

**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  
APRIL 15  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, April 16**

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

**Tuesday, April 17**

5:30 p.m...Worland Family (St. John's)

**Wednesday, April 18**

12:00noon...Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Study Club (St. John's)

**Thursday, April 19**

5:30 p.m...Justin Watson (St. Mary's)

**Friday, April 20**

10:00 a.m...Lottie Atkinson (Bridgewater Center)

**Saturday, April 21**

5:00 p.m...Cecil Oswalt (St. John's)

**Sunday, April 22**

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

10:30 a.m...Living & Deceased of Monahan & Doyle Families (St. Mary's)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS  
FOR APRIL:**

**Universal – For those who have  
Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Apr. 16: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29  
Apr. 17: Acts 7: 51 – 8: 1a; Jn 6: 30-35  
Apr. 18: Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40  
Apr. 19: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51  
Apr. 20: Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59  
Apr. 21: [St. Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church] Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69  
Apr. 22: [Fourth Sunday of Easter] Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18

**TRY CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's 3rd selection:**

Eucharist, A Bible Study for Catholics, by Father Mitch Pacwa. This is a short bible study with only 6 chapters and written in everyday language. Father Mitch writes with clarity, enthusiasm and brevity! It is set up as a 6-week study, but we can take longer to allow time for reading the Scripture selections and answering questions. We will begin on April 15 and meet June 5 in the school basement at 6 pm to discuss the book. Email susanlannoy4@gmail.com with questions or comments. Text/voice 512-627-6863. Contact Diana to order your book. 765/348-3889 as soon as possible.

**SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S APRIL 21 & 22**

Sat., 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Kelli Rinker  
Sun., 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Brianna Elkins

**NEW-TO-YOU SHOP IS OPEN**

**Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.**

Contact Janet Pluimer 728-2715 if you can give 3 hours a month to work a shift. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.

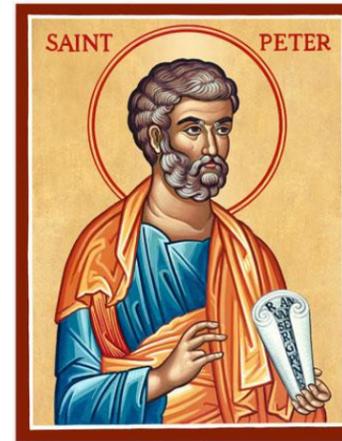
**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

**THE STORY**

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people continues each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic: New Commands & New Covenant.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**



The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, "Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away." This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this sacrament. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) it states, "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful men and women."

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term "wiped away," that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be "wiped away" with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally "wipes away" our sins.

God's forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (reconciliation) means that from God's perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, "I will never again remember their sins" — after repentance, that is.

**OUR SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS**

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This week's sponsor is:

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THANK YOU!**



**Congratulations** to Christy & Jonathan Geise on the arrival of their daughter, Jacqueline Marie, born April 10, 2018, at 4:57am, 7.13 lbs., 21". Also, congratulations to Chris & Debbie Sills, maternal grandparents.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$2,621.00  
Building Fund: \$170.00  
Food Pantry: \$99.00  
Holy Land: \$50.00  
Catholic Moment: \$22.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.**

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary that as we have been given new life through Jesus' death and resurrection we too can offer new life to ourselves and others through mercy and forgiveness and love.

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday 16, Finance Council 4pm at St. John's  
Tuesday 17, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Cemetery Board 6pm at St. John's  
Wednesday 18, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Thursday 19, Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's  
Saturday 21, Reconciliation after Mass  
Sunday 22, Bible Timeline 9:30-10:30am at St. John's



### POPE FRANCIS SAYS...HELP CARE FOR THE EARTH

Join St. John's ChrisTeen's youth group and help with the citywide litter pick-up day in conjunction with Earth Day. It is Saturday, April 21 at 10 am. Meet at the HC Post Office. Trash bags, gloves, vests, and pick-up sticks will be provided, along with lunch following the clean-up. We hope to target the area around the church neighborhood. Contact Lisa Rinker for more information.

### 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.

### RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that welcomes anyone who has a desire to know more about the Catholic Church. It is not a program and there is no cost. It is a time to discover the beauty of the Catholic Church and grow in relationship with God. RCIA is tailored to welcome and respect each person on their unique journey of faith. There is no set time frame; everyone will proceed at their own comfort level with the help and support of our RCIA team.

If you wish to participate or know anyone who is interested, contact the parish office to register for the RCIA program or join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 6pm in the parish hall.



### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer. If you wish to be included in our prayer chain contacts, please call Janice or the office to be added. It only takes two or three minutes to offer a prayer for someone in need, but the benefits are innumerable.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you have dropped your landline and are currently using only cell phones, please contact the parish office via phone: 348-3889 or e-mail: [stmaryjohn@att.net](mailto:stmaryjohn@att.net) with your contact information. Your numbers will only be used for parish purposes as needed and will not be shared outside our parishes. Thank you.

### HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office if you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound. Because of the Privacy Act, parishes are no longer automatically notified by hospitals about parishioners who are in the hospital. If you or a loved one is homebound and wish to be visited by someone from the parish, please notify the office.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us.

### NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

If you are regularly attending St. Mary's or St. John's Parish and have not registered with the office and would like to do so, sign-up forms are located on the bookcases at each Church. Return completed form via collection basket or deliver to office. Welcome to our parish family.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### 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.