

ST. MARY OF THE Assumption Catholic Church

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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.



Catholic Schools Week

January 29 – February 3, 2023

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OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Friday
8:00am—3:30pm**

Lunch 12-1

St. Mary's School is open to children of all faiths. As a Catholic School, St. Mary's is committed to providing an atmosphere in which a life, based on gospel values, is modeled and expected. Educational development and religious formation are integrated in a unified curriculum with a commitment to excellence in both areas.

We believe that God is an ever-present reality in our lives and thus we hope that our students may experience a loving attitude toward God, belief in the dignity of each person, and the conviction of each one's responsibility in the development of a just and peaceful world community.

*- Mission Statement of
St. Mary's Catholic School*

Liturgical Schedule****SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

No Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 + ST JOHN BOSCO

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration
6:00 PM Fr. Marty Donnelly

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:45 AM Ruth Putman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 + THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:45 AM Frances E. Bailey

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 + ST BLAISE & ST ANSGAR

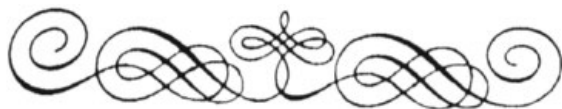
8:45 AM Jolayne Bogart
10:00 AM—8:00 PM First Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
4:00 PM Mary Alice Louagie

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM Clarence and Doris Holdgrave
10:30 AM Linus and Joyce Unterbrink, Dolores Albers

**Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher
Schedules for February 4 & 5, 2023****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 4:00 PM**

Servers: Teresita Heckler & Brandon Renner
E. M.: B Calger, B Fallis, M Fallis, G Hirzel, A Renner
Ushers: Doug Heckler
Lector: Matt Krol
Organist & Cantor: Dee Fisher & Mia Keirns

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 AM

Servers: Jacelynn Korte & Addie Sorgen
E. M.: L Fox, G Kulwicki, S Laurent, T Plas, D Pollock
Ushers: Jim Brickner
Lector: Lois Steyer
Organist & Cantor: Christopher Golliver & John Gamble

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:30 AM

Servers: Eben Berryman & Xavier Williamson
E. M.: J Comer, M Dickman, M Klosterman, C Reindel,
B Williamson
Ushers: Mark Keber
Lector: Aaron Reichert
Musicians: CCM

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..*

**Catholic Schools Week is Something
to Celebrate!**

The Catholic faith has contributed so much to the history of our country. It has given to many charities, hospitals, orphanages, adoption agencies, and schools just to name a few. The history of Catholic schools has helped form many young boys and girls into great and kind men and women. The idea that we can teach our kids the importance of academics and intelligence along with the truth of our Catholic faith and civility is a great gift indeed.

Have you ever heard the statement: "There are no atheists on test day?" In public schools, kids are not allowed to express their faith freely and that is a shame. Our students pray throughout the day at St. Mary of the Assumption and participate in many activities that express the joy of our Catholic faith. It was great to see our 2nd graders dress up as saints for All Saints Day Mass.

It was great to see our School of Religion classes begin with a Mass for those parishioners of ours and others that are not able to attend a Catholic school. It is a reminder to all of us the urgency to pass on the Catholic faith to our youth so that our great traditions continue. I thank Dan Metzger for his great leadership in being principal for St. Mary of the Assumption school as well as Josh Marchal in leading the School of Religion.

I thank all of the teachers at the parish school and SOR in their sacrifice of time and talent in spreading the truth of our Catholic faith. SOR teachers are volunteers and parish teachers get paid at a far lower rate than public school teachers! I often comment that Catholic school teachers have to consider their job more of a ministry for them to stay a long time at a Catholic school because there's no way we can come close to what a public school can pay them. Many teachers make that sacrifice to be able to express their Catholic faith to our kids. For that I will surely always be grateful! I thank our secretaries, support staff, and maintenance workers that help keep St. Mary of the Assumption such a wonderful environment.

I thank the parents for sending their kids to both our parish school and SOR. I thank the kids for being good students that learn the faith well and share it with others. Being a great example, that St. Mary of the Assumption is a good place to learn.

We will be celebrating several activities for Catholic Schools Week so be sure to check them out and appreciate all of the great people that help pass on the Catholic faith. Amen. Alleluia!

Thanks, and God Bless!!!

Fr. Chris



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 the 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

This Sunday marks that start of National Catholic Schools Week. We wanted to start off the week by thanking all of the Parishioners of St. Mary's. Because of your support and commitment to this parish's mission of spreading God's word, our students get the opportunity to learn about how God is part of their lives every single day. Please feel free to join us after 10:30am Mass in the Gym for Donuts and Juice. You are also welcome to go through our classrooms and see all the wonderful things that are happening in our school.

Here are a few of the exciting activities we have planned for the coming week:

*Our annual Quiz Bowl competition that involves our 4th, 5th and 6th Grade students will go on all week long.

* Former St. Mary's principals Frank Minnig and Jan Schimmoeller will talk about what role they had with St. Mary's and share stories.

* Dime War – All Week long we will be collecting money for St. Vincent De Paul. Students will be asked to bring in money to help their class win the Dime War.

* Rhodes State College Mobile Science Lab – Rhodes in Motion offers a unique learning experience with the highest level of technology in agriculture, engineering, and healthcare. Each class will participate in a 40-minute science lab taught by college professors.



St. Mary's Religious Education

We are all God's Children



This Sunday, January 29th, and last Sunday, January 22nd, our second graders are receiving their First Reconciliation. They have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a few months now and they have worked hard to get to this point.

Students receiving this powerful Sacrament are: Harrison Byrne, Ryker DeVelvis, Julia Gerker, Kenlie Harting, Kenton Klinger, Parker Keber, Charlie Greve, Andrew Knueve, Leo Horstman, Oliver Lindemann, Harper Marchal, Emma Mawer, Cormick McCoy, Hadley Sauer, Holden Sauer, and Hudson Sauer.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders!!! We are so proud of you!

Please continue to keep them all in prayer as they prepare for their First Communion on May 7th.





Jan 29: Neil Smith, HEIDI HESSELING,
Jennifer Hammons, Cody Hesselung

Feb 2: Neil Smith, DENISE CHAVARRIA,
Joyce Oechsle, Brian Pohlman

Feb 5: Dustin Hesselung, DAN METZGER
Lexie Thomas, Tifanie Roberts

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Jan 29: Sara Berheide & Cathy Smith

Feb 2: Anita Smith & Kyle Smith

Feb 5: The Kopack Family

**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**

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 15, 2023

ADULT OFFERING FROM 101 ENVELOPES	\$4,180.45
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	306.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 2 ENVELOPES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,488.45</u>

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 22, 2023

ADULT OFFERING FROM 96 ENVELOPES	\$4,536.64
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	320.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 2 ENVELOPES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,858.64</u>

Bread & Bowl 2023

The Bread & Bowl dates for 2023 for St Mary's are:
February 10th
May 26th
August 18th
December 8th

This is a Friday night take-out meal for the needy in Van Wert County. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for a group or family. For more details, please contact Terry Plas at 419-203-1553.

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.*

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

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.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 our death. However, to drive 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.



Eric Alexander, Jack Aurand, Jean Brown, Carole Burnett, Sam Carter, Octavio Chavez, Lou Dickinson, Melissa Fallis, Josie Felger, Juanita Finger, Jackie Gerber, Angie Hoehn, Brent Kinkle, Michael Kirkendall, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohlen, 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**

This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Jan 29:</u>	First Reconciliation BINGO (K of C)	1:00 pm 5:00 pm
<u>Wed Feb 1:</u>	SOR	6:30 pm
<u>Thurs Feb 2:</u>	Legion of Mary BINGO (K of C) Pastoral Council (HFR)	2:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
<u>Fri Feb 3:</u>	First Friday Adoration	10:00 am-8:00 pm
<u>Sat Feb 4:</u>	First Saturday Mass	8:00 am

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.



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Deacon Andy resumes his Monday morning bible study on February 6th. Jeremiah will be topic first. Please meet in the Holy Family Room at 9:30 am each Monday.

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

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2023

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
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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