

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Secretary: Beverly Edwards

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Servers: Melissa Cass

Ushers: Bryan Cass

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: Brandy Teders

Youth: Eve Peters

St. Mary School

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Website: stmaryavilla.org

Principal: Mrs. Jane Sandor

Secretary: Sara Lake

School Board: Jill Dunkel

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
January 29, 2017
FOURTH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS
January 30-February 5**

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
Friday 9:30 am Sharon Strater
Saturday 5:00 pm Jim & Retha Remke
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary Parishioners
 11:00 am Special Intentions of M.E. & B.E.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 30-February 5

MONDAY

Heb 11:32-40, Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY

Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY

Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

FRIDAY

Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY

Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

**MASS MINISTERS
February 4 & 5**

USHERS

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

READERS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

COLLECTION TOTALS

January 21 & 22, 2017

Adult \$4,348.00 **Loose** \$250.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 220

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$12.00

First Offering \$24.00

Tuition Assistance \$5.00

Latin America \$200.00

Solemnity of Mary \$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: If school is delayed or cancelled on Friday, February 3rd, there will be no Mass.

St. Mary School
Open House
Sunday, January 29, 2017
with Breakfast Buffet being served from
9:00 - 11:00 am
Free Will Offering
Everyone Welcome!!!
 Proceeds go to Life & Family Services, Kendallville
 Sponsored by the
 Knights of Columbus and Altar Rosary Society

St. Mary School News Registration for the 2017-2018 school year for Pre K—8th grade will be taking place during open house.

Wednesday, February 1st, at 1:00 pm, if possible, please come join us for the magic show from 8:15-9:00 am in the school gym.

Thursday, February 2nd, at 1:00 pm, we will be praying the Living Rosary. Come join us and pray for any special intentions you may have.

Do you have gently used toys, books, puzzles, games, etc. that you no longer want? We would love to have them for our Mission Party that supports the missions of the Franciscan Sisters. These items can be donated by dropping them off at the school, this week by 10:00 am Friday, February 3rd, during regular school hours.

We are in need of an extra adult to help supervise during lunch on Fridays. If you can help us with this, please call the school at 897-3481.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concern during my recent surgery. It was such a blessing and comfort having so many people thinking of me and praying for me. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Miller

There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursday, February 2. Next Eucharistic Adoration will be March 2 from 8:00 am—6:00 pm.

2016 Contribution Statements available on the table in back of Church.

On the table in the back of Church there are several copies available of a **free booklet titled “The Catholic Devotional.”** This booklet contains many prayers and devotions. If you would like to have one please help yourself.

There are **two free teacher’s desks** that have been upgraded at St. Mary School. The old ones are in good condition and are looking for a new home. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 897-3481.

Retreat for Busy Catholic Moms Come join the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana from 7:00 pm Friday, February 17th to 1:30 pm Sunday, February 19th. The retreat will include presentations, prayer, learning from others, Mass and more. Cost is \$225, which included lodging and meals or \$125 without lodging. Housing/registration by February 2nd. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org

7th Annual Diocesan Men’s Conference REKINDLE THE FIRE on Saturday, February 18th at the Century Center, South Bend, IN. Featured speakers will be Patrick Madrid, Doug Barry and Chris Padgett. Interactive sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Mass with Bishop Rhoades, Catholic vendors. Cost is \$45.00 which includes lunch. Registration is quick and easy at RekindleTheFire.net

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, welcomes Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI for **International Ministry of Hope & Healing**. Monday, February 20th the theme will be Teaching: Forgiveness & Mercy at 6:30 pm followed by Q & A period. On Tuesday, February 21st Mass will be at 6:00 pm followed by Healing Service. For more information: <http://www.frmas.org/about-the-ministry.html>.

Travel to the Holy Land with Redeemer Radio Odysseys. You’re invited to join Fr. Jason Freiburger and Fr. Christopher Lapp on Redeemer Radio’s first international pilgrimage to The Holy Land on September 11-19, 2017. For more information and /or reserve your seat on the plane, email travel@redeemerradio.com, or call Tina at 260-436-2482.

SPIRITUAL GAME PLAN

Do you want to be a good Christian? The first of your battles will be to enter into and remain in the state of grace, to avoid any mortal sin. And, then, because you want to love God above all things, you will also try not to commit venial sin.

The practice of some acts of piety throughout the day will help you to have a divine contemplative life in the midst of the daily routine. The habitual performance of these acts will also be the foundation for growing in Christian virtues. Most important is to be consistent in your daily schedule, in your spiritual game plan, so that you will live as a child of God.

Daily

- Get up at a fixed time, as early as possible. Eight hours of sleep should be enough. More than this or less than six hours of sleep is usually not healthy.
- Offer your day to God through the intercession of the Lady.
- Work with order and intensity during the day as a way of serving God. Set goals and establish priorities in order to develop a practical schedule. Sanctifying ordinary work is the goal of our life.
- Try to attend Mass, receiving Holy Communion, as often as possible. This is the best sacrifice we can offer to God. Prepare yourself for Mass by spending some time in prayer.
- Spend some time in mental prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (15 minutes, if possible).
- Pray the *Angelus*. Traditionally, the *Angelus* is prayed at sunrise (6:00 am), noon and sunset (6:00 pm).
- Pray the rosary, if possible, with your family, offering each decade or a specific intention.
- Do some other spiritual reading. Start with the New Testament or some well-known spiritual book. Ten to fifteen minutes is sufficient.

Make a short examination of conscience at the end of the day before going to bed. Two or three minutes is enough. Follow these steps: Humble yourself in the presence of God. Tell him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” Ask for light to acknowledge your defects and virtues and to see the dangers and opportunities of the day. Ask for repentance, amendment, and encouragement.

Weekly

- Center all activities around the Holy Mass on Sunday, the Lord’s Day. It is also a family day—for rest and spiritual growth.
- If you do not receive Holy Communion every day, receive at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Saturday is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Honor her and say some special prayers, such as the Hail Holy Queen.

Monthly

- Go to confession at least once a month. It is a sacrament of joy.
- Seek and follow the spiritual guidance of a wise, prudent and knowledgeable priest.
- Spend a few hours in recollection, best done before the Blessed Sacrament. Consider how you are directing your life toward God.

