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

**October 2, 2022 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**Deacon:** Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, Oct. 3—Assumption</b> Elsie Gigliotti By John & Janet Stormer	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4—Assumption</b> Rick Witherite By Marla & Ernie	<b>8:00am</b>
Wednesday, Oct. 5— St. Bernard’s	8:00am
<b>Thursday, Oct. 6 — St. Marys</b> Rob Cribbs By Sister, Barb	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 7 – St. Marys</b> Mickey Rinaldi By Gary & Lynn Snyder	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 8—St Marys</b> Anthony Cebulskie By Cebulskie Family	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9 - Assumption</b> Tony Grimm By Marla & Ernie	<b>*8:00am</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9 - St. Marys</b> Marlene Vizza By Estate	<b>**10:00am</b>

Sacrificial Giving

<u><b>Sept 25</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary</b></u>	<u><b>Assumption</b></u>
Collection	\$1,722.00	\$1,818.00
Electronic Giving	335.00	165.00
<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	\$17,105.00	\$15,160.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>		

Sanctuary Candles

<u><b>In Memory of :</b></u>		
<b>Mary Delaney</b>	by Betsy & Jeff	

The Parish Spotlight ~ DuBois Area Life Chain—October 2, 2022

Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke’s Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country “in haste” (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary’s womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth’s womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth’s side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.1 How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God’s gift of life? Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary’s words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age (Lk 1:46-56).

In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of hope—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us. Mary’s witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence. Inspired by the Blessed Mother’s example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ’s presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

**Prayer for Pregnant Mothers:**

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

**PARTNER PARISH NEWS**                      **October 2, 2022**

**\*\*\*SUNDAY MASS CHANGES: Beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 the Mass time at Assumption in Sykesville will begin at 8:00 a.m. and at St. Mary’s in Reynoldsville the Mass time will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change has been made to give our children plenty of time to get to their Faith Formation classes at Central Catholic in DuBois at 11:30 a.m. Classes will begin on that Sunday, September 11.**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Beginning Saturday, September 17, 2022, the following will be the times for Confessions at our five churches:  
St. Bernard- Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p.m.  
St. Catherine- Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.  
St. Mary- Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
St. Michael- Wednesday, 7:15-7:45 a.m.

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN** will be held today, Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the DuBois City Park/ Liberty Boulevard/ B-Line from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. with a speaker at 3:45 at the Cherry Amphitheater.

**BLESSING OF PETS:** St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order and Patron Saint of animals, regularly preached to wild animals and always prayed for them. He believed that every living creature was his brother and sister. Since 1991, we have celebrated that love for all God’s creation by calling together our beloved pets for our annual Pet Blessing. In honor of his feast day on October 4, we will have our annual Blessing of Pets this year on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. We will gather in front of St. Catherine Church. We invite you to bring your dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, fish, turtles, frogs, ferrets, etc. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the social hall.  
**K OF C SECOND ANNUAL ROSARY IN THE PARK:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding a public Rosary at Showers Field in DuBois on Sunday October 9 at 1 pm. The Rosary will be lead by Deacon Dan Satterlee. The intentions are for pro-life, since October is Pro-Life Month. In addition we will be praying for World peace and for those who have left the faith, that they will return and that all who currently practice the faith will persevere to the end as well as your own private intentions. The Knights of Columbus 4th degree color corp will be on hand in dress uniform. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in this beautiful prayerful event. Please join us as we lift our minds and hearts in prayer to our God with the help of our Heavenly Mother.

**SCRIPTURE SHARING:**The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in the social hall of St. Michael Church on **Tuesday, October 11 at 9:00 am** or in St. Mary’s social hall on **Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 am.** for an hour of Scripture Sharing. The same Scripture reading will be used at both locations. Please feel free to join us on either day. The reading will be Luke 18: 1-8. Anyone is welcome!

**\*\*\*5 PARISH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** On October 16,2022 our 5 Parish family will celebrate an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration together. It will begin at 11am, following the last mass at St. Catherine’s in DuBois. The following schedule is a suggestion to include all of the groups in our parishes. However, you may come at any time and at your convenience throughout the afternoon.  
11:00-12:00...Rosary Societies and Catholic Daughters of America  
12:00-1:00...Holy Name Societies and Outreach Group  
1:00-2:00...Knights of Columbus Groups  
2:00-3:00...The Confirmation Class  
3:00-3:30...The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song.  
3:30-4:00...Benediction/Closing of Adoration  
\*\*\*\*\***Confessions will be heard from 2pm-3pm**\*\*\*\*\*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, October 16. Dinner will be served in the dining hall and take-out dinners will be available 11am-1pm or until sold out. Sauce and meatballs only will be available for take-out on Saturday, October 15, after the 4:30pm Mass and after the 8am Mass on Sunday. Please bring your own containers for take-out.

**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**

**ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. New members are always welcome.

**\*\*\*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. More information to follow!!!

**\*\*\*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>.

**“WRAPPED IN LOVE-COVERED IN PRAYER” BLANKET MINISTRY:** Do you know anyone in need of spiritual support during their time of trial or joy? Try presenting them with a prayer blanket. You can obtain one by contacting Peg Pennington at 814-371-0928. You will most likely get her answering machine, so be sure to leave your name and phone number so that she can get back to you. Peg will ask you a few questions to help determine which blanket best suits the person you are giving it to. Although there is no charge for our blankets, donations to our ministry are always welcome.

**ASSUMPTION’S NEWS**

**ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR** will take place next **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall. Homemade Soups and Chili, Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Macaroni Salad, Pies & Beverages will be available for lunch! Chinese Auction & Chance Items ,50/50 drawing, & Lottery frame to take chances on! **Homemade** Baked Items will be for sale! Come and join us! Soups will also be available to purchase by the quart.

**BAKE SALE ITEMS** for the Bazaar may be dropped off on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** if possible. The Social Hall door will be opened for baked goods to be dropped off from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 for your convenience. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH FROM 6:00 – 7:00** pm anyone wishing to buy Raffle, Chance Item, Chinese Auction & Lottery tickets for the Bazaar may do so. This convenience is for anyone who cannot attend the Bazaar on Thursday. Come and see all the beautiful baskets thjat have been donated by our Parishioners and Friens!

**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 weekend 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! Please be Generous!

**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. Handicapped accessible.