

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Father Daniel Chukwuleta

## Ministry Contact Persons

Secretary: Beverly Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Hoover

Lectors: Arlene Lewis

Music: Barb Braley

RCIA: Katie Herendeen

Religious Education: Barb Braley

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

Phone: 260-897-3481

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Website: [stmaryavilla.org](http://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**  
**February 5, 2017**  
**FIFTH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**February 6-12**

**MONDAY**

Gn 1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56

**TUESDAY**

Gn 1:20-2:4a, Mk 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY**

Gn 2:4b-9m 15-17, Mk 7:14-23

**THURSDAY**

Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30

**FRIDAY**

Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37

**SATURDAY**

Gn 3:9-24, Mk 8:1-10

**SUNDAY**

Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10,

Mt 5:17-37

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**January 28 & 29, 2017**

**Adult** \$4,975.00 **Loose** \$264.25

**Total Envelopes Issued:** 220

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

**Weekly Contribution Budget:**

\$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$20.00

**First Offering** \$18.00

**Tuition Assistance** \$66.00

**Latin America** \$33.00

**Parish Savings** \$35.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 6-12**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Lois Teders
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Diane Fortman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Barb Hoover
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b>	Pat King
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Noll Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Living & Deceased Members of the Laurer Family
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Special Intentions of M.H.
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	St. Mary Parishioner

**MASS MINISTERS**

**February 11 & 12**

**USHERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Mark Bush and Gerry Schmidt
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Joe Litchfield and Craig Van Gessel
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Ralph Stark and Dennis Dancer

**READERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Rob Diffenderfer and Tina Ball
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Brenda Helmkamp and Bridget Breckler
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Katie Herendeen and Kathy Rorick

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<b>Sat 5 pm</b>	Tom & Barb Sherwood, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee
<b>Sun 8 am</b>	Chad Helmkamp, Monte Van Gessel, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
<b>Sun 11 am</b>	Bryan Cass, Roger, Virginia, Catrina Dancer

**Youth News** Thank you to all who helped make the ten blankets for Gibault. They will be such a comfort to the new students at Gibault. You can still make some at home to add to the delivery going to Gibault in April.

The next youth Mass will be next weekend, February 12th at 5:30 pm with dinner and activities until 8:00 pm. Our host will be Mr. Helmkamp. There is no doubt that he will have something fun planned. Please feel free to bring snack or a dessert to share. Questions? Please call Eve Peters at 897-2828. Visit us on Facebook—StMarysTLC.

**Knights of Columbus Bingo/Pot Luck Get-Together** Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 pm (after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass). The Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share for the potluck. Then stay for bingo. You are asked to make/bake a homemade dessert to donate for the prizes.

**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.

**St. Mary School News** *It was somewhat bittersweet as Catholic Schools Week ended last Friday. With many activities that we all shared together, Faith was at the core of each of these celebrations. The belief in the dignity of every human being was celebrated. The realization of hope in the future was seen. Absolute joy resonated throughout the building.*

*There are so many people to thank: HASA, Knights of Columbus, Altar/Rosary Society, Mike Hernandezpeter-son, Laura Fortman and her father and other members of the musical group, Mrs. Nelson, all teachers, staff, students and families. We wanted to share our love and live our love.*

*There is no doubt that we were successful. Be at peace with the small things in life; for often times, they give the greatest joy.*

*In Service to Others,  
Mrs. Sandor, Principal*

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year for Pre K—8th grade at St. Mary School has begun. If you are interested in registering your child(ren) please call the school office at 897-3481 during regular school hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am—3:00 pm.

We would like to congratulate Isaac Warner for a job well done in the Noble County Spelling Bee this past Wednesday. He became the Noble County champion and advances to the regional contest in March!

Congratulation to the 2017 winners of the Knights of Columbus Council #14214 Free Throw contest. The following are eligible to participate in the District contest on February 12th in Kendallville: Anthony Deyo, Josie Deyo, Zack Dunkel, Olivia Eagan, Ari Gabet, Olivia Heshner, Jonah Hopf, Erin Jackson, Macy Kashmer, Ryan Norden, Dustin Teders, Morgan Walz. Good luck to all of you representing St. Mary School.

“You Can Lend A Hand” fundraiser booklets are available now until February 28, 2017 or while supplies last. The coupon booklets are \$3.00 each, which contains coupons for Burger King, Chili’s, Fort Wayne Komets and the Fort Wayne Ants. If you are interested in purchasing some please contact one of St. Mary students or call 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](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:travel@redeemerradio.com), or call Tina at 260-436-2482.

#### POPE FRANCIS’ FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. *The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a “sweet obligation.”*
2. *The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.*
3. *The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders. The governors and those who have authority. They need God’s guidance.*
4. *The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.*
5. *And finally we have our smallest finger. The smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective. And also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.*

















