

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

March 19, 2017

Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~
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Rev. Stanley Szybka

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Deacon Andrew McMahon

Principal

Dan Metzger

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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

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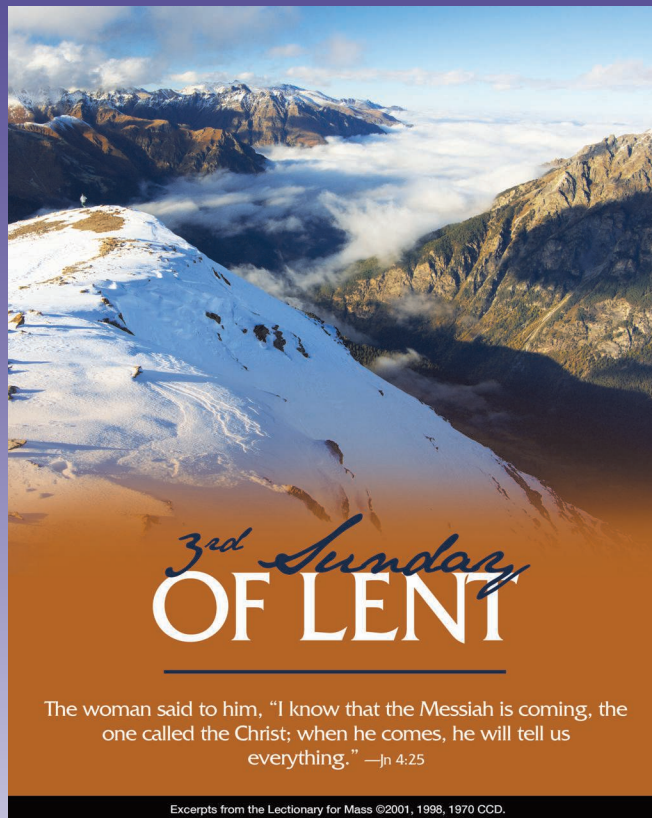
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Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing



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This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Mar 19:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Growing Pains (Sanctuary)	1:00 pm
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Mon-Fri 20-24:</u>	Spring Break—No School	
<u>Tue Mar 21:</u>	Finance Meeting (HFR)	7:00 pm
	Book Study (Admin Bldg)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Mar 22:</u>	No SOR (Spring Break)	
<u>Thur Mar 23:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
<u>Fri Mar 24:</u>	Fish Fry (K of C)	5:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20 + ST. JOSEPH

No Services

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration
5:30 PM Stations of Cross
6:00 PM Steve Toschlog

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:45 AM Fr. Artho'ur Badger

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:45 AM Kathleen Frederick

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 +

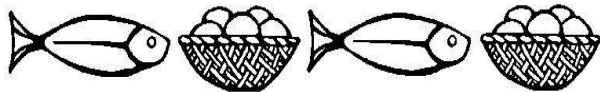
8:45 AM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00 PM Felisa Sarminento Sebastian

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for March 25 & 26, 2017

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 4:00 PM

Servers: Brandon & Annie Renner, Shay Wehner
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, D Mathew,
A Renner, L Vonderwell, M Yackey
Ushers: T Turnwald, D Michael
Lector: Caroline Kopack

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 8:30 AM

Servers: Austin & Addie Sorgen, Kateri Steinecker
E. M.: J Cross, M Cross, J Keipper, G Kulwicki,
A Laurent, S Laurent, B Wasserman
Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,
D Carter, P Shoppell
Lector: Jacquie Reinemeyer

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 10:30 AM

Servers: Kortnie Galloway, Emily Karcher, Ryan Lammers
E. M.: J Comer, C Freewalt, L Freewalt, M Geesey,
J Gemmer, L Kill, M Klosterman
Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman
Lector: Kevin Laing

EUCHARISTIC 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.

THE SCRUTINY

This weekend, the Elect (the catechumens and candidates who have been journeying in the RCIA, namely CW, Linda and Logan) will celebrate the First Scrutiny. While the name sounds scary, the action is anything but that.

The Scrutiny is a spiritual exercise, where these individuals, taking the Lord's hand in love and grace, will take a no-holds-barred look within their own hearts. What do they find there? What do they like? What do they wish to change? How can they accomplish that change?

We support these individuals in prayer, asking God to grant them a clear and honest vision of who they really are. This is done by prayer and the laying of hands. It will be done on the next two Sundays in the Second and Third Scrutiny. This will bring us to the remembering of the Lord's Passion on Palm Sunday.

This give us an excellent chance to do the same thing. Taking the Lord's loving hand, we begin a journey of exploring our own hearts. What do we find there? Where are the areas of success? Where are the areas of failure? How is my Lenten observance helping me to grow? What gifts do I ask of the Lord?

The Lord offers us His spoken word of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the words of the priest, he also offers encouragement and hope. The burden of sin is lifted, we are restored in our relationship with God and with one another. While sometime the journey can be hard, the end result is always peace and joy.

There are a number of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, both here at St. Mary's and in the neighboring parishes. While it is easy to find many reasons to put off this decision until later, a firm intention will lead to not only a sense of satisfaction, but also one of happiness and joy. There is no better way to celebrate the Easter Mystery.

Let us remember especially in Lent to pray for those who feel most distant from the Lord. While the Jubilee Year of Mercy is over, the Mercy of God knows no ends or boundaries. God is always ready to welcome all of His children with open and loving arms. Let us be encouraging and supportive to others.

Fr. Stan

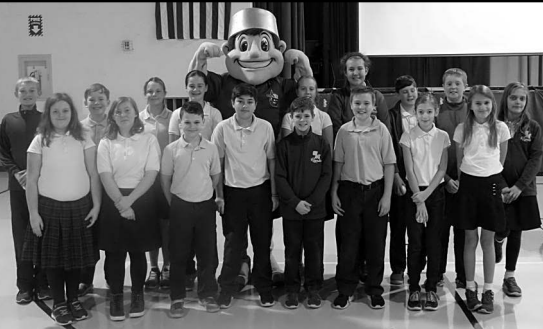


SCHOOL NEWS

We believe the values we teach are not only character development, but a call to Holiness.

How We Celebrated Right to Read Week—March 6th—10th

We kicked off Right the Read Week with a visit from the Ft. Wayne TinCap's mascot Johnny. He presented on the importance of Reading.



As part of our Read-A-Thon students collected donations to help buy books for the school. For every \$50 collected over \$100 in each class meant a pie in the face for Mr. Metzger. Our students collected over \$2000 in donations. Which meant Mr. Metzger got pied 29 times! Pictured are 3rd Graders who raised over \$650 alone.



Also as part of the Read-A-Thon, the student in each class who logged the most minutes reading during our Read-A-Thon got to pick a faculty member to kiss a pig. Pictured is Mr. Hesseling puckering up for smooch.



Also as part of Right to Read Week we had Ronald McDonald come in and do a presentation on what it takes to be a good leader. Pictured are several student helpers who demonstrated key words to being a leader.

Religious Education Connection

St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary (March 20 in 2017)

Everything we know about St. Joseph comes from Scripture and he is not often mentioned. However, a lot is said or assumed in those few verses. We know that he was a carpenter, by profession. He was a compassionate man to have found Mary pregnant before their marriage, and to have taken her into his home as his wife anyway. He was blessed with visions of angels that aided his understanding and helped him protect the Holy Family. Despite his royal lineage as a descendant of King David, he wasn't rich because when he took his family to the Temple for the purification of Mary and the circumcision of Jesus, he could only offer two turtledoves, a poor man's offering. To take the family to the Temple for the festivals had to be difficult for a working man; but he was, obviously, a man of faith. He surely died within the love of family, and isn't that the way we all hope to die?

There are wonderful foods made to honor St. Joseph on his Day, many of which are Italian. Here is a pasta dish; rather rich, perhaps, but certainly suitable for the feast day of such a man.

St. Joseph's Feast Day Pasta

- 1/2 lb pasta
- 1/4 C olive oil
- 1 lg garlic clove, minced
- 1 T parsley, fresh, minced
- 1/2 C coarse breadcrumbs
- 1/4-1/2 C finely chopped walnuts
- 1/4 C grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook the pasta until al dente, then set aside.
2. In a saucepan, heat the oil and cook the garlic until golden brown.
3. Add the parsley, bread crumbs and nuts.
4. Simmer for 2-3 minutes.
5. Add the sauce to the drained pasta.
6. Sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese and serve.



- Mar 19 ED FOX, Theresa Say, Renae Eversole, Angie Renner
- Mar 23 Ed Fox, CHARLES BRICKNER, Todd Miller, Paul Shoppell, Ryan Lindemann
- Mar 26 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Matt Krol, Jamie Ayers
- Mar 30 Shirley Straley, JIM BRICKNER, Terry Johnson, Trina Shultz

KITCHEN WORKERS

Report By 4:30 PM

- Mar 19 Geri Haigh and Carolyn Kesler
- Mar 23 Laura Rhoades and Jen Schrader
- Mar 26 Kelly Gross and Jennifer Florence
- Mar 30 Judy Comer and Louise Haas

**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 MARCH 12, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 130 ENVELOPES	\$5,573.12
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	337.50
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 9 ENVELOPES	18.85
TOTAL	\$5,929.47
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	\$8,386.00

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HAVE YOU SET UP BILL PAY?

Angie has seen an increase in donations she receives through parishioners BILL PAY accounts. It is so easy to set it up and for her to record. She receives a check in the mail from your bank and records with all the other deposits.

If you have questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution. It is a great way to remember your Church even when you are away from home!



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 24: benefit Pregnancy Life Center

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

SAVE THE DATE!

*At the 10:30 Mass on April 2nd,
St. Mary's will be honoring our own
Deacon Andy McMahon
as he celebrates 25 years of
service as a Deacon.*

Stop by the gym after Mass for
Cake, donuts and coffee.

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 Reconciliation Services

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



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, 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, 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.



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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NOTICE

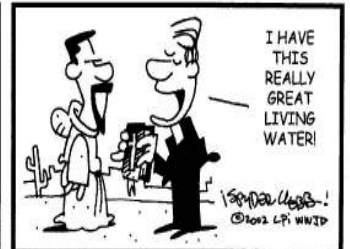
Please be aware that the Parish Office will only be open until NOON March 29-30-31. If you are in need of scrip, please stop by before noon!

**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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



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**

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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