

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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Principal: Mrs. Jane Sandor

Secretary: Sara Lake

School Board: Jill Dunkel

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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
February 12, 2017
SIXTH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 13-19

MONDAY

Gn 4:1-15, 25, Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10, Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22, Mk 8:22-26

THURSDAY

Gn 9:1-13, Mk 8:27-33

FRIDAY

Gn 11:1-9, Mk 8:34-9:1

SATURDAY

Heb 11:1-7, Mk 9:2-13

SUNDAY

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18, 1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 4 & 5, 2017

Adult \$5,603.00 **Loose** \$211.76

Total Envelopes Issued: 210

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$14.00

First Offering \$12.00

Improvement Fund \$30.00

Parish Savings \$495.00

MASS INTENTIONS

February 13-19

Monday 7:15 am Special Intentions
Tuesday 8:15 am Special Intentions for J.S.
Wednesday 7:15 am Herman & Wilma Schmenk
Thursday 7:15 am Barb Morris
Friday 8:15 am Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Saturday 7:15 am Special Intentions for Brent & Elizabeth
5:00 pm Loretta Demske
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary Parishoners
11:00 am Special Intentions of A.L.

MASS MINISTERS

February 18 & 19

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Jim Schmenk and Mark Sible
Sun 8 am Dave Roesener and Dan Griffiths
Sun 11 am Todd Carteaux and Josh Edwards

READERS

Sat 5 pm Tom Sherwood and Sara Cartwright
Sun 8 am Chad Helmkamp and Steve Christman
Sun 11 am Brenda Weber and Melissa Cass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat 5 pm Michelle Myers, Julea Diffenderfer, Theresa Meyer, Pat Hoover
Sun 8 am Craig & Linda Van Gessel, Chuck Rhodes, Christine Beck
Sun 11 am Beverly Edwards, Katie Herendeen, Ginny Hatfield, Chris Passino

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **BARB MORRIS**, sister of Harriett Teders. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

“Thank You” to the Knights of Columbus, Altar/Rosary Society ladies, and to all who attended the St. Mary open house breakfast buffet on Sunday, January 29th. \$1,100+ was donated to Life and Family Services in Kendallville.

Youth News Youth Mass is tonight, 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 a snack or dessert to share. Questions? Please call Eve Peters at 897-2828. Visit us on Facebook—StMarysTLC.

2016 Contribution Statements available on the back table in Church.

Knights of Columbus
BINGO/POTLUCK GET TOGETHER
St. Mary School Hall
February 25 @ 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus invites all St. Mary parishioners to an evening of good food, fun and fellowship after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass. Please bring a side dish to share at the potluck. Prizes for bingo will be a dessert (cake, pie, dozen cookies or brownies, etc.) that you are asked to bring. Come and win a yummy dessert and have some fun!

REFLECTS from Father Daniel...St. Vincent De Paul compares the rules to “wings to fly to God.” He goes on to say, “keep your rules and you will become a saint, for they are holy in themselves, they also can make you holy.”

Today’s scripture readings present us with Jesus, our teacher. We have heard his proclamation, “Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Now we hear him tell us what that means. It is not simply a matter of not murdering or not committing adultery. What Jesus requires is the rooting out of anger and of lust in our lives, actively making peace with those who have harmed us, removing the cause of temptation in our lives. The book of Proverbs 25:28 said, “If you cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city, without walls, open to attack.”

Jesus calls us to holiness. Our holiness should not focus only on external fulfillment of the law, like the Scribes and Pharisees, but must be the result of an internal transformation of our hearts. This holiness is first of all a decision to be a disciple of Jesus. Holiness is not beyond us. As Sirach says, “If you choose, you can keep the commandments.” God does give strength for holiness. Also Sirach tells us, fire and water, life and death are set before us. We receive whatever we choose. But for those who choose life, St. Paul said, “no eye has seen what God has prepared for those who love him,” (1 Cor 2:9).

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “We all want to do something beautiful for God...Try to imagine all kinds of sacrifices and mortifications. Take your rules and try to live them with greater love for Jesus and with Jesus.”

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St. Mary School News Thursday evening, St. Mary second graders celebrated their First Reconciliation. We are so blessed to have a sacrament that forgives our humanness when we have failed to use the virtue of Prudence. May we always strive to make good decisions in difficult situations. And for those times, when we fall short, we are grateful for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun for grades preschool—eighth. If you have any questions and/or would like to register your child/ren please call the school office at 897-3481.

Last Friday we held our annual Mission Party during Catholic Schools Week. Through the generous donations of prizes, food, and many volunteers, \$2,008.36 was raised for the missions that support the Franciscan Sisters. Making a positive difference in the lives of others is one of the greatest gifts we can give.

National Marriage Week is every February 7-14. Today, Sunday, February 12th, is World Marriage Day. Celebrate National Marriage Week 2017 with *Amoris Laetitia*: Pope Francis’s exhortation “The Joy of Love,” (April 2016) about marriage and family life. “The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” (no. 29). “Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being” (no. 128). For more resources on *Amoris Laetitia*, visit www.uscc.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/amoris-laetitia.cfm. For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen you marriage and family, visit www.foryourmarriage.org.

Bishop Dwenger High School offers **Drivers Education** three times a year. The Spring session will run March 13-24, 2017. Registration information can be found on their website at www.bishopdwenger.com/Drivers-Education.

Need a break? Do you feel you’ve run out of time? Need your house cleaned, laundry and grocery shopping done for a reasonable price? Call **Sparkle Specialists** at 260-414-6430 or email sparklespecialists@gmail.com for full service housekeeping. References upon request; 26 years of experience-bonded.

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>.

The Catholic Medical Guild is hosting a one day **Lenten Retreat for healthcare workers** on Saturday, March 11th at St. Vincent’s Life Center and Church. The speaker will be Father Jerome Zeiler, a Dominican priest. The reflection will be Cultivating the Quiet in the Midst of a Noisy World. There will be Mass and Adoration included in the day. Breakfast and lunch provided. The cost is \$10.00. Please RSVP at www.fortwaynecms.com. Please call 260-222-6978 for more information or questions.

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.

