

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catholic Church



Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

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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.

Catholic Schools Week January 29 – February 3, 2017

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.

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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 John Krol
10:30 AM St. Mary's School

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

No Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 + ST. JOHN BOSCO

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:45 AM John & Heather Metzger

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 + PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:45 AM Mary A Reichert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 + ST. BLAISE

8:45 AM Alice Hoblet
10:00 AM Mass at Van Crest
8:00 PM—8:00 AM First Friday Adoration in Chapel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
4:00 PM Linus Unterbrink

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM John and Heather Metzger
10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for February 4 & 5, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 4:00 PM

Servers: Matt, Adam and Joel Schrader
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, C Mowry,
T Reinhart, L Vonderwell, NEED 1
Ushers: Ushers needed
Lector: Caroline Kopack

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 AM

Servers: Alexa Gearhart, Cassidy Klinger, Austin Sorgen
E. M.: C Golliver, G Kulwicki, F Minnig, M Minnig,
J Plas, T Plas, J Sheeran
Ushers: Emmett Minnich, G Krugh, M Krugh,
K Kline, A Lautzenheiser, E Minnich
Lector: Diana Pollock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:30 AM

Servers: Colin, Mason & Lauren McHugh
E. M.: B Fallis, M Fallis, C Freewalt, L Freewalt,
M Geesey, L Kill, M Klosterman
Ushers: G Knapke, S Long, D Menke
Lector: Trina Shultz

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.

A MID-WINTER FESTIVAL . . . AND MORE!

Have the grey, dreary days of winter been getting you down? Maybe what we need is . . . a mid-winter festival!

January 29 to February 3 is Catholic Schools Week. During that time, our students will be engaging in all kinds of fun activities to brighten the days with laughter and enjoyment. What a great opportunity to join them as your interest and time permits. Remember Science Fun Night on Thursday, February 2, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the gym, especially for children ages 4-10. It is always interesting!

Next Thursday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. On that day, candles for use in Church as well as at home will be blessed during the Mass. This is to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World, and that God has promised to be with us, even in difficult and challenging times, until the end of time. It is also the world day of prayer for all those in Consecrated Life.

Friday, February 3, is the commemoration of St. Blaise. According to tradition, he saved a child's life by freeing a fish bone from his throat; we ask for his intercession to protect us from "every disease of the throat and from every other illness." Throats will be blessed on Friday after Mass, as well as after all the weekend Masses for those who wish.

Friday is also First Friday, and we will have all night adoration in the chapel from 8:00 PM Friday Night to 8:00 AM First Saturday morning. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 AM; the intention of the Mass is for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Everyone is most welcome to come and join in prayer.

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS are offered to our second grade students who celebrated First Reconciliation recently - - may God always hold you close in love. Their attention will now be directed to preparing for First Holy Communion in the spring.

THANK YOU to all who had a hand in our "Mini-March for Life" last Friday. May God bless your generosity!

Fr. Stan



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Lord, Continue to bless our Catholic Schools. May our Students share their faith with all those they meet.



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast Sunday January 29th, 9:30am—12:30pm

Catholic Schools Week is January 29th - February 3rd. We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29th starting at 9:30 am in the Gymnasium. Breakfast includes: Sausage, Egg Breakfast Skillet, Milk, OJ, or Coffee, and All You Can Eat Pancakes. The cost of the Breakfast is \$7.00 for an Adult and \$5.00 for a Child, children 3 and under eat for free. You may purchase Breakfast tickets from any St. Mary's Student or at the SCRIP table after Masses. You may also purchase tickets at the door that day. Part of the proceeds from the tickets sold will go towards helping our 5th and 6th Grade Students pay for their trip to Chicago at the end of March.

Science Fun Night for Children Ages 4 – 10 Thursday, February 2nd

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School will again host a Science Fun Night for children ages 4 – 10. Children will be introduced to dynamic science topics through hands-on activities that will enhance science inquiry skills and encourages continued learning. Our Science Fun Night will specifically allow children of mixed ages to engage together in hands-on activities, exploring the world around them. Last years event was very well attended and we hope that you will join us for an evening of family science fun!

When: Thursday, February 2, 2017 starting at 6:30pm and lasting until around 7:30pm.

Where: St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School's Gymnasium.

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS NIGHT. We are asking, if possible, to please bring 1 canned good per person for donation to the Van Wert Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry.

Religious Education Connection

St. John Bosco, January 31

John Bosco was born on August 16, 1815, to a family of peasant farmers in Italy. John's father died when he was two, and life was not easy growing up, especially with an older step-brother, who did not like to see his father's money spent on this younger brother for schooling or for any other need.

When John was nine, he had a remarkable dream in which he tried to stop some unruly children, who were swearing and fighting amongst themselves. His attempts were no good until Jesus and Mary appeared. Jesus told him that he would not have success by adding to the violence but only through humility and kindness. John looked back at the boys, who had now become a pack of wild animals. John reminded Jesus that he was just a boy. What could he do? Mary held out her hand to the pack of animals and they suddenly became a flock of sheep. This dream, as well as others throughout his life, became the basis of the work John knew was ahead.

When John was 12, his mother divided the estate to please her step-son, and John left home to work at various jobs to pay for the education he needed to become a priest. He was ordained in 1841.

One of John's first assignments was to join another priest to visit the prison. John was shocked at the number of boys in prison, many quite young, and to learn how many of these boys would starve and die in prison.

One day John heard the sacristan yell at a boy for coming into the church just to warm himself from the cold outside. John quickly called the boy back into the church, telling the sacristan that the boy was his friend. He knew the boy was hungry, so he offered him some soup. While the boy was devouring the soup, John questioned him. He asked the boy if he knew how to serve Mass. The boy knew nothing about being an altar server. He didn't go to Mass. John told him that he would take care of that. Then John asked him about his parents. The boy had no living relatives. John told the boy that he may not have his parents, but he had a friend. This friendship began John's life-long ministry.

Next time: John Bosco's "pack of animals" and a charge of insanity.



Jan 29 ED FOX, Theresa Say, Renae Eversole,
Jodi Knittle
Feb 2 Neil Smith, CHARLES BRICKNER, Todd Miller,
Joe Alvarado, Terry Johnson
Feb 5 Ed Fox, Jim Brickner, Matt Krol, Jamee Ayers,
Mariam Lamb
Feb 9 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Paul Shoppell,
Joyce Oechsle

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Jan 29 Tim and Stacy Dealey
Feb 2 Sharyn Smith and Kelly Adams
Feb 5 Cathy Smith and Sara Berheide
Feb 9 Laura Rhoades and Jen Schrader

**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**

Thank you to all the volunteers who help at Bingo each week. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Since new volunteers are always welcome, why not bring a friend the next time you are scheduled?

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 22, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 139 ENVELOPES	\$6,585.23
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	327.75
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 14 ENVELOPES	30.05
TOTAL	\$6,943.03
 TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	 \$8,386.00

TAX STATEMENTS MAILED

We recently mailed statements to parishioners who made monetary donations to St. Mary's in 2016. Please check your statement to verify that all information is correct.
Thank You.

2nd ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. MARY'S February 25, 2017 St. Mary's Gym

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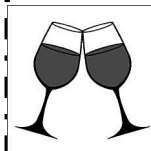
Tickets are available for \$25 each in the Parish Office or Scrip Table after Mass.
(Only 100 tickets available)

Table of 8 - 9 may be reserved.

Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Mary's Youth Group.

If you have any questions, please call Maribeth Dickman, 419-513-0811

RAFFLE ITEM for 2017



A handcrafted wooden box with 2 wine bottles and etched wine glasses and \$100 worth of gift cards will be raffled.

Raffle will benefit St. Vincent de Paul and Youth Group.

Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION UPDATE

We continue updating emails and sending information through our new communication system.

If you would like to sign up for email updates, visit the St. Mary's Catholic Church's website and follow the link "Email Information Updates" and enter your address and check the box to receive updates and submit.

Call Angie at the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 if you have any questions.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS! If you are leaving Ohio for a few months and headed for warmer winter weather, please call the Parish Office with your address if you would like us to send you a weekly bulletin. Have a great – and warm – winter!



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve, Dietrich, Robert Ford, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, 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, 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.



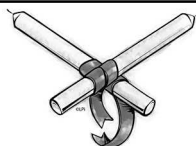
YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Wednesday, February 1st, from 6:45-8:00 in the Holy Family Room.

All High School Students are welcome! If you did not receive a schedule, call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979

CANDLEMAS (BLESSING OF CANDLES)

Thursday, February 2

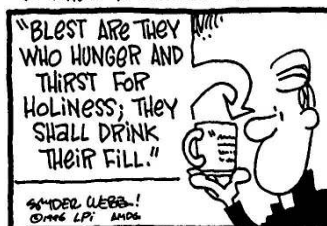
Anyone wishing candles blessed for home use, please bring to the sacristy next Sunday, January 29 and pick-up the following Sunday, February 5, if not able to be present at Mass on February 2, Candlemas Day.



SAINT BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

There will be a blessing of throats after all February 3rd immediately following Friday's Mass as well as after all weekend Masses.

413 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in Our Parish

Sun Jan 29: OPEN HOUSE & Pancake Breakfast
Following all Masses
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Tue Jan 31: Prayer Group (HFR) 8:30 am

Wed Feb 1: SOR 6:45—8:00 pm
Youth Group (HFR) 6:45—8:00 pm

Thur Feb 2: Bible Study (HFR) 9:30 am
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Fri Feb 3: First Friday
Mass at Van Crest 10:00 am
Adoration 8:00 pm-8:00 am

Sat Feb 4: First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



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