

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Ushers: Bryan Cass

Music: Barb Braley

Parish Organizations

Rosary/Altar Society: Henrietta Harris

Finance: Jonathan Ormiston

Pastoral Council: Michael Edwards

Cemetery: Bryan Cass

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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
April 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 17-23
MONDAY
Acts 2:14, 22-33, Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY
Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY
Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35
THURSDAY
Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48
FRIDAY
Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14
SATURDAY
Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15
SUNDAY
Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pt 13-9
Jn 20:19-31

COLLECTION TOTALS

April 8 & 9, 2017

Adult \$7,088.00 **Loose** \$245.00

Total Envelopes Issued: 210

of Envelopes Used this Week: 102

Weekly Contribution Budget: \$8,508.00

Special Collections

Vigil Lights \$22.00

Improvement Fund \$155.00

Parish Savings \$396.00

Catholic Relief Services \$65.00

Easter Flowers \$977.00

Easter \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

April 17-23

Monday	7:15 am	Special Intentions of A.L.
Tuesday	8:15 am	Herman & Wilma Schmenk
Wednesday	7:15 am	Special Intentions of D.M.
Thursday	7:15 am	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:15 am	Ed & Jean Ryan and Family
Saturday	7:15 am	Jim & Retha Remke
	5:00 pm	Patrick Huth
Sunday	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of Laurer Family
	11:00 am	Barb Morris
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parishioners

MASS MINISTERS

April 22 & 23

USHERS

Sat 5 pm	Alger Van Hoey and Gerry Schmidt
Sun 8 am	Craig Van Gessel and Dave Roesener
Sun 11 am	Ralph Stark and Jim Hullinger

READERS

Sat 5 pm	Grace Cartwright and Rob Diffenderfer
Sun 8 am	Nancy Helmer and Steve Christman
Sun 11 am	Roger Dancer and Brenda Weber

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat 5 pm	Dennis & Jan Hudecek, Jim Schmenk, Elaine Taulbee
Sun 8 am	Chuck Rhodes, Christine Beck, Bill & Chris Freeman
Sun 11 am	Beverly Edwards, Kim Heshner, Jennifer Litchfield, Bryan Cass

Altar/Rosary Society will be having a Bake Sale on the weekend of April 29 & 30 after the Masses in the back of Church.



Have you looked around our beautiful Church lately?

If you have, you see a lot of cracks and chipping paint, especially on the north wall and ceiling. Thanks to a number of generous donations we have \$19,000 in savings for repairing and painting of the inside of the Church. We have been given a quote of \$42,000 to do the project. Can you help us reach the \$42,000 so that the cracks can be repaired before they get worse, and then painted? No donation is too big or small, and greatly appreciated!

Youth Group News (6th-12th graders) Last youth Mass for this school year will be April 23rd (the fourth Sunday due to Spring break and Easter). Come join us as we honor our seniors, announce this year's scholarship award winner, and welcome our new group of members (current 5th graders). Mass will begin at 5:30 pm with activities until 8:00 pm. We will be having our end of year cookout. Come dressed for fun outdoor activities. Please feel free to bring chips or dessert to share. Please call Eve Peters with questions at 897-2828. Visit us on Facebook-StMarysTLC.

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER DANIEL... Is there a greater day in the calendar than Easter Sunday? Jesus died but rose from the dead. The Holy Angels appear at Christ's empty tomb, where they instruct Mary Magdalene and the other Mary about Christ's Resurrection. Holy Angels, of course, bring God's light to the world.

Expressing his joy and strong faith in Jesus's Resurrection, a devout Catholic said, "My faith rests on two pieces of solid evidence: first, an empty tomb over which Constantine built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335 A.D. and which has been and still is venerated as the tomb of Jesus right from the beginning. And secondly, the testimony of Jesus' followers who had nothing to gain from proclaiming Jesus' resurrection except their own martyrdom." The disciples did not understand the consequences of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, yet they believed. Our task is to ponder the consequences for ourselves today.

Think of the women who came to the tomb at Easter daybreak in order to mourn a dead man. Instead, Angels revealed to them that "He is risen. He is not here. Go and tell his disciples." Twice the holy women are told, do not be afraid. These words ring as true today as they did when the two women first heard them. Truth to tell, when we try to figure out things for ourselves, we often times become consternated. Who can solve every problem? God sends Holy Angels to announce to you, "Do not be afraid. He is risen." Easter Sunday prepares us for a new way of life, one that holy angels guide with their own lightness. As St. Mother Teresa said, "Do not search for Jesus in far off land; He is not there. He is in you. Just keep the lamp burning and you will always see Him." Today, live without fear for the Lord lives and so shall you. Alleluia!

2017 EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Herman & Wilma Schmenk	Paul & Brunetta Sible	Pat King
Jon Schmenk	Dewey & Helen Sible	Ed & Helen Teders
Elizabeth Henry	Edwin & Catherine Teders	Arthur & Bertha Beeber
Catherine Schmenk	Marge Schmenk	Ron Beeber
Mary Latta	Chris Ellert	Becky Habig
John Cary	Fred Myers	Luttman & Buckles Families
Meinard & Marquerite Meyer	Glen & Leona Myers	Pam Hinklin
Raymond Hudecek Family	Paul & Ruth Brouillette	Ken Starks
Henry Duehmig Family	Lee & Catherine Higgins	Pat Helmkamp
John Hoover	Louis & Lucy Halter	Leo, Lois, Dennis Teders
Pat & Paul Bolinger	Dale Patterson	Karl-Boyce-Murray Families
Jerry & Eug Desormeaux	Don & Anne Woodring	Schiegg & Waigand Families
Larry & Harry Desormeaux	Don Woodring, Jr.	Roy & Lucille Yingling
Elmer & Alice Huth	Ryan Koble	Carl & Doloris Ely
Patrick Huth	Becky & Paul Koble	Beatrice, Joseph, Elizabeth Teders
Jennie Huth	Jerry Erpelding	Joseph Kobiela Family
Hugh Marcellus	Peter Demske Family	Raymond Duehmig Family
Marie Marcellus	Harold Knapp Family	Herbert Myers
Edward & Janis Smith	Robert & Winifred Baker	Lloyd & Hazel Myers
Donna Myers	Leroy & Loretta Sherwood	Frank & Evelyn Rist
Teresa Eicher	Ed & Anges Van Gessel	Donald (Sam) Duehmig
Phil & Wilma Helmer	Betty & Corless Ball	Ray & Mary Duehmig
Earl & Beverly Stienbarger	Ed & Doris Meyer	Robert & Agnes Sharpe
Greg, Beth, Anna	Family Members of	Kenneth & Meletine Amstutz
Stienbarger	Leonard & Becky Smith	Joseph & Germaine Kummer
Ed & Madonna Hess	Jean Hossler Walker	Carolyn Mendenhall
Robert, Alberta, Rosealma, Clay	John M. Kretler II	Shelly Webster
Helmkamp	Mathias Kretler	Shirley Cory
Rita Gardner	Robert Kretler	Laura Knach
David Hess, Jr.	Eva & Art Grone	Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sandy Rose	Cleora & George Kniss	Beloved Deceased Family Members
Oscar, Bartolo & Barry	Melanie & Ted Deal	of Jim & Amy Breckler
Landez	Harold Ellert	Living & Deceased
Andrea Garza	Eugene Meyer	Family Members of
Nancy Lamb	Evelyn Cooper	Fi & Theresa Meyer
Tammy Riecke	Hersh & Barry Bolton	Deceased Members of the
Charles Walter	Jo Sutton	Lewis Family
Philip Ross	Kretler Family	In honor of Frank Knach
Terry Gullett	Viertbeck Family	In honor of the
Pam Schmidt	German Family	Living & Deceased
Eric Teders	Erndl Family	Members of the
Barbara Morris	Bronstein Family	Braley & Uth Families

St. Mary School News *Springtime brings many changes in nature and our world. The same is true of staffs within our schools.*

I want to acknowledge and extend my deepest gratitude to the staff of St. Mary School. You have been faithful and faith-filled servants. You have made profound differences in the lives of so many people. I ask that the school community join me and thank the following teachers for their service. We are honoring their requests in regards to what kind of gathering they want. They will be recognized after the school Mass on Friday, May 19th. With a very humble heart, I say thank you to these fellow educators. You have been a gift in our lives.

Mrs. Kathy Jo Beckman Mrs. Jennifer Grimm
Mr. Brian Dunne Mrs. Janice McNutt

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

A Principal Search Committee has been formed. They met for the first time this past Monday. The Diocese helps direct the parish and the pastor about whom to include on the committee, and the teachers selected their representatives. Members of the committee are and they include: Father Daniel, Yarita Brinker, Jill Dunkel, Mike Edwards, Kourtney Hopf, Sara Lake, Jonathan Ormiston, Brad Targgart and Mary Yoder. The position has been advertised, and applications are being accepted through the Diocesan School Office until April 28th. Please pray and support the search committee as they take on the task of filling the position of principal for St. Mary School. The Search Committee for the next principal of St. Mary of the Assumption School invites you to share your ideas on the needs of our school in the future. We plan to use your input to decide what kind of person we need as principal. The link will be available until Monday, April 24th.

Job Opening: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Job-Openings>

Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WYYMXXX>

The week of April 24-28 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. We would like to invite all of our wonderful volunteers to Mass at 8:15 am on Friday, April 28th for a special blessing. There will also be a small gathering at the school after Mass so that we can show our appreciation for all you do for St. Mary School. Please call 897-3481 or email slake@stmaryavilla.org to let the office know you are coming. We hope to see ALL of you there because you are very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

If you are available to help sort donated copy paper to make sure it is in "good shape for the copier," please let Mrs. Lake know in the school office at 897-3481. Your help will be greatly appreciated! This is something that you can easily do at home.

The Home and School Association is coordinating a Mike's Car Wash Fundraiser. They are selling individual car wash tickets for a Mike's "basic" wash for \$9 each. This price is the same as purchasing a wash directly from Mike's. The ticket holder can upgrade the wash at the time of service if desired. If you are interested please stop in the school office to order your tickets. The fundraiser runs from April 17th—May 2nd. Tickets will be available during the week May 8th. They make great gifts...Father's Day is coming up!

In the year 1863, during Father Henry Shaefer's last year as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, he had the first St. Mary School erected with only seventeen children attending, in a little building 18 x 24. For over 150 years, with God's grace and mercy, and with Blessed Virgin Mary as our patron saint, St. Mary School has grown to where it is today. The present St. Mary School would like to get contact information for as many of St. Mary School alumni as possible. There will be material in the back of Church for you to use to record this information on and then drop it off in the box provided. Can you help us obtain as many people as possible? Your time and effort would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help!

The students and staff of St. Mary School wish a very blessed and happy Easter to all our St. Mary families and community.

Happenings in the Area

There will be a **Triumphant Quartet Concert to benefit Noble House Ministries** on Saturday, April 22, at Crosspointe Family Church, Kendallville, IN. Doors open at 6:00 pm and concert begins at 7:00 pm. The Triumphant is the face of quality Gospel Music, Christian integrity, family values, friendship and dedication. You can find out more about Triumphant at www.triumphantquartet.com. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Refreshments and silent auction theme baskets available. For more information please contact Vi Hass at 636-2807. Please leave a message if no answer.

Parkview Home Health and Hospice invite you to the **17th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service** Remembering in the Springtime on Monday, April 24, at Crosspointe Family Church, Kendallville. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 pm and memorial service at 7:00 pm. Join others in the community, and refresh and renew your spirit as we enter this new springtime remembering those we love.

1st Annual Bixler Lake "Walk for Life" is Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 am. Starting place is at Life and Family Services, Kendallville, IN. One mile or two mile walk options around Bixler Lake. Pledges per mile or flat donation will benefit Indiana Right to Life. For registration sheets, visit Life and Family Services or download and print at www.lfsfamilies.org.

The meaning of some Easter Symbols

Easter makes us think of **Baptism**, when we rose with Christ to life. **Baptismal vows** are renewed today, marking the first time of accepted Christ and rejected sin.

Easter showers remind us of the cleansing waters of Baptism.

Easter water, blessed at the Easter Vigil, is the source of life and grace.

Easter candle, also blessed at the Easter Vigil, is Jesus, our light and life.

Easter eggs, a symbol of life and the tomb.

Easter grass, planted and growing, representing ourselves.

Easter ham is a symbol of prosperity.

Easter lamb cake shows Jesus as the Lamb of God, led to the slaughter in His Passion, with a flag of glory it symbolizes Jesus victorious over death.

Butterflies after their sleeping and cocoon stage they rise to a beautiful and colorful stage of their life, as Jesus did on Easter.

Easter lily, spring flowers, especially from bulbs, for they spring up anew to bloom in glory, full of life. We are to be "blooming Christians."

Easter bread, nourishes our life, as Christ does, "the Bread of Life."

