

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's

Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's

10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 18 First Sunday of Lent

Monday, February 19

12:00 noon...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, February 20

5:30 p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, February 21

12:00noon...Bill & Agnes Payne (*St. John's*)

Thursday, February 22

5:30 p.m...All Souls (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, February 23

11:00 a.m...Rosemary Helm (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m...Kathy Rogers (*St. John's*)

Sunday, February 25

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Judy Jewell (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

If you need to put someone on the prayer chain, please call Janice Jackson, 348-1521. Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Regulations effective in our Diocese are:

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence**
- **Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence**

On days of Fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but should not equal another full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are permitted. Persons age 18-60 are bound by the Law of Fast.

On days of Abstinence, no meat is allowed. Persons 14 years of age and older are bound by the Law of Abstinence.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The first meeting of the 2nd session of the Bible Timeline will begin Sunday, 2/18/18, following 8:30 am Mass at St. John's. Unfortunately, the icy weather last week prevented the start of our Sunday Morning Bible Study.

Please plan to join us in the Parish Hall, more affectionately known as the school basement. Bring your cup of coffee or tea to the stage and let's see what this session has in store for us. We will meet in 10 study sessions to cover the next 5 chapters of the Bible Timeline. We will not meet if the children's religious education classes do not meet. Materials for the study are provided. You are welcome to join in the group at your own level of time commitment outside of the group meetings. Please send an email to Susan at susanlannoy4@gmail.com or call/text her at 512-627-6863 anytime with your questions or concern about the study.

REPENT AND BELIEVE

Each week we will have a reflection question to help guide you through these 40 days.

How might I deepen my relationship with God this holy season?

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that our hearts may be filled with the love of Christ Jesus and that, we in turn can use that same love to share with others the gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

LENTEN CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Read Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week: The Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection on your own schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, email susanlannoy4@gmail.com or, if you are a Facebook member, comment on the closed group page for our book club at The Clustered Parishes Of St. Mary, Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City.

Some things to consider as we read Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week:

1. In what ways do I freely surrender to the loving, protective care of God; and in what ways do I resist that surrender; how can I submit myself to God with greater love and docility?

2. Jesus' discourse is explored on these three topics

A) The End of The Temple

B) The Times Of the Gentiles

C) Prophecy and Apocalypse

How can the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem be seen as a sign of God's providence, leading us to Christ?

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR FEB. 24-25

Sat., 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30a.m...Brianna Elkins & Laurel McVicker

Thank you to those who sent cards, offered prayers, and brought food after the passing of my daughter. Each were greatly appreciated. --Rose Cahue

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is Catholic Press Month and The Catholic Moment is celebrating 74 years of sharing the voices of inspiration, witness, hope, faith and truth throughout our Diocese.

Please use the envelope from your packets to help us defray the cost of providing this newspaper to each household in our cluster parishes. Only \$22 covers the entire year.

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of learning about the Catholic faith and reflecting on one's personal faith journey using Scripture, prayer, questions, and discussion. We will meet each Wednesday between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm.

GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN THE MIGRANT...

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Safety and security are essential to living a dignified life—what migrant families are seeking. Visit csrcicebowl.org for more.

Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US in a life-changing Lenten journey. Pick up your rice bowl from the bookcases at either church.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,892.52

Building Fund: \$110.00

Pantry: \$105.00

Propagation of Faith: \$65.00

Catholic Moment: \$66.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism . . . that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 21, Eucharist Lenten Retreat 12:30-2pm at St. John's

RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 22, Eucharist Lenten Retreat 6-7:30pm at St. Mary's

Friday 23, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 24, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 25, Bible Study at St. John's 9:30-10:30am

Haiti at St. John's



MARCH 2, 4:30-7PM

MARCH 16, 4:30-7PM

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

\$9 Adults; \$5 ages 5-12

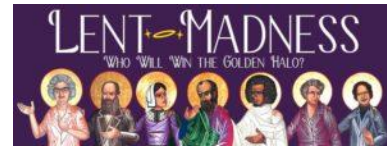
Children 4 and under are free

All-you-can-eat Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, drink and dessert

Desserts are provided by St. John's

Altar & Rosary Members

All proceeds benefit parish and community projects throughout the year.



Which Saint Will Win the Golden Halo?

Here's how it works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2018 heavyweights include John the Evangelist, Margaret of Scotland, John Wesley, Katharina von Bora, and the apostles Peter and Paul.

This all kicked off on "Ash Thursday," February 15. Complete your bracket page from *The Good Newsletter* and watch the bulletin each week to see which saints advance. If you need a bracket sheet, contact the office. There is also a large poster in the parish hall to track your bracket.

WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:30pm at St. John's

You Can Help Your Marriage –Retrouvaille takes place February 23 - 25 www.retrouvaille.org

12th ANNUAL INDIANA HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE "GOD IS FOR US!" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018, at Kokomo High School



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 19: Lv 19: 1-2, 11: 18; Mt 25: 31-46

Feb. 20: Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15

Feb. 21: [St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church] Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

Feb. 22: [The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle] 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Feb. 23: [St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr] Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26

Feb. 24: Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48

Feb. 25: [Second Sunday of Lent] Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10

LENTEN RETREAT

Lent has arrived! Don't forget: **Lenten retreat** on the Mass as center and heart of our parish and individual lives, **begins this week: Wednesday, Feb 21** at St John's parish hall, 12:30 – 2 pm, **or Thursday, Feb 22** at St Mary's parish hall, 6 – 7:30 pm. **All are welcome** to come, pray, reflect, be enriched! Questions: 260-402-5034 or email ritalmusante@gmail.com.

There is no charge for this retreat, but a freewill offering would be accepted. Bring your Bible and a snack to share if you wish.