

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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.

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AVILLA, INDIANA
February 19, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 20-26

MONDAY

Sir 1:1-10, Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY

Sir 2:1-11, Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY

1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

THURSDAY

Sir 5:1-8, Mk 9:41-50

FRIDAY

Sir 6:5-17, Mk 10:1-12

SATURDAY

Sir 17:1-15, Mk 10:13-16

SUNDAY

Is 49:14-15, 1 Cor 4:1-5

Mt 6:24-34

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 11 & 12, 2017

Adult \$4,752.00 **Loose** \$349.00

Children \$7.91

Total Envelopes Issued: 210

of Envelopes Used this Week: 101

Weekly Contribution Budget:

\$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$48.00

Improvement Fund \$256.00

Parish Savings \$110.00

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 pm

Parish Activity Center

(old convent)

MASS INTENTIONS

February 20-26

Monday 7:15 am Special Intentions for Adam & Gertrude
Tuesday 8:15 am Margaret Hoot
Wednesday 7:15 am Francis Fischer
Thursday 7:15 am Deb Stoner
Friday 8:15 am Francis Meyer
Saturday 7:15 am Glen & Frances Griffiths
5:00 pm LeRoy & Loretta Sherwood
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary Parishoners
11:00 am Special Intentions of J.E.

MASS MINISTERS

February 25 & 26

USHERS

Sat 5 pm Alger Van Hoey and Jim Boyce
Sun 8 am Paul Demske and Marion Duehmig
Sun 11 am Roger and Dennis Dancer

READERS

Sat 5 pm Rob Diffenderfer and Grace Cartwright
Sun 8 am Teresa Breckler and Nancy Helmer
Sun 11 am Katie Herendeen and Kathy Rorick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat 5 pm Dennis & Jan Hudecek and Bill & Chris Freeman
Sun 8 am Nancy Helmer, Chad Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis
Sun 11 am Eve & Tom Peters, Kim Heshner, Ralph Stark

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1st. On the table in the back of church there is a container for you to deposit your old palms in. Please do so by next weekend, February 25 & 26, so that they can be prepared for ashes to be used at our Ash Wednesday Masses here at St. Mary.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

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!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!

REFLECTS from Father Daniel... Love is not something to argue about, but is something to live by. A young mother said, when I tell my little child, "you're my sweet girl," and she replies with a smile, "you're mine!" It is clear this little girl knows she is treasured.

The first sentence of the first reading from Leviticus and the last sentence from the gospel offer a striking parallel: Be holy as God is holy; be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. This is the context in which we should hear Jesus' words in the gospel. By human standards, what he asks is indeed unwise. But this call is to abandon our human perspective and to take on the perspective of God. We are called to love as God loves, "for his sun rises on the bad and the good."

Not only may this call seem ridiculous to us, but it may also seem impossible. Who can love like this? We might remember Jesus' words to his disciples when they were shocked by another one of his teachings: "Nothing is impossible with God." We are called not only to love as God loves, but to love with God's love. St. Paul reminds us that we are holy because the Spirit of God already dwells within us. It is the Spirit, the love of God dwelling within us, that enables us to follow the call of Jesus.

In light of today's gospel, is there anyone for whom you bear hatred in your heart? Spend some time in silence reflecting on the presence of the Spirit of God dwelling in you. Pray for the love and strength of the Holy Spirit to flow through you. St. Thomas Aquinas said, "No human truly has joy unless that person lives in love."

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Mark your calendar now!!

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PARISH LENTEN MISSION

March 5-7, 2017

Sunday, March 5th @ 6:30 pm

Theme: PRAYER IN THE FAMILY—Speaker: Brother Fidelis Maria (Franciscan)

Monday, March 6th @ 7:00 pm

Theme: FAITH IN FAMILY CRISIS—Speaker: Deacon Jerry Kohrman

Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm

Theme: EXORCISM—Speaker: Father Tom Shoemaker

This evening will include St. Mary Lenten Penance Service (Reconciliation)

Youth News Thanks to all who joined us last weekend with fun and activities. Next youth Mass and activities will be March 12th starting at 5:30 pm.

St. Mary School News The Marketing Committee for our school invites you to an evening of fun at Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville, on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful way to show our appreciation for the support of one of our sending parishes. Please bring a covered dish to share. Items that will be auctioned at the event are on display in the Church hall. If you would like to donate an item, please place your item on the table with a tag stating who has donated it and what you feel is the value of the item. Any questions, please contact Lucy Papaik at 347-5547.

Purchase your **Burger King "You Can Lend A Hand" booklets** this weekend or next weekend after Mass in the back of church, or contact the school office at 897-3481. They are \$3.00 with coupons for Burger King, Chili's, Ft. Wayne Komets and Ft. Wayne Mad Ants. Sales go directly to support our school. Thank you for your support!

Need a break? 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.

Making Space for the Light to Spill, a Lenten Retreat, at Victory Noll Center, Huntington, on March 3-4. Reflections will be "making space for God's light to shine through our lives" with guest speaker Terry Hershey. The cost of \$95 includes accommodations and retreat; commuters not staying overnight is \$65. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday for all. For information/register by calling 260-200-1740, email info@victorynollcenter.org or visit www.victorynollcenter.org. Register by February 24th.

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

