

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

Deacons

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Dan Metzger

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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)

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!

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Ed Fox (419) 238-4998

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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

January 8, 2017



This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Jan 8:</u>	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Jan 10:</u>	Prayer Group (HFR)	8:30 am
<u>Wed Jan 11:</u>	SOR	6:45—8:00 pm
<u>Thur Jan 12:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Fri Jan 13:</u>	Family Movie Night	6:30 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 + EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

12:00 AM John and Heather Metzger

9:30 AM Thomas Gemmer

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 + BAPTISM OF THE LORD

No Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Fr. Frederick Snyder

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:45 AM Thomas Osenga

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:45 AM Rovena Wienken

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 + ST. HILARY

8:45 AM Linus Unterbrink

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00 PM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM Thomas Osenga

10:30 AM St Mary's Parish



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for January 14 & 15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 4:00 PM

Servers: Matt, Adam & Joel Schrader

E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, D Mathew, C Mowry,
T Reinhart, L Vonderwell, NEED ONEUshers: Terry Johnson, D Heckler, D Renner, D Hohman

Lector: Mary Yackey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:30 AM

Servers: Austin & Addie Sorgen, Kateri Steinecker

E. M.: M Dickman, L Fox, J Keipper, A Laurent,
S Laurent, F Minnig, M MinnigUshers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,
B Wolke, E Fox

Lector: Christopher Golliver

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 10:30 AM

Servers: A Berryman, C Ringwald, E Schaufelberger

E. M.: J Comer, B Fallis, M Fallis, C Freewalt,
L Freewalt, M Geesey, J GemmerUshers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,
D Keber, J Meyers, B Keber

Lector: Robin Terhark

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.

AN END OR A BEGINNING?

The popular song says that all good things must end some day, but is it true?

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany when we remember the wise men who, following a star, came to offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in homage to the Lord. Most see in this event, the revelation of Jesus as the Lord and Savior of all people for all time.

Due to the configuration of the calendar this year, on Monday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord by John in the River Jordan. St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel the words heard at the time: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." With that Jesus begins His public ministry. Our baptisms remind us that we are called to be disciples of His. So ends this Christmas Season.

The two feasts complement each other, for if all are precious and to be saved, our ministry extends to all.

I take this opportunity to THANK all of you for your generous response to the needs of others during the holidays. The food, personal care items and paper products donated in November and December were definitely appreciated. The gifts offered through the Giving Tree brightened many lives. Greetings extended to residents in nursing care facilities helped them to feel a part of our parish family. A special note of gratitude is extended to the anonymous donors whose financial gifts provided meals for families, medicine for various ailments and help with utilities and gasoline for hospital visits.

As a parish, we are grateful to all whose talents and hard work made the holidays special - - liturgical ministers, musicians, decorators and all who worked behind the scenes. A special note of thanks to the Parish Life Committee and supporters who provided the Matthew Kelly book "Resisting Happiness."

On a personal note, I thank all of you for your generous remembrances of me during the holidays. Your greetings and prayers, cards and gifts were so thoughtful. The best gift is sharing yourself throughout the year in the generous support you offer our parish.

While the Christmas Season ends, the challenge to love remains. May God bless all our efforts in this New Year!

Fr. Stan



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Mary's Christmas Program

Bravo to all of our students and Mrs. Stokes for putting on a great performance. A special thank you goes to Cherie and Larry Freewalt for helping with all the costumes.



Religious Education Connection

How Well Do You Know the Epiphany?

- According to Scripture, how many Magi visited the Christ Child?
a) three b) four c) twelve d) no number is given
- Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby, who would be the Messiah?
a) Flavius Josephus b) Caesar Augustus c) Herod d) Herod Antipas
- In which Gospel do we read about the Epiphany?
a) Matthew b) Mark c) Luke d) John
- What does the word, *Epiphany*, mean?
a) manifest b) astrologers c) wise men d) kings
- What are the traditional names given to the Magi?
a) Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego b) Peter, James, John c) Casper, Melchior, Balthasar
d) Athos, Porthos, Aramis
- What is myrrh?
a) Arabic word for silver b) medicine for healing wounds c) mixture of expensive spices
d) dried sap of an African tree used in ancient times for embalming and burned at funerals
- Where does Scripture say the Magi found Jesus and His mother?
a) stable b) house c) garden d) inn
- What is frankincense?
a) medicine for healing wounds b) a type of metal used to make coins
c) an oil used in perfume or dried to burn as incense d) mixture of expensive spices

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

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

Table of 8 - 9 may be reserved.

If you have any questions, please call
Maribeth Dickman.

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.

The winner will be picked on February 25 during the Taste of St. Mary's.

Has your phone number changed?

Did you switch to a cell phone?



If you no longer have a “land” line,
please contact the Parish Office to update
our records. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Ministerial Association of Van Wert County has an Outreach Ministry to those who are in the hospital and nursing homes.

They will train you to go out to visit people in the hospital and nursing homes and to pray with them.

If you would like to be part of this ministry,
contact J. Clark at 419-513-5013.

Jan 8	ED FOX, Paul Oechsle, Sindi Hazeltine, Pam Cassidy, Rosemary Dunno
Jan 12	Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson, Jennifer Hammons, Mindy Kremer
Jan 15	Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Lisa Burk, Chelsea Reindel
Jan 19	Neil Smith, CHARLES BRICKNER, Dave Hohman, Ashley Lantz, Ryan Lindemann

KITCHEN WORKERS

Report By 4:30 PM

Jan 8	Geri Haigh, Carolyn Kesler, Lori Allen
Jan 12	Jim and Julie Bloomfield
Jan 15	Brian and Amy Kopack
Jan 19	JJ McClain and Lisa Schomaeker

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 DECEMBER 25, 2016

ADULT OFFERING FROM 185 ENVELOPES	\$16,315.98
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	1,469.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 5 ENVELOPES	<u>11.50</u>
TOTAL	\$17,796.48

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	\$8,386.00
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RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 1, 2017

DUE TO HOLIDAY, INFO NOT AVAILABLE

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WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

What a great New Year's Resolution it would be to donate to Your Parish. You can easily achieve this by sending your contribution to St. Mary's utilizing "Bill Pay". If you pay other bills thru on-line banking you can also send in your offertory. Any questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution.



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Ann Carter, 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, Jan Waters, 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, SRA Andrew Motycka, 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.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES READY!

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

K of C

FREE THROW CONTEST

When: Sunday, January 22

Where: St. Mary's School gym

611 Jennings Road

Time: 2:00 pm



THE POWER OF ONE

Van Wert Community Mini-March for Life

Friday, January 27, 2017**

11:00 am—12:30 pm

SCHEDULE

>11:00-Meet in Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH

>11:15-Walk to K of C Hall (Woodland Ave)

Those unable to walk, meet at K of C Hall

>11:30-Lunch (Donations to Pregnancy Life)

>12:00-Prayer Service

Questions or comments?

Phone 419-238-9177

****The Mini-March For Life** coincides with the National March for Life in Washington D.C. Commemorating the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion.

Donations of cookies are appreciated. Drop off at the K of C Friday, 10 am or later.

**PRAY TO END
ABORTION.**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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EPIPHANY



Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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