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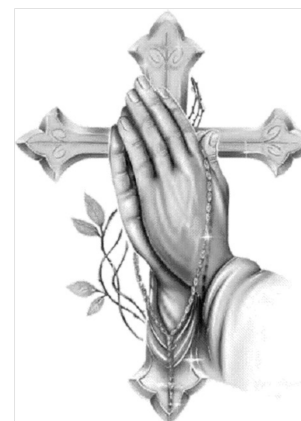
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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

**October 23, 2022 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## All Souls Day

"I am not afraid of what happens after death:  
it is into God's arms that I am falling!"



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**St. Mary Parish**

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Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, Oct. 24—Assumption</b> Edna Rafferty By Mike & MaryAnn Rafferty	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 25—Assumption</b> Mike Bonavita By Antionette	<b>8:00am</b>
Wednesday, Oct. 26— St. Bernard’s	8:00am
<b>Thursday, Oct. 27 — St. Marys</b> Mary Sue Faith By Joyce & Family	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 28 – St. Marys</b> Patty Ruffner By Barb & John Srock & Family	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 29—St Marys</b> Mary Scolese By Toni & Mike Buchheit	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 30 - Assumption</b> Martha Petrucci By Suzanne	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 30 - St. Marys</b> Geraldine Deemer By Chuck & Sue Dahrouge	<b>10:00am</b>

Sacrificial Giving

<u><b>Oct 16</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary</b></u>	<u><b>Assumption</b></u>
Collection	\$1,465.00	\$1,644.00
Electronic Giving	180.00	245.00
<i><b>Thank you for your generosity!</b></i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

<u><b>2022</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary</b></u>	<u><b>Assumption</b></u>
CSA Goal	\$22,168.00	\$20,587.00
CSA Pledged	\$20,235.00	\$18,620.00
CSA Paid	\$17,591.00	\$15,420.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>		

Sanctuary Candles

<u><b>In Memory of :</b></u>	
<b>Beth Matusky Javens</b>	by Mom & Dad
<b>William (Scrub) Anderson</b>	by Wife & Children
<b>Nellie Matuski</b>	by Mary & Joe McCluskey
<b>Bunny &amp; Viola Fusco</b>	by Jackie
<b>Teena McDonald</b>	by Jackie
<b>Special Intention</b>	by Jackie

The Parish Spotlight ~ All Souls Day

Often overshadowed by the two days preceding it, Halloween (Oct. 31) and All Saints Day (Nov. 1), All Souls Day (Nov. 2) is a solemn celebration in the Roman Catholic Church commemorating all of those who have died and are now in Purgatory. being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed and being made pure before entering into the presence of God in Heaven.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser venial sin, must go.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. The plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can also be obtained every day from November 1-8, and, as a partial indulgence, on any day of the year. While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Since a plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment for sin, which is the reason why souls are in Purgatory in the first place, applying a plenary indulgence to one of the Holy Souls in Purgatory means that the Holy Soul is released from Purgatory and enters Heaven.

This indulgence for a visit to a cemetery encourages us to spend even the briefest of moments in prayer for the dead in a location that reminds us that we, too, will someday need the prayers of the other members of the Communion of Saints—both those still living and those who have entered into eternal glory. For most of us, the indulgence for a cemetery visit takes only a few minutes, and yet it reaps immense spiritual benefit for the Holy Souls in Purgatory—and for us as well, since those souls whose suffering we ease will pray for us when they enter into Heaven.

To obtain the plenary indulgence on November 1-November 8, we must receive Communion and sacramental Confession (and have no attachment to sin, even venial). Communion must be received each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. A good prayer to recite to earn the indulgence is Eternal Rest, though any formal or informal prayer for the dead will suffice. And, as with all plenary indulgences, we must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary) each day we perform the work of the indulgence.

Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a great way to begin the month.

Ministers Schedule for October 29-30, 2022

	<b>5:00pm</b> <b>(St. Mary)</b>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>(St Mary)</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>R. Whipple</b>		
<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	<b>B. Stover</b>	<b>Deacon Steve</b>	<b>C. Hannah</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>L. Renwick</b>	<b>P. Roman</b>	<b>D. Dennison</b>

Information

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. DOMINIC’S** annual Harvest Weekend will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kettle cooked Apple Butter will be made on Saturday, October 22nd. Apple Butter, Gourmet Caramel Apples and Apple Dumplings will be available for sale after the 5:15 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday. A Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner will be offered on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinners are Take-out only. Cost of the dinner is \$12. First come-First served.

**ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO:** St. Michael's Holy Name Society's is hosting its Annual Turkey Bingo. This years event will be held on **Sunday, November 6**, with a **New Starting Time of 3 p.m.** in St. Michael's Church Social Hall. Cost is \$10.00 each (which includes admission and package of bingo cards). Raffle tickets for the drawing will once again be inserted in next week’s bulletin (Oct. 23). Tickets are available in the back of St. Michael and St. Catherine Churches. Need not be present to win the drawing! Food and refreshments will be available. This event benefits projects of the Holy Name Society. “OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. " Bring a friend.

**A.B.V.M. PIE FUNDRAISER** will start this weekend as an insert in the bulletin. Orders need to be in by no later than Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date is Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>. Just in time for your Thanksgiving Dinner. Order forms are in the back of both churches.

**DONATIONS NEEDED!!** The Activities Committee is collecting school supplies and personal hygiene items for CG Johnson Elementary School. Donations of these items as well as children’s shoes (sizes 12-6) and reusable water bottles can be placed in the box in the back of the church. The box will be at St. Mary’s until the end of October then moved to Assumption throughout November. The items will be presented to the school around Thanksgiving.

**HOW DO I PRAY WITH MY CHILDREN?** Parents, grandparents, guardians and all are invited to attend "How do I pray with my children? Teaching my children to hear God's voice" hosted by Faith Formation. This free session is facilitated by Marianne Konior, D.Ed., at DuBois Central Catholic at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, using materials from Life Teen. There is one new session every month to pick and choose to attend. On Sunday, Nov. 6, "Decision making and discernment: Do these choices help me be the best version of myself?" will be presented, and on Sunday, Dec. 4, "Answering questions about God and faith" will be the session topic. Mark your calendars! It's fresh and in-step with today's world.

**DID YOU KNOW?** All five parishes participate in one Faith Formation program now. Grades 1-9 are taught on Sundays at DuBois Central Catholic Schools. Grades 6-8 participate in a program used throughout the diocese called Edge from Life Teen. Grades 1-5 use Loyola Press student books in the "Finding God" series, and Grade 9 uses the book "Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth" from St. Mary's Press. Confirmation students this year are comprised of 10th and 11th graders. They meet in McGivney Hall at St. Catherine Church. The Erie Diocese is working its way to having all students in the future confirmed in 9th grade. Next year, grade 9 and 10 will be in Confirmation class together. Any student grade 1-11 who does not attend Catholic school should be enrolled in a Faith Formation class. Call 814-371-4082 or email [wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com) for more information. Class attendance is necessary in order to fully understand and receive Sacraments

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be taking orders for Gardners & Dan Smith candies for Christmas.

**FALL NUT ROLL SALE:** The St. Michael's Rosary Society is now taking orders for our fall nut roll sale! We will be making them on 10/24 and 10/25. Orders can be picked up at St. Michael's hall on these days after 3pm. The cost is \$13/roll. Please feel free to join us for these fun days...we would love to have you! Please call Helena Wallace at (814) 591-5421. All orders must be in by 10/21. Thank you!

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our parish website on the homepage and click on your parish icon to take you to the portal for online giving registration, or press the icon on the myParishApp called giving to take you to the portal.

### **ST. MARY’S NEWS**

**\*\*\*ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** will be held **one day, on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, both eat in and take out from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been! We will be having the Bake Sale and Chinese Auction so please consider baking and/or donating a basket. It takes many people to volunteer, so please plan ahead to help as much as you can. Sign-up sheets are on the table as you enter the church for the days and times needed for volunteers.

**BASKETS FOR THE CHINESE AUCTION** are needed. Please consider donating a basket of your choice and when ready, bring it to the church and place it on the long table in the back of the church. Baskets need to be here by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*\*\*CEMETERY CLEAN UP** – It’s getting time for fall clean up. If there is anything you would like to keep that is in front of your Headstone, please take it off. Anything that is on the Headstone will not be touched. The final clean up will be done by the Boy Scouts on October 24<sup>th</sup> so please have everything removed by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ASSUMPTION’S NEWS**

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** will be held **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 11:30 – 1:30 pm in A.B.V.M Social Hall. Adults: \$12; Children (under 12) \$4.00. Dine In or Take Out available. Cash Giveaway tickets will be available at the door. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$500.00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300.00. Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll & Butter, Pie & Beverages.

**ALL SOULS REMBRANCE ENVELOPES** – Anyone who gives an All Souls Envelope with remembrances of your loved ones will be placed in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and will be remembered at all Masses celebrated during the month of November, the month of poor Souls.

**A LARGE CORNUCOPIA** now rests in front of the altar of sacrifice. The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to Sunday Mass. The ushers will place your donations on the altar at the presentation of the gifts. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving. **If you wish** to bring donations during the week, please put them in the Parishioners Aid Center at the top of the steps in the room to your left! Thank You!!