

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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

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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**  
**March 12, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 13-29**

**Monday 7:15 am** Glen & Frances Griffiths  
**Tuesday 8:15 am** Francis Meyer  
**Wednesday 7:15 am** Purgatorial Society  
**Thursday 7:15 am** In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered  
**Friday 8:15 am** Lois Teders  
**Saturday 7:15 am** Pat King  
**5:00 pm** Roy Yingling  
**Sunday 8:00 am** St. Mary Parishioners  
**11:00 am** Special Intentions for R.D. & V.D.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**March 13-19**

**MONDAY**

Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

**TUESDAY**

Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12

**WEDNESDAY**

Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

**THURSDAY**

Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

**FRIDAY**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**SATURDAY**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**SUNDAY**

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

**MASS MINISTERS**

**March 18 & 19**

**USHERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Mark Bush and Alger Van Hoey  
**Sun 8 am** Ed Smith and Craig Van Gessel  
**Sun 11 am** Todd Carteaux and Josh Edwrads

**READERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Rob Diffenderfer and Sara Cartwright  
**Sun 8 am** Bridget and Teresa Breckler  
**Sun 11 am** Kathy Rorick and Brenda Weber

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat 5 pm** Tom & Barb Sherwood, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee  
**Sun 8 am** Ben & Brenda Helmkamp, Stewart & Arlene Lewis  
**Sun 11 am** Tom & Eve Peters, Katie Herendee, Chris Passino

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**March 4 & 5, 2017**

**Adult** \$8,067.00 **Loose** 319.36

**Children** \$8.32

**Total Envelopes Issued: 210**

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

**Weekly Contribution Budget:**

\$8,508.00

**Special Collections**

**Vigil Lights** \$45.10

**Parish Savings** \$620.00

**Tuition Assistance** \$75.00

**Improvement Fund** \$225.00

**Ash Wednesday** \$232.00

**First Offering** \$6.00

**Black & Indian Mission** \$196.65

***“The Light is ON for You”***

Come celebrate the Father’s mercy and receive the graces of the  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.



***St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla***  
***Tuesday, March 14th***  
***6:00—8:00 pm***

**It’s time.** You’ve been meaning to, but you keep putting it off.  
 “Maybe next time,” you tell yourself. **No more excuses.** For one  
 night, every confessional door in the Ft. Wayne—South Bend Diocese  
 will be open. Come clear the air, **become clean**, and know your sins  
 are forgiven through the  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Report of Activity for 2016**

The society served 190 clients in the amount of \$4,765. The society also donated \$800 to charitable organizations that serve the area.

St. Mary parishioners contributed to this cause by giving \$5,900 to the society which enables the members to continue in their charitable work.

However, membership is dwindling and new members are needed. If you are already doing charitable work, you could help St. Mary society by joining us on the first Saturdays of the month after the morning Mass. We report all our undertakings to the District Council in Ft. Wayne, as they use the information to apply for grants for the work that is done by the society. All are welcome! For more information please contact the parish office at 897-3261. Thank you and God bless!

**REFLECTS from Father Daniel...**In today's gospel, the scene described is quite dramatic. Jesus seems to have been taken into another realm, a realm of light and brilliance and He converses with men long dead. This transfiguration is a change in Jesus' appearance that allows the apostles to experience Jesus as He truly was, honest, in His glory. More importantly, the apostles experience a particular call from God. The message of the voice from the cloud ends with an active command: Listen to Jesus. The invitation is to trust the way of life of Jesus, to risk following Jesus.

Similarly, in the book of Genesis, we hear God's call to Abraham to leave all his securities, his homeland, in order to enter into a deeper relationship with God. In return for his trust, God promises Abraham a blessed future. Again, in the second reading, we are reminded of God's call to lives that are holy. But, like Abraham, we can only respond in trust to this call because of God's presence within us, God's grace.

The transfiguration of Jesus is about our call to a blessed future. When we can trust God's call to follow Jesus, we can let go of all that we hold onto for security. St. John Cardinal Newmann, after his conversion to Catholic faith, said, "Ten thousand difficulties don't make a doubt." If you've never climbed a real mountain, I'm sure you've climbed many mountains figuratively: Mountains of fear to discover new strength and courage; mountains of hurt and sickness to find healing. In conquering such everyday heights, we discover the God who never leaves us. Reflect on God's call in your life. How is God calling you, and to what is God calling you? Ask God for what you need in order to respond faithfully to His call in your life.

**Youth Group News** Youth Mass is tonight at 5:30 pm with activities following. Mr. Helmkamp is coming to finish hosting his Jeopardy game from February. Come join the fun. Please feel free to bring snacks or dessert to share. Parents, please pick up your children at the front entrance (north doors) at 8:00 pm. Call Eve Peters with any questions at 897-2828. Visit us on FaceBook—StMarysTLC.

### **St. Mary School News**

Dear Parents,

Please accept my letter that I shared with the School Board on March 8th.

On February 28, 2017, I met with Father Daniel regarding my Intent to Return Form. I shared with him my intentions for the upcoming school year. At that point, Father provided pastoral guidance and support. Repeatedly, he asked that I turn to prayer and conversation with my family. Father was abundantly clear that it was his choice and preference that I return.

From that Tuesday until today, March 8th, I have thought of little else and prayed for guidance. Father asked that I trust in God's will and seek peacefulness. Please be assured that is all I have ever sought. My faith is the essence of my life.

One of my favorite inspirations from Saint Mother Teresa is, "We can only do small things with great love."

My family is my anchor. It is through their eyes and hearts that I see glimpses of the heart and love of God. He has blessed my with children, grandchildren and sons-in-law who make a difference in the world through their love. My husband of forty-two years is my faithful companion on life's journey.

Humility and grace calms me to hear God's call. In some ways, I am reminded of the Wizard of Oz and how Dorothy searched for home everywhere but at home. Three years ago, we moved to Avilla to pursue a lifelong dream of having land and horses; to be with those we love surrounded in God's love as found in nature.

In my faith filled heart, I have found great peace. Because it is there where I am at peace with God and trust in His call.

I am leaving St. Mary with great joy and peace. For as Saint Mother Teresa shared, "We can only do small things with great love." I have loved you and am grateful for the gift of you in my life. In Service to Others,  
Mrs. Sandor, Principal

St. Mary Parish would like to thank in a very special way our guest speakers who came for our parish's Lenten Mission this past week: Deacon Jerry Kohrman, Brother Fidelis Maria and Father Tom Shoemaker. And also a big thank you to all who helped make the mission possible in anyway. May God bless you for your time and efforts.

St. Mary received notice from the Town of Avilla regarding the completion of the Community Crossings Grant Project. The project includes replacing curbs, driveway approaches, some storm water catch basins and handicap sidewalk ramps on Main Street from Fischer to Fourth Street. After the new curbs are in place, the entire length will be resurfaced. This work will begin around March 13th. It is expected to be completed by June 30th. At times, the street will be closed. Most of the time traffic will be limited to one lane. Throughout the construction, our driveway might be inaccessible for a minimum of one week to a maximum of four weeks. It is possible that all church and school traffic will need to use the driveway entrance off Fischer Street. Please be patience through this construction period.

**Sancta Familia Holy Hour** on Thursday, March 16 from 7:00—8:00 pm at Bishop Dwenger High School. Bishop Rhoades will be the guest speaker sharing on the topic of Sanctifying the Home. Sancta Familia is a monthly Holy Hour on the third Thursday of the month with the goal to provide a means of parental support, spiritual growth, and catechesis. The Holy Hour is open to all and will include adoration, communal prayer (such as the rosary), a "practical parental toolbox" sharing and a "sanctifying the home" inspirational sharing.















