then give away your wealth to the poor, restrain your evil impulses, and see in everyone you meet the image of Christ.”

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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 29,854.77 in pledges towards our parish goal of \$36,649.77.

**St. Mary School News**—We are 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 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 are 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.

Presently we have an opening for the Athletic Director for our sports programs. This is a volunteer position. Working with St. Joseph, Garrett and St. Mary, Avilla, sports teams will be necessary. If interested, please contact the school office at 897-3481.

**Youth News**—Thank you to all the youth who came out to help at the Bazaar last weekend. We couldn’t have done it without you.

You also did a fantastic job putting your artistic talents to work making crafts for the Sacred Heart Home residents. Check the Facebook page for pictures—StMarysTLC. We can’t wait to give these lovely gifts to them next month.

Next Youth Mass will be December 11th. We will meet at Sacred Heart Home at 4:30 pm. We will share our gifts and carol for the residents before Mass. Mass will then begin at 5:30 pm with dinner and fellowship until 7:30 pm. Call Eve Peters with any questions at 897-2828.

Bishop Dwenger Alumni & Friends are invited to a **ThanksGathering All-Class Reunion** on Friday, November 25th from 8:00-11:00 pm at Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center. Enjoy live music by the band “Moderate Pain,” which includes BDHS graduates. Admission is free; food, drinks and games available for purchase. Any questions, please contact Molly Schreck at 496-4775 or [mshreck@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:mshreck@bishopdwenger.com).

**Avilla Christmas Charities** (formally known at the Avilla-LaOtto Christmas Bureau) applications are now available at St. Mary Parish office and the Avilla Town Hall. Deadline for applications to be returned is November 28th to be considered. All information will be confidential so please don’t hesitate to pick up an application for your family if needed.

Join **Redeemer Radio Odysseys on a Pilgrimage** as we peacefully protest legalized abortion in our country at the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 26-28, 2017. We’ll join with tens of thousands of likeminded people as we witness on behalf of all unborn babies. We will also have time to tour the Capitol Building, spend time with our diocesan seminarians at Mount, St. Mary, and visit the Smithsonian museums. This is a trip you won’t want to miss! Visit [Redeemerradio.com/travel](http://Redeemerradio.com/travel) for more information and to download the registration form. You can also email Tina at [travel@redeemerradio.com](mailto:travel@redeemerradio.com) or all 436-2482.

Mark your calendar now....

**St. Mary Parish  
Advent Penance Service  
Monday, December 5, 2016 @ 7:00 pm**



### ***A THANKSGIVING PRAYER***

*O God of all creation,  
Giver of all gifts, big and small,  
seen and unseen.*

*We thank you for all your blessings in our lives.*

*You bless our lives with your  
love, grace and peace.*

*We thank you for  
our faith, family and friends.*

*We thank you for these gifts  
and ask that you help us  
to imitate your generous heart  
and reach out to those in need,  
spiritually and physically.*

*Amen*















