

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

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Parish Office.....(419) 238-3979

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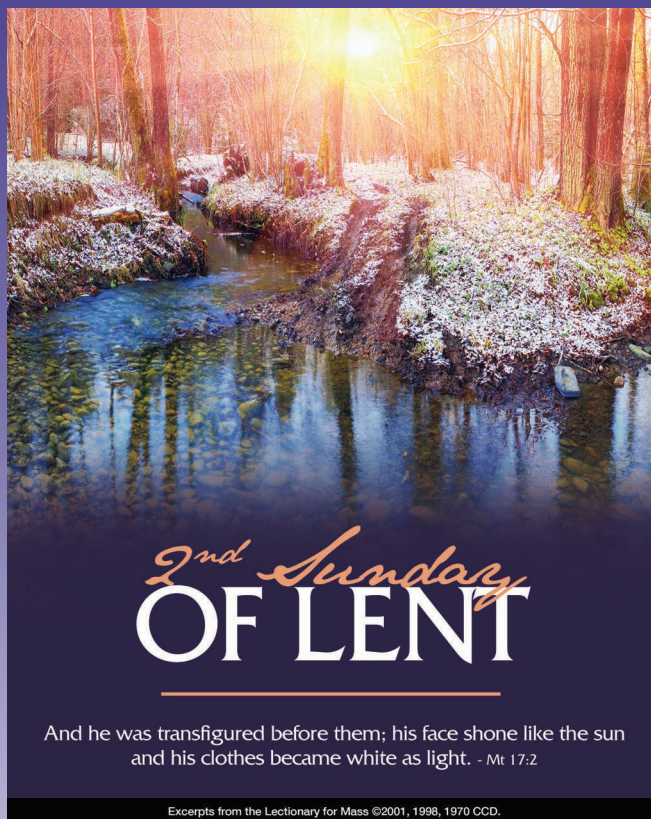
### Office Hours:

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

### Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

# March 12, 2017



## This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Mar 12:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Mar 14:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	8:30 am
	C L of C (HFR)	6:30 pm
	Book Study (Admin Bldg)	7:00 pm
	Finance Committee (Library)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Mar 15:</u>	SOR	6:45—8:00 pm
	Knights of Columbus Meeting	8:00 pm
<u>Thur Mar 16:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
<u>Fri Mar 17:</u>	Fish Fry (K of C)	5:00 pm
	Dare Dance (Gym)	6:00-8:00 pm

Spring  
forward

## Liturgical Schedule

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

No Services

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration  
5:30 PM Stations of Cross  
6:00 PM Hal Sheeran

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:45 AM Marguerite Thitoff

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:45 AM Karen Payne

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17 + ST. PATRICK

8:45 AM Joyce Noel

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:00 PM June Bailey

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish  
10:30 AM Thom Gemmer



## Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for March 18 & 19, 2017

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 4:00 PM

Servers: Caroline & Kitty Kopack, Shay Wehner  
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, C Mowry,  
T Reinhart, Lynn Vonderwell, Plus 1  
Ushers: T Turnwald, D Michael  
Lector: Mary Yackey

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 8:30 AM

Servers: Zach Dealey, Alexa Gearhart, Kateri Steinecker  
E. M.: J Cross, M Cross, B Fuerst, D Fuerst, C Golliver,  
J Keipper, G Kulwicki  
Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,  
D Carter, P Shoppell  
Lector: Diana Pollock

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 10:30 AM

Servers: Allison Berryman, Sam & Maggie Cassidy  
E. M.: M Anthony, D Arend, J Arend, B Fallis, M Fallis,  
T Shultz, B Tobias  
Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman  
Lector: Jean Gemmer

**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.

## JUST IMAGINE!

Imagine, for a moment, that someone asked you to present Jesus to others . . .

What would you say? What would you do? What would you wear? Would you be nervous? Would you be excited? Would you ask others to help you?

Everyday, we have this opportunity by the lives we live and the words we speak! Do we convey a loving, caring God who is concerned for ALL children? Do we show patience and forgiveness when others could care less? Do we take time to listen to the stories, problems, dreams, feelings of others?

Some in our midst have made a special commitment to do just that. We call them Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Most frequently, we find them around the altar as they present to us the very Body and Blood of Jesus. In one brief moment, their relationship with Jesus is expressed and shared.

These ministers can also be found in nursing homes and private homes, wherever our sisters and brothers seek God's presence and love. Sometimes, they are called to the bedside of one who is drawing their last earthly breath. Occasionally they may lead others in Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.

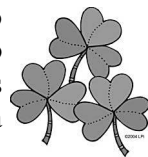
While this is a tremendous responsibility, they nourish and strengthen themselves by God's grace through frequent celebration of the Sacraments and quiet hours spent in reflective, Eucharistic prayer. They walk with the One whose love they seek to share; they strive to grow in God's way.

Occasionally, such as this Sunday afternoon at 1:00, they gather for more formal instruction. The informal questions and answers, as well as the sharing of experiences, not only helps others in knowledge, but especially in inspiration and encouragement. A time for prayer brings them to the Lord.

I especially encourage you to pray for these men and women who say "yes" to God's call. While God does not expect perfection, God does ask for an open and loving heart.

*Fr. Stan*

P.S. This coming Friday, March 17, is the celebration of St. Patrick. Bishop Thomas has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat to all people in the Diocese of Toledo. To continue the spirit of Lent, he suggests another penance that day in the form of a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.



## Religious Education Connection

### The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates

This past Sunday, March 5, the RCIA members, their Sponsors and their families traveled to St. Michael's, Findlay, to meet with the bishop for this next step in the RCIA process.

The Rite of Election of Catechumens is not our choosing of candidates for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or even the bishop's choosing. God has already chosen (or elected) all of us. The Rite of Election is the opportunity to recognize and to express clearly that these catechumens have enough knowledge, understanding, and desire, to receive the grace of the Sacraments and to live as followers of Christ in love and service.

The Church recognizes the Candidates for Continuing Conversion, who have already been baptized and who are preparing to complete their initiation for Full Communion through Confirmation and Eucharist. Deep respect is given to their grace-filled baptisms, but the Church now charges these candidates to use the Lenten season as a time to hear again the call to conversion and to be faithful to their baptismal vows.



Our Catechumens and Candidate at St. Michael's, Findlay  
Candidate, CW Harting, Bishop Thomas,  
Catechumen, Linda Sidle and  
Catechumen, Logan Anderson



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Pride Life Skill Award Winners

Recently our students focused on ways that they could show Courage in their everyday activities. At the end of two weeks each teacher selected a student from their class that they felt best demonstrated Courage both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to the Courage Award Winners and keep up the great work.



We believe our courses of study are not only academic pursuits, but a search for the truth.



### 5th and 6th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th Graders who recently completed the D.A.R.E. Drug and Alcohol Awareness program. As part of their reward for all the students successfully completing the program, D.A.R.E. Officer Beiberstein took them all out to lunch at Pizza Hut. We will also be hosting a D.A.R.E. Dance in our Gym on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The dance will run from 6pm to 8pm, with doors opening at 5:45pm. This dance is open to any students in 5th and 6th Grade.



Mar 12 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Pat Horstman, Jerry Mazur,  
Tim Korte  
Mar 16 Ed Fox, Staff  
Mar 19 ED FOX, Theresa Say, Renae Eversole,  
Jodi Knittle  
Mar 23 Ed Fox, CHARLES BRICKNER, Todd Miller,  
Paul Shoppell, Ryan Lindemann

### KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Mar 12 Lynn Vonderwell and Kathie Bates  
Mar 16 Sharyn Smith and Theresa Anderson  
Mar 19 Geri Haigh and Carolyn Kesler  
Mar 23 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**

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

ADULT OFFERING FROM 153 ENVELOPES	\$7,528.36
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	377.25
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 8 ENVELOPES	18.05
TOTAL	\$7,923.66
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>



### TIME TO CLEAN THE PEWS March 25, 2017



Join us at 9 am to clean the pews. We will meet in the church. Please bring buckets and towels.



### 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 17: benefit Van Wert Cty Coop Food Bank*

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

### *Reconciliation Opportunities*

#### INDIVIDUAL:

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

#### PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

\*\*March 29: 7:00 pm

#### THE LIGHT IS ON:

\*\*April 5: 4:00—7:00 pm



### AREA HAPPENINGS

#### Area Reconciliation Services

St. John's Catholic Church of Delphos will be holding their Parish Reconciliation Services on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7 pm.

### 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:**

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 Hesselting, 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.



### **LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER**



This year the parishioners of St. Mary's have the opportunity to remember someone special through purchasing a lily that will be used to decorate the church. You may purchase a 6 1/2" lily for \$15.00 or a 7 1/2" lily for \$25.00. The 7 1/2" plant is about double the 6 1/2" flower. You may have the size lily you purchased after Easter. Your remembrance will also be listed in a special insert the weekend after Easter. The deadline for memorials is Monday, April 10, 2017. You may put your requests in the collection basket marked Easter Lilies or send it to the Parish Office.

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish  
Address: 601 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH 45891

### **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.

All 125 tickets will be in for EVERY drawing. So you have a chance of winning 25 times in the year. Parish Life will purchase all gift cards from St. Mary's Scrip. Proceeds will help fund Parish Life events. Get tickets from any Parish Life Committee member at the scrip table after masses now until all 125 are sold out.

### **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.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



### **Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017**

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42





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