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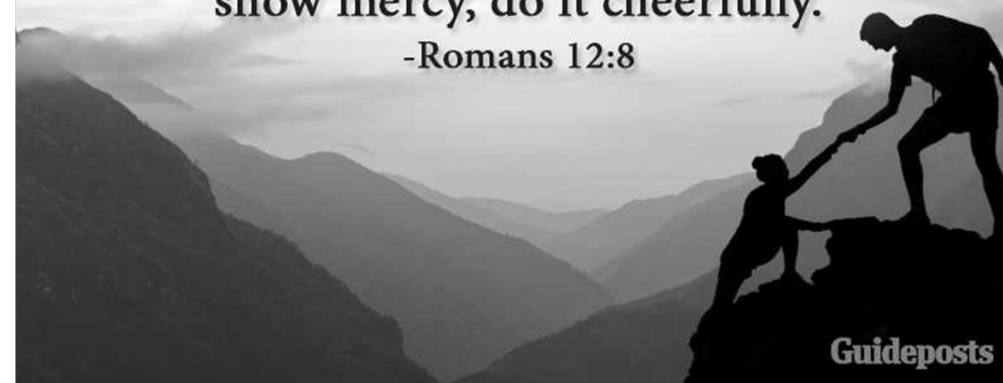
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**If it is to encourage, then give encouragement;
if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to
show mercy, do it cheerfully.**

-Romans 12:8



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Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

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Parish app: search “myParish – Catholic” to download app

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 27 –St. Marys	5:00pm
Dave Rupert By Terry & Denise Laukitis	
Tuesday, September 28—Assumption	*8:00am
Michale Kokoska By Theresa Yanek	
Wednesday, September 29 -Assumption	5:00pm
Mark Carlson By Rick & Elaine	
Thursday, September 30—St. Marys	5:00pm
Betty Snyder By Mickey Rinaldi	
Friday, October 1—St. Marys	5:00pm
Special Intention By Gerry Bembenick & Family	
Saturday, October 2—Assumption	8:00am
Catherine Rosana By Fran & Patty Rosana	
Saturday, October 2- St. Marys	4:30pm
Elizabeth & Joseph Gileot By Paul Gileot	
Sunday, October 3- Assumption	8:30am
40th Anniversary Rick & Kelly Witherite By Fred & Wilma	
Sunday, October 3- St. Marys	10:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes	

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Sept 19</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,082.00	\$2,272.00
Electronic Giving	611.00	326.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$20,301.00	\$19,312.00
CSA Paid	\$18,486-28	\$14,800.09
Thank you for your continued support.		

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Special Intention

Information

Prayer Chain

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Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

From the Pastor's desk — Offertory Commitment Card

On **October 2nd/3rd**, I am inviting you to hand in to the collection basket, the parish office, or the parish website, an **offertory commitment card** for the upcoming year. This card is a giving pledge and a giving goal. It runs from October to next September, 2022. Why do this?

Your parish keeps more of your donations to use here. A higher offertory means more of your money stays in your parish.

It works. Before we started the Offertory Commitment Card, both parishes were experiencing year to year declines in giving. Now, we are experiencing an increase in giving. Only 1 in 6 parishes in America have experienced an increase in giving over the past year. Both Assumption and St. Mary's have experienced increases in giving over the past year. Exceptional! Our total Offertory giving has increased year over year over the past two years as well.

It is important to be intentional. If we are going to make progress in any area of our lives, we need to take time to periodically review what we have been doing and what we want to do now. This is the case in the area of finance, career, education, athletics, and dieting. It is no different with giving.

It is a gracious thing to do. Your giving shows the volunteers and staff of the parish that you appreciate and support the services that they are providing. It is a way to thank God as well.

It enables us to do more. With good income to count on, we can upgrade facilities, pay employees better, add new ministries, and give money to the larger community.

The commitment card can be returned on the parish website, in the basket, or to the parish office.

REFLECT

RESPOND

RENEW

I simply ask for you to reflect and pray, and then respond. Whatever you decide cannot be a bad decision if it is decided on in good faith. Even if you decide not to submit a card, I thank you for your continued stewardship. Please be encouraged in all you do to support your parish. You are all generous souls. Thank you.

Fr. Bill Barron

Ministers Schedule for October 2-3, 2021

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	R. Whipple		S. Mullins
Eucharist Minister	L. Shaddock	M. Carlson	C. McGranor
Lector	B. Stover	B. Sonnie	D. Bowley



PARTNER PARISH NEWS

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN OCTOBER. Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586.

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY: First Friday Mass is at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s. Adoration is from 1-4:30. First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 a.m. at Assumption. All are welcome!

DUBOIS AREA LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 3rd, from 2:30-3:30 P.M. Hold a sign on Main Street in Dubois and make a witness for Pro-Life. Linda Misja will be our guest speaker at 3:45 at the Amphitheatre stage, Cherry Amphitheatre Dubois City Park.

ST. TOBIAS SPAGHETTI DINNER will take place on Sunday, October 10 from 11 am – 1 pm. Dinners are Take-Out by Advance Order Only with Drive-Thru pick-up at the St. Tobias Center. Adults: \$8 (includes salad, roll, spaghetti/2 meatballs), Children: \$5 (includes roll, spaghetti/1 meatball). Proceeds benefit Confirmation Class’ charity of choice and partial cost of trip for Students attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. Orders may be called in to Tara Starr at 814-591-1313 no later than Sunday, October 3.

ROSARY: We will recite the Rosary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima for world peace on Saturday, October 16th at noon at the Reynoldsville Veterans Memorial (cannon). Please come and pray with us.

OFFERTORY PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2021 is October 2/3. Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about this year’s offertory commitment card. This effort has been very helpful in that it has turned a previously downward trend in both of our parish’s yearly offertory collections into a positive trend. That’s right! During the pandemic these last two years, we have increased our offertory! On October 2/3, I will be giving you an opportunity, should you choose to take it, to make a yearly offertory pledge. This pledge will extend through September 2022. When we make an intentional effort to renew our offertory giving on an annual basis, we are blessed for our generosity. We also bless our parish’s efforts to spread the faith. This year’s theme is “Stewardship: Reflect, Respond, Renew!” Please watch for a mailing about this effort in the coming weeks.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Thank you to all who are supporting this year's Diocesan Services Appeal, the CSA. We are making good progress on receiving your pledge payments. Please note that if you made a pledge and intend to fulfill your pledge, you need to do so by the end of the calendar year 2021. Fr. Bill

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: As you may know, St. Bernard's, St. Michael's, St. Catherine's, Assumption, and St. Mary's Parishes have begun a pastoral planning process to plan for what we will do when the number of priests in the area drop. We have had the first meeting of the pastoral planning committee. It was held at St. Mary's Social Hall on Wednesday, August 11th. The meeting consisted of introductions of team members and discussion about forming a mission statement for the committee. This meeting was taking the first steps in collaboration between our parishes. Over the next few months, the committee will not be making any major recommendations about parish restructuring. The committee's work should run into 2022, when more significant recommendations will likely be made. Communication with the larger group of parishioners of the 5 parishes is being discussed as well. Fr. Barron

LIVE STREAMING: Changes to the Live streaming of Mass: effective August 14/15, Live streaming of Mass will occur only for the Tuesday, 5 p.m. Daily Liturgy. If new COVID restrictions are put in place by the government, or the Bishops dispense Catholics from obligatory Mass attendance, I will once again expand the livestreaming to weekend liturgies. Fr. Bill Barron

BULLETINS & MISSALS: Effective the weekend of August 14/15, bulletins and missal books will be located only inside the churches. You are welcome to continue to use the mail slot of the office door to drop off collection envelopes.

INCREASED OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: This year's offertory pledges, which were made in September, 2020, end in September 2021. Please review your pledge amount and, if possible, fulfill your pledge by this September. Thanks so much. Fr. Bill

VOCATIONS CROSS - Since 2018, we have been sending around to parish homes a Vocations Cross. This Cross comes with a binder that contains prayers to be said with the Cross. When the Cross becomes available at the beginning of every month, would you please consider taking it home with you? It is a small thing to ask, just some simple prayers that God may bless His church with more seminarians. Thanks for your consideration. Fr. Bill Barron

SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENT BLESSINGS: The World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly known as the Blue Army) offers these special home blessings for home, marriage, and family. They are properly referred to as Home Enthronements or Home Consecrations. They ask that Jesus and Mary enter the life of the family in a special way. Fr. Bill Barron is the priest to perform these consecrations in this area. He can perform the Home Enthronement for anyone in the Sykesville or Reynoldsville parish territory, or for any St. Mary's/Assumption parishioner wherever they may live. The priest to perform the Home Enthronements for people who live in the Dubois/Falls Creek/Brockway area is Fr. David Whiteford. If you would like to schedule a Home Enthronement with Fr. Bill, email stmarysabvmhomeenthronements@gmail.com. One Home Enthronement Blessing per month will be scheduled, up to 3 months in advance if need be. Fr. Barron

HOSPITAL VISITATION: The hospital has resumed the normal procedure for priests visiting patients. Fr. Matias has resumed his role as chaplain. Fr. Walk is no longer chaplain. Parish priests are now allowed to visit the hospital as well.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be available after all masses at both churches with the exception of Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption because I need some travel time and set up time for 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Barron

SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH APP: Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app. 1) Download my Parish App 2) Select our Parish after opening.

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 only** on Tuesday, November 2nd, **both eat in social hall dining and take out** (hopefully) from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been in the past! We will be having the bake sale and Chinese Auction so please consider baking and/or donating a basket! More information to follow!!!

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Elizabeth Quashnock by son, Michael.

ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR is Thursday, October 7th. Anyone who would like to still donate any items for baskets for the Fall Bazaar may do so until the weekend of October 1 & 2nd. Items still needed are: Baking pans, icing, cake mixes, dish detergent, etc. The church is opened daily from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You may drop off your item/items in the Parishioners Aid Center during the week if you wish to do so. Any questions, please call Josephine (814-371-0725). Thank you for your generosity!

30TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held Sunday, October 24th in the church Social Hall from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In Hall Dining (**as of right now**) and Take-Out will be available. **Cash Giveaway Tickets** as soon as they are available will be sent out in the mail. Thank you for your co-operation in this fundraiser!

A LARGE CORNUCOPIA will be placed in front of the altar of sacrifice beginning the weekend of October 1/2nd. The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to weekend Mass or drop item/items off during the week in the Parishioners Aid Center. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please be generous!