

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~  
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

### Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

### Deacon

Deacon Andrew McMahon

### Principal

Dan Metzger

### Coordinator Religious Ed.

Cheryl Freewalt

### Office Manager

Angie Renner

### 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)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. 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 Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Stan 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?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

## Directory

### Bingo

Ed Fox ..... (419) 238-4998

### Building & Maintenance:

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### Religious Ed. & SOR:

Cherie Freewalt.....(419) 238-3079

### Engaged Couples Conference:

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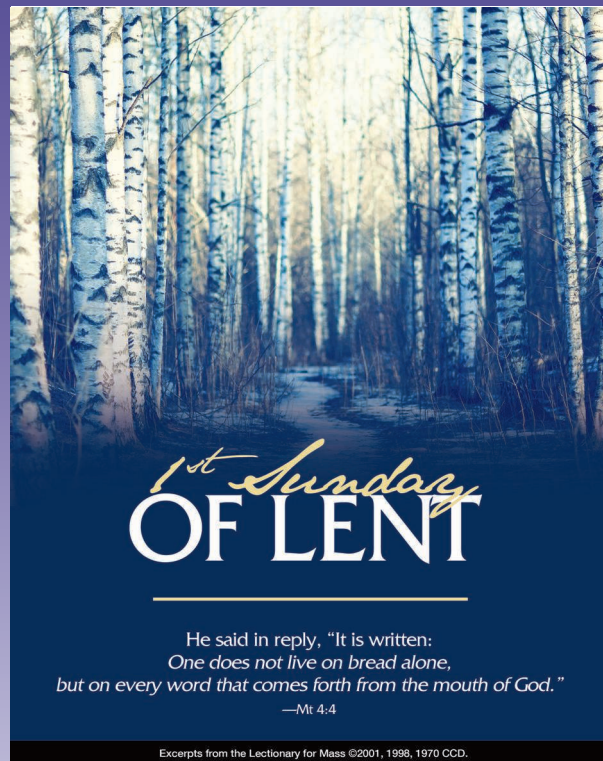
### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

# March 5, 2017



## This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Mar 5:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Mar 7:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	8:30 am
	Book Study (HFR)	7:00 pm
	School Council (Library)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Mar 8:</u>	SOR	6:45—8:00 pm
	Youth Group (HFR)	6:45—8:00 pm
<u>Thur Mar 9:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
	Liturgy Committee (HFR)	6:30 pm
<u>Fri Mar 10:</u>	Fish Fry (K of C)	5:00 pm
	Family Movie Night	6:00 pm

## Liturgical Schedule

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 AM Helen Schemmell  
10:30 AM John and Heather Metzger

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

No Services

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7 + STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration  
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer  
6:00 PM Fr. Frederick Snyder

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 + ST. JOHN OF GOD

8:45 AM John Krol

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9 + ST. FRANCES OF ROME

8:45 AM Mary A Reichert

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:45 AM Rosemary Schroeder

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

4:00 PM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 AM Ann Carter  
10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish



### Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for March 11 & 12, 2017

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 4:00 PM

Servers: Matt, Adam and Joel Schrader  
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, C Mowry,  
T Reinhart, M Yackey, Plus 1  
Ushers: T Turnwald, D Michael  
Lector: Dave Mathew

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 8:30 AM

Servers: Alexa Gearhart, Austin & Addie Sorgen  
E. M.: J Cross, M Cross, M Dickman, L Fox, J Plas  
D Pollock, J Sheeran  
Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,  
D Carter, P Shoppell  
Lector: Terry Plas

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 10:30 AM

Servers: Natalie Riethman, Caton & Braxton Williamson  
E. M.: J Bloomfield, B Laing, K Laing, C Reindel,  
A Schaufelberger, B Tobias, B Williamson  
Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman  
Lector: Renette Riethman

**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 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

## PRAYER

Prayer is an essential part of our spiritual lives, especially in the season of Lent.

This Sunday, we, along with the entire Church, celebrate the Rite of Election. In it, we pray for those in the journey of the RCIA as they declare their intention to be one with us in the Church; Bishop Thomas will call them to the Easter Sacraments. This journey, begun earlier, not only has sought to present the beliefs of our faith, but how they guide our everyday lives and decisions in loving God and one another.

Our prayerful congratulations to CW, Linda and Logan as they come before us. We promise to continue our prayer for them as they will participate in the three Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

The Rite of Election reminds us also of other individuals preparing to encounter the Lord in His Holy Sacraments:

- - our second grade students as they look forward to joining us at the table of the Lord in First Holy Communion.
- - our seventh and eighth grade students who will complete their initiation in the faith when Bishop Thomas confirms them.
- - our engaged couples who will ask us to be witnesses to the loving commitment they have made to each other in Holy Matrimony.
- - all those men in seminary formation who eagerly look forward to committing themselves to the Lord in Holy Orders.
- - all those parents who look forward to joyfully welcoming a new life into their family with Baptism.

We especially pray for those who are “thinking about” coming back to the faith after an absence. Whether a particular sin, a lifestyle choice or consequence, or some other challenging experience, we ask the Holy Spirit to warm these hearts with the courage and hope that they may once again feel the warm embrace of a loving faith community.

The grace of God is certainly alive and well in our world. Let us pray that it may powerfully grow in our own hearts!

*Fr. Stan*

## Religious Education Connection

### What Is Your Catholic IQ?

- What is the original meaning of Lent?  
a) Prayer b) Spring c) Fasting d) Penance
- Which is the last Sunday of Lent?  
a) Easter Sunday b) Divine Mercy Sunday c) Palm Sunday d) Pentecost Sunday
- Which feast day always comes during Lent?  
a) Annunciation b) Assumption c) St. Joseph's Feast d) Presentation of the Lord
- Thinking of liturgy—What is different about Good Friday?  
a) Day of fast b) Day of abstinence c) Day of penance d) Day when Mass is not celebrated
- Which two people appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?  
a) Abraham & Noah b) Abraham & Adam c) Elijah & Elisha d) Moses and Elijah
- What did Luke say the two Old Testament Saints of #5 were discussing with Jesus?  
a) Their time in heaven b) He didn't say c) Jesus' death in Jerusalem d) The end of the world
- How did the Romans get involved in the case regarding the trial of Jesus?  
a) The Jews couldn't execute b) Jewish justice wasn't understood by the Romans  
c) Romans conquered d) Agreement between Pontius Pilate and Herod that Romans judged
- What is the cause of death listed for a crucified man?  
a) Lack of oxygen b) Shock c) Loss of blood d) Heart attack
- After the Resurrection, how many witnesses saw Jesus?  
a) 500+ b) 100 c) 25 d) 12

1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. d, 5. d, 6. c, 7. a, 8. a, 9. a



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Scholastic Book Fair in Gym After Masses

**Scholastic Book Fair** – We will be hosting a book fair in the gym starting Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the 4pm Mass. The Book Fair is open on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Book Fair hours during the week are Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am and 3:05pm – 3:45pm. The Book Fair will close at 9:00am on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you will take an opportunity to stop by and pick up some books for your children. Books are available for readers of all ages. . Books are available for readers of all ages. Also, part of the proceeds from the book fair comes back to our school and helps us purchase new books for the classrooms and library.



### K of C Christmas Poster Contest Winners

The Van Wert Knights of Columbus recently announced the winners of their “Keeping Christ in Christmas” Poster contest. Congratulations goes to following winners: Age 5-7 years: 1st Place Katie Gross, 2nd Place Annabel Horstman. Age 8-10 years: 1st Place Harper Reindel, 2nd Place Madelyn Berryman. Age 11-14 years: 1st Place Tyler Spray, 2nd Place Haley Owsley. Each first place winner received \$25 and each second place winner received \$10. Presenting the checks on behalf of the Van Wert Knights of Columbus was Mr. Jerry Mazur.

**A FREE Kindergarten developmental readiness screening** for all children will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School gymnasium. Any child who will be 5 years of age by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and lives in Van Wert County or the surrounding areas, is invited to attend. Screening appointments can be set up for **Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.** Please call St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School Office at 419-238-5186 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to set up a screening appointment, time slots are limited.



Mar 5 CALLER?, ED FOX, Lisa Burk, Chelsea Reindel  
 Mar 9 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Dave Hohman, Ashley Lantz, Ryan Lindemann  
 Mar 12 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Pat Horstman, Jerry Mazur, Tim Korte  
 Mar 16 Ed Fox, Staff

### KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Mar 5 Kayla Frye and Michelle Rupert  
 Mar 9 JJ McClain and Lisa Schomaeker  
 Mar 12 Lynn Vonderwell and Kathie Bates  
 Mar 16 Sharyn Smith and Theresa Anderson

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

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-  
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

#### RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 133 ENVELOPES	\$5,785.59
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	287.85
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 11 ENVELOPES	<u>15.25</u>
TOTAL	\$6,088.69
 TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	 <u>\$8,386.00</u>

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### GROWING PAINS:

The Demands of Courage

**MARCH 19, 2017 @ 1 pm**

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Van Wert

Join Carol and Kristen Kurivial, co-founders of Luminous Ministries, for *The Demands of Courage* which begins with a musical interpretation of a Mary Magdalene, who walked the Passion with Jesus and turned the demands of her pain into crucial testimony for the Kingdom.



### LENTEN FISH FRIES

Knights of Columbus Hall  
425 Woodland Avenue  
March 3 through  
April 7

Every Friday from 5-7 pm

\$8.00 Adults/\$7.00 Seniors/\$4.00 Kids  
(carry out available)

Every week \$1.00 of every meal will go to the designated cause!

*March 10: Benefit Van Wert Co. Special Olympics*

**Desserts available for a freewill donation.  
Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.**

### ST. MARY'S PARISH LIFE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

St. Mary's Parish Life Committee has begun selling tickets for its NEW gift card raffle. Only 125 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. Then, beginning in April, there will be two winners per month. Each winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card of their choosing—Ace Hardware, CVS, Sears, Wal-Mart or Marathon. In December, there will be an additional \$50.00 winner.

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#### MARCH WINNERS ARE:

*Dave Ruen*

*Margaret Anthony*

### Reconciliation Opportunities

#### INDIVIDUAL:

\*\*Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm  
 \*\*Every Saturday from 3-3:30 pm  
 \*\*Or by appointment



### CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

The Cursillo is an intensive 3 day religious experience which uses community building methods to bring YOU (the candidate) into a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church and fellow Catholics.

#### Diocese of Toledo Dates:

Men Cursillos—March 9-12

Women Cursillos—April 20-23

Applications are available at the Parish Office.



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve Dietrich, Robert Ford, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesselring, Carmen Jacobs, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers. Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Chris Wilson, Bob Wolters, Larry Youtsey

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. 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: Lance Corp. Josh Bolenbaugh, Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Corp. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahon, Corp. Joseph Moreland, Lt. Colonel Matt Sinning, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Pvt. R. J. Szymanski and Sgt. Brian Wilson. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



### **LENTEN BOOK STUDY**

At Christmas, "Resisting Happiness" was given to all who attended our Holyday Masses. We are pleased to have 2 Book Studies beginning.

### **TWO TIMES AVAILABLE**

Beginning March 7th, you are invited to a Book Study on Tuesday evenings following the 6 pm Mass, lead by Deacon Andy. We will meet in the Holy Family Room for the first meeting.

The second book study will begin on March 9, we will meet in the Holy Family Room after the 8:45 Mass Thursdays. Each study will meet for 6 weeks.

*If you did not receive this book, we have extra copies in the Parish office.*

### **Youth Group News**

The next Youth Group meeting is **THIS WEDNESDAY, March 8th** in the Holy Family Room at 6:45 pm. Hope to see you there!

### **Second Annual Taste of St. Mary's a Success!**

Thank you to everyone who made our 2nd Taste of St. Mary's a success. Our Chefs were:

Alice Laurent	Mary Yackey
Danyelle Army & Marcia Miller	Marcia Kill
Jill & Patrick Horstman	Lois Steyer
Ashley & Ben Showalter	Shirley Straley
Jo Ann & Jerry Mazur	Julie Bloomfield

Also Thank you to the Parish Life Committee!

**We are looking for Iron Chefs for next year!**

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Congratulations to our winner of the raffle item:

***Bridget Williamson***

She won the handcrafted wooden box with 2 wine bottles and etched wine glasses and \$100 worth of gift cards!

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



### **Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017**

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9





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