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Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

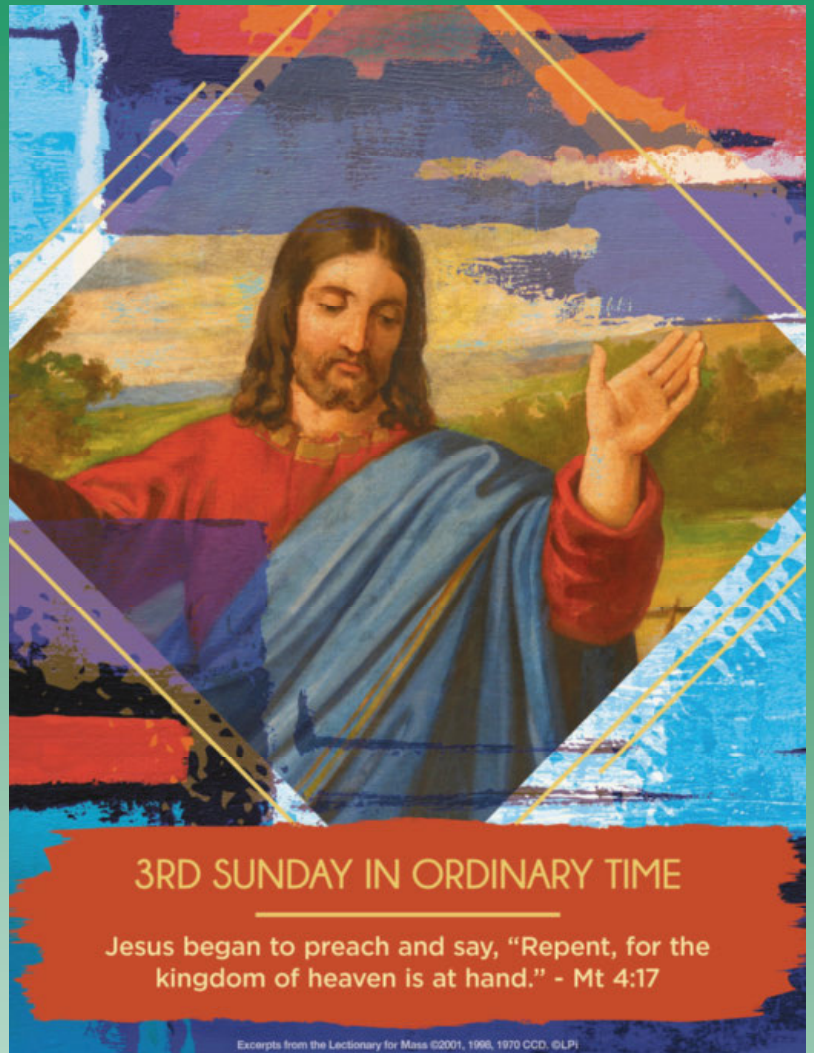
Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Chris AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

January 22, 2023



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday
8:00am—3:30pm

Lunch 12-1

This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Jan 22:</u>	First Reconciliation BINGO (K of C)	1:00 pm 2:00 pm
<u>Wed Jan 25:</u>	SOR Youth Group (HFR)	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
<u>Thurs Jan 26:</u>	Legion of Mary	2:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule****SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:30 AM Vernon and Irene Carrier
 10:30 AM Robert Karcher

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 + STS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE
No Services**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 + ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration
 6:00 PM Fr. Raymond Sheperd

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 + THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8:45 AM John and Heather Metzger

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 + STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:45 AM Darwin and Kathleen Frederick

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 + ST. ANGELA MERICI

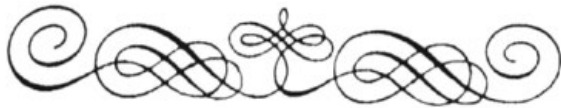
8:45 AM Lauren Frey

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 PM Amy Geary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 AM Karenann Winters
 10:30 AM Chris Chunnick

**Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher
Schedules for January 28 & 29, 2023****SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 4:00 PM**

Servers: Zander Crisp & Greg Hirzel
 E. M.: B Calger, T Heckler, J Morman, J Morman, N Shepherd
 Ushers: Doug Heckler
 Lector: Matt Krol
 Organist & Cantor: Dee Fisher, Mia Keirns & Kecia Pontias

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 8:30 AM

Servers: Elyssa Renner & Ethan Renner
 E. M.: S Laurent, D Pollock, D Renner, M Renner,
 B Wasserman
 Ushers: Jim Brickner
 Lector: Terry Plas
 Organist & Cantor: Christopher Golliver & Janean Steinecker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 10:30 AM

Servers: Nate Drerup plus CSW Student
 E. M.: CSW Teachers
 Ushers: Mark Keber
 Lector: CSW Mass
 Organist & Cantor: Catholic School's Week Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. @Also, please watch for a total of 6 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

***Angie has many opening for Mass Intentions. Contact the Parish Office to schedule an intention for your loved ones who have passed..*

Lots of Legion of Mary Ministries!

It was last June that we started the Legion of Mary group here at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. This group is supposed to help the pastor of a parish to minister to those in the parish and the community. I can honestly say that the group has helped me immensely in reaching out to others. We have accomplished many things in a short time (about 8 months).

The Legion of Mary consists of a weekly meeting that includes praying the rosary together and accomplishing 2 hours of apostolic work each week. We do our best to go out two by two to encourage each other in the ministry. We ask for the strength of Our Blessed Mary to guide us in our ministries and to ask the Holy Spirit to energize us to go out and spread the Good News!

Here is a rundown of the ministries we have done in our brief history: Visiting area nursing homes many times—Van Crest (Van Wert and Delphos), Van Wert Manor, Homestead, and Hearth and Home. In these nursing homes, we have talked to people, brought them the Eucharist, had prayer services including music and singing—hoping that the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary could help us to express to them that they are loved. We do not limit our visits to just Catholics but reach out to anyone in need.

The Legion of Mary has also visited the homebound (and brought them food), hospitals, the bereaved—which included attending wake services, praying the rosary, and helping at funeral dinners, visited a former parishioner at Otterbein in St Marys. We have organized the praying of the rosary 6 times for Our Lady of Fatima. We have prayed 2 Patriotic rosaries and will do more in the future. We passed out 102 Miraculous Medals the first weekend of Advent. Someone drove a homebound parishioner to Sunday Mass.

Still other ministries included having a fair booth, helping out at a food pantry, and for the Salvation Army. There was also helping out at Bread and Bowl and Trunk or Treat. In addition, there were weekly AA meetings, Song Fest and even noodle making. As you can see, we accomplished quite a big share of ministries to the beautiful children of God.

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Holy Family Room in the basement of the rectory. If any of you want to stop by and see what our meetings are like, feel free to attend. If you want to help us in this ministry but find it difficult to attend all the meetings, you can become an auxiliary member. An auxiliary member prays the rosary along with some Legion of Mary prayers every day to help keep this ministry strong. And you only need to attend one meeting a year. If you are interested, please call me (Fr. Chris) at the office (238-3979) or email me at frchris@stmarysvanwert.com.

You can also contact me if you have any ideas for ministries that the Legion of Mary can do in the future!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!

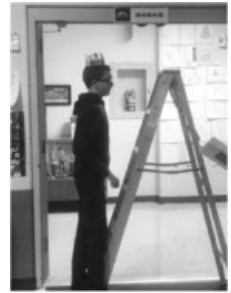
Thanks, and God Bless!!!

Fr. Chris



St. Mary's Religious Education

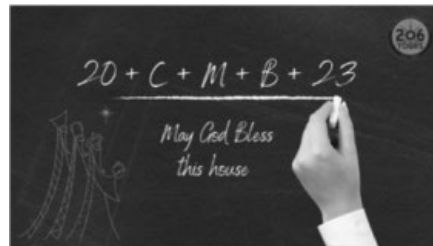
We are all God's Children



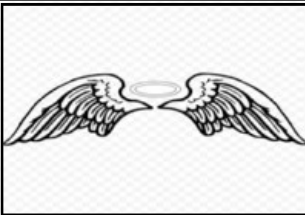
SOR Epiphany Celebration

On Wednesday, January 11th, we had our SOR Epiphany Celebration in the gym! We celebrated by eating candy, saying prayers, singing songs, and placing the Epiphany sign in the gym.

In one of the bags of candy, there was a tiny baby. Whoever got the baby would receive our Epiphany crown! They also got the honor of placing the Epiphany sign. This year's winner was 7th grader Lincoln Anderson!



SCHOOL NEWS



Tuition Angels

We are asking that you please consider becoming a Tuition Angel. There are envelopes at each exit of the church.

Simply fill out an envelope and drop it into the collection anytime. You may also drop it off at the School Office or the Parish Office. Donations may be tax deductible and a receipt will be given for tax purposes, if so desired. All Tuition Angel donations go directly towards helping St. Mary's School families with the cost of their children's tuition at St. Mary's. Last year, Tuition Angel donations helped to raise over \$12,000.00 in tuition assistance, which in turn was used to help 18 families with their tuition costs. Without this help, those families might not have been able to send their sons and daughters to St. Mary's. We hope that you will please take a Tuition Angel Envelope home and consider making a donation.

2023 Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week Sunday, Jan. 29th through Friday, Feb. 3rd. We will kick off this week of celebrating our Catholic School education with our students leading the 10:30am Sunday Mass on Jan. 29th. They will be performing a special song for the congregation to show our thanks for all of the support of our parish. There will also be an Open House with Donuts and Juice in the gym after Mass for anyone who would like to enjoy fellowship. There will be displays in the gym from each of the classes, and you are welcome to go through the classrooms and see what great things our students are doing.

2022/2023 Football Crazr Results

Week 10 Winners

Joe Bagley - \$64.29
Heather Frentos - \$35.71

This concludes another great year of Football Sweepstakes. Over the course of the 10 weeks, we had 21 winners and gave out \$1,142.50 worth of cash prizes. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets! We hope that you will continue to support us next fall.



BINGO

- Jan 22: Pat Horstman, TIM KORTE,
Dave Hohman, Mark Spieles
- Jan 29: Neil Smith, HEIDI HESSELING,
Jennifer Hammons, Cody Hesselung
- Feb 2: Neil Smith, DENISE CHAVARRIA,
Joyce Oechsle, Brian Pohlman

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

- Jan 22: Jim Bloomfield & Katie Drerup
- Jan 29: Sara Berheide & Cathy Smith
- Feb 2: Anita Smith & Kyle Smith

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 5:00 PM for games
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES READY!

Please pick up YOUR offertory envelopes in the vestibule. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Angie in the Parish Office at 419-238-3979

TAX STATEMENTS MAILED

We recently mailed statements to parishioners who made monetary donations to St. Mary's in 2022. Please check your statement to verify that all information is correct. *Thank You.*

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME VISITATIONS

Are you or someone you know homebound or in a nursing home/assisted living facility? Call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 to schedule visitations.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION



The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed.

The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are: on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months; Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

Please join us for 8:00 am Mass. The recitation of the Rosary will begin shortly before Mass.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT

Extended for 2017 and future years.

For those aged 72 1/2 or older, it is once again possible to make tax-favored charitable gifts from traditional and Roth IRA accounts. This act allows individuals to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA.

Qualified Charitable Distributions allow that a portion can be contributed to charity (Churches) without any tax and without effecting your Medicare B & D premiums.

Check with your financial advisor.

DO YOU USE BILL PAY?

NOW is the time to set up Bill Pay!!!! Angie has seen an increase in donations she receives through parishioners BILL PAY accounts. If you pay other bills with BILL PAY, it is easy to set it up for St. Mary's. A check is received in the mail from your bank with your name and it is recorded with other deposits.

If you have questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution.



Eric Alexander, Jack Aurand, Jean Brown, Carole Burnett, Sam Carter, Octavio Chavez, Lou Dickinson, Melissa Fallis, Josie Felger, Juanita Finger, Jackie Gerber, Angie Hoehn, Aloysius Kill, Brent Kinkle, Michael Kirkendall, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Emanuel Lianez, Donna Long, Christy Paisley, Marge Price, Cassie Priest, J R Reinhart, Bob Say, Adam Schrader, Carolyn Schneider, Dick Stegaman, Eric Thomas, Marc Washington, Kathy Wehrkamp

The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Lt. Colonel Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Rear Admiral Christopher Cavanaugh, 1st Lt. Brian Easley, 2nd Lt. Andrew Hammond, Airman Brendan Hanf, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, CTN1 Quintin Mengerink, PFC Landon Moody, SRA Reagan Priest, A1C Vincent Silette, SSgt. Nate Sinning, Cadet Olivia Skelton, 1st Lt. Tanner Skelton, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Corp. Andrew Szymanski, Lance Corp Sam Szymanski, CW Jeremy Stevenson, 2nd Commander Sean Stuart. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



Reconciliation Opportunities

INDIVIDUAL:

**Every Tuesday at 9—10 am

**Every Saturday from 3-3:40 pm

**Or by appointment

USHERS NEEDED

The Usher Ministry is in need of more male and female volunteers for each of our weekend masses each week. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Please see Angie after Mass or call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979



YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Wednesday, January 25, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Holy Family Room.

The topic of tonight's lesson is:

INDULGENCES

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please call the Parish Office, if you would like to receive the LOW GLUTEN HOSTS during Mass.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Patriotism Essay Contest

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available at St. Mary's Parish Office or in the high school guidance counselor's office

Essay deadline is February 1, 2023.

Applicants must be in the 2023 Senior Class of an Allen, Van Wert or Putnam County High School.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of January 22, 2023

Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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