

## 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 MARCH 4 Third Sunday of Lent

#### **Monday, March 5**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 6**

5:30 p.m...Walt Jackson (*St. John's*)

#### **Wednesday, March 7**

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

#### **Thursday, March 8**

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (*St. Mary's*)

#### **Friday, March 9**

11:00 a.m...James Charnley (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

#### **Saturday, March 10**

5:00 p.m...Alivia Viellieux (*St. John's*)

#### **Sunday, March 11**

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

10:30 a.m...Justin Watson (*St. Mary's*)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

### Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- **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

Study of the Bible Timeline started last Sunday. Study questions handouts are available from Diana on Mondays to Fridays or at the class on Sundays. We do not read every Scripture Reference nor answer every question. Not everyone can attend every week. Do what you can do to participate at your discretion. Bring a cup of coffee and a snack, if you like, and join us on the stage in the school basement.

## REPENT AND BELIEVE

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

**What do I most want Jesus to do for me this Lent?**

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that we can see God's image in others and find ways to show others His love and grace.

*Thank you for all the cards, thoughts and prayers to comfort us as we grieve the loss of our granddaughter, Alivia. God bless.*

*Dave & Connie Viellieux*

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR MARCH 10-11

Sat., 5p.m...Kellee Merkel & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30a.m...Kayli Henderson & Laurel McVicker



**Next Sunday, March 11, begins Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour so you don't miss Mass.**

## 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 Wed. between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm. The Rite of the Elect is a finalizing step in the RCIA process. Last weekend Carol Neff traveled with her sponsor and RCIA leader to the cathedral in Lafayette to sign the Book of the Elect expressing her desire for baptism at the Easter Vigil to Bishop Doherty.

Please continue to keep Carol and all the RCIA candidates in your prayers as they journey through their faith process.

## SERVER TRAINING...WE NEED YOU!

**St. John's is holding a server training this Sunday and next following religious ed classes: 10:30-11am in church. Students in fourth grade and up as well as adults are invited to share in this ministry and help serve their church.**

## ARE YOUR BRACKETS BUSTED?

How is your study of the saints going? Here is a list of this week's saints advancing to round two: Esther, Michael, Dymphna, Eglantyne and Katharina. The remainder of round two finish out next week. Watch the bulletin to see who advances.

## HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Next week, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. More information can be found on insert in this newsletter. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Collection will be taken on March 11.

## GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN CREATION...

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

**SHARE THE JOURNEY:** A polluted river, poor soil, rising waters—these are some environmental reasons families migrate. They remind us to care for creation.

Visit [csrceibowl.org](http://csrceibowl.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.**

## A FUN HISTORY PROGRAM

A fun history program will be held from 6-7pm at the HC Library on Tuesday, March 6, sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Blackford Historical Society. Richard Harris, a retired BSU administrator who loves American history will present a program on Prohibition: The Noble Experiment. He will introduce us to a fascinating cast of characters and share wonderful pictures and anecdotes.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

*Mar. 5:* 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Lk 4: 24-30

*Mar. 6:* Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35

*Mar. 7:* [*Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs*] Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

*Mar. 8:* [*St. John of God, religious*] Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23

*Mar. 9:* [*St. Frances of Rome, religious*] Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

*Mar. 10:* Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

*Mar. 11:* [*Fourth Sunday of Lent*] 2 Chr 36: 14-16; 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21

## WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:30pm at St. John's. Walk with Jesus through this Holy Week experience.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,010

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

Catholic Moment: \$64.00

Flowers: \$120.00

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,114.00

Haiti: \$319.01

Flowers: \$100.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$100.00

Votive: \$92.00

Catholic Moment: \$342.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.*

**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.

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 6, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 7, Lenten Retreat on Eucharist 12:30-2pm at St. John's

RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 8, Lenten Retreat on Eucharist 6-7:30pm at St. Mary's

Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Friday 9, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Sunday 11, Bible Study 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

Server Training 10:30-11am at St. John's

## LENTEN PENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is a time for conversion, a time for change, a time to turn from all that causes us to sin, both in our inner attitudes and our outer actions. Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are offered during Lent throughout our deanery.

† March 6, 6:15pm at St. John's

† March 6, 7pm at Immaculate Conception, Portland

† March 13, 2pm at St. Mary, Alexandria

† March 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph, Elwood

† March 14, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Anderson

† March 19, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Muncie

† March 21, 2pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie

† March 21, 7pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie

† March 22, 2pm at St. Paul, Marion

† March 22, 7pm at Holy Family, Gas City

This Lent let us take a look at ourselves each day and tell ourselves that now, with God's help, I will "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

**This Tuesday's Lenten Penance opportunity at St. John's will provide extra priests to hear confessions. Come for Mass at 5:30 and stay to receive God's healing grace.**

## LENTEN RETREAT

**Lenten retreat** on the Mass as center and heart of our parish and individual lives will be held on **Wednesday, March 7 & 21** at St. John's parish hall, 12:30 – 2 pm, **or Thursday, March 8 & 22** at St. Mary's parish hall, 6 – 7:30 pm. **All are welcome** to come, pray, reflect, be enriched! Led by Sr. Rita Musante

**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.**

**SPRING RUMMAGE MARCH 24...** Tables rent for \$10 each. Contact Megan Trissel or the parish office to reserve your table(s). This is open to all.

**To Ladies of our cluster parishes:** A day trip to Victory Noll campus in Huntington, April 7.

More details in *Good News Letter* and future bulletins. RSVP to Sr. Rita or Diana at 348-3889 by Wednesday, March 28.



## THIRD 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.

## The Clustered Parishes Of

**St. Mary, Dunkirk**

**St. John the Evangelist,  
Hartford City**

**Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana**

**Pastor, Fr. David J. Newton**

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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.