

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 MAY 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

5:30 p.m...Mary Ann Fettig (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, May 9

12:00noon...Fay Lenz (*St. John's*)

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

11:00 a.m...Tony Pursley (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, May 5

5:00 p.m...Joanne Kinser (*St. John's*)

Sunday, May 6

8:30 a.m...Olive Huggins (*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY:

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

AED'S ON SITE

You may have noticed there is an AED unit at the back of Church. There is also one in the Parish Hall. These are used to attempt to restart a person's heart in an emergency situation.

I'd like to thank the K of C for providing this aid for heart incidents that might occur in the Church or Parish Hall. While we pray that we will not need to use the AED's, it is good that we have this capability to help out someone in need. Since we started discussing getting AED's, I have noticed many in public spaces where crowds come together. Again, I am thankful to the K of C for providing this potentially life-saving device.

So, if someone has an emergency incident at Mass or at the Parish Hall, an AED can now be used to attempt to restart the individual's heart.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 7: Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26 – 16: 4a

May 8: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11

May 9: Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Jn 16: 12-15

May 10: [*St. Damien de Veuster, priest*] Acts 18: 1-8; Jn 16: 16-20

May 11: Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16: 20-23

May 12: [*Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, marty*] Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28

May 13: [*Seventh Sunday of Easter; Ascension of the Lord*] Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20

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

PARISH PITCH-IN

St Mary's Religious Education will host the next Parish Pitch-In on May 20. The menu will be breakfast food and everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and share in marking the end of the school year.

OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Session 1 (Chapter 1), Old Testament Background
Main idea: Israel's religion required moral behavior and obedience to God's Law before worship.

Theme: Sacrifice—see pg 16.

There are several references to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement, see Leviticus 16:1-34) in the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. These references help us to see the connection between sacrifice and the forgiveness of sins in both the Old and New Testament. (Pacwa, pg 30)

Both, Sunday Morning Bible Study and Our Catholic Book Club, are studying The Eucharist this session.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a short Bible Study Of 6 lessons on The Eucharist by Father Mitch Pacwa. We meet after Sunday Mass on the stage in the Parish Hall.

For questions or concerns, please contact susanlannoy4@gmail.com or by voice or text: 512-627-6863.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Thursday 10, Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Sunday 13, Mother's Day Tea 9:30am at St. John's

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

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

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.



FIVE TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. John's Church will welcome five second grade students to the table of the Lord at the 8:30am Mass on May 6th as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. **Adam Aulbach, Ashley Henderson, Isabelle Homan, Bryson Michael and Luis Velasquez**, under the direction of Lorna Manley have been preparing all year to receive Jesus' presence through the bread and wine, His Body and Blood. They began with their first Reconciliation in December and have continued their studies through religious education. Let us continue to keep them in prayer as they await this big day.

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: A Few Good Men ... And Women.**

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MAY 12 & 13

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Serena Merkel

Sun., 8:30a.m...Jenna Payne & Anya Aulbach

GAS BOOM

"The Gas Boom in East Central Indiana" which of course, includes Montpelier and Hartford City, will be the subject of the program at the Arts Center in Hartford City on Tuesday, May 15, from 6-7p.m. The program is free and is sponsored by the Blackford Historical Society and the Friends of the Library. Please come!



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

St. John's Annual Mother's Day Tea Party is slated for Sunday, May 13th immediately following Mass. Join us for a relaxing tea and brunch to honor our mothers: past, present and yet to be.

This year's theme is Aprons. Where is your apron? In a drawer? On a hook? At the Goodwill Store? It is time to remember the fabrics of our lives: memories are woven from the simple things in life. Aprons galore to take us back to the days of homemade Sunday dinners and daily chores. Wear your apron to our tea as we recall those precious memories of our mothers and grandmothers.

This is a free event sponsored by St. John's Altar & Rosary, but please contact the office with your reservation by May 8 so we can adequately make plans. Our tea will conclude prior to 11am.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's from April 15

Sunday Collection: \$786.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,556.00

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Building Fund: \$140.00

Food Pantry: \$10.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of my self - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



The First Reading from Acts begins with Cornelius falling at Peter's feet. Peter lifts him up and says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

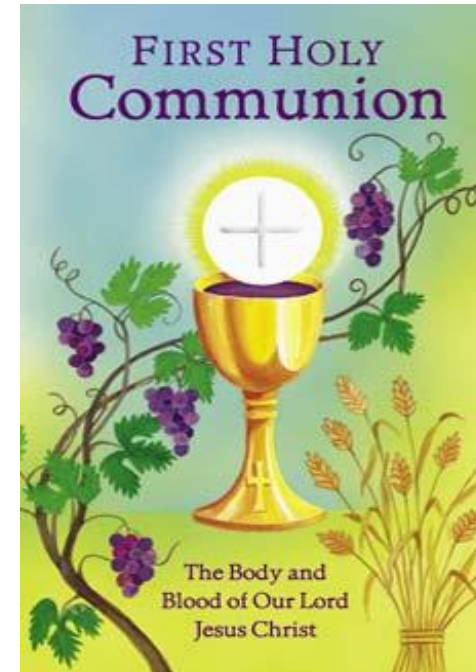
Cornelius was likely the inspiration for that statement. St. Cornelius is a significant person in the Acts of the Apostles. A documented centurion in the *Cohors Italia*, he is considered by most Bible researchers as being one of the first Gentiles converted to Christianity.

The message, however, applies to all of us, as most of us are indeed Gentiles. It is made clear that Cornelius was a holy and generous man. However, he did not receive the Holy Spirit until he had heard the Gospel from Peter and responded to it. That is what each of us is called to do as well. If we allow the Lord to be an important part of our lives, God will do everything for those who are willing to receive Him.

This reading then reports, "While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." St. Peter is later criticized for entering the house of a Gentile, eating, and then baptizing Cornelius, but in Acts 11 Peter responds, "If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?" God is there for all of us, but we must receive Him and open our lives to Him.

RECOGNITION DINNER

St. John's will hold a recognition dinner to wrap up the end of their religious education year on Saturday, May 19 immediately following Mass. Meat and drinks will be provided. All are asked to join in the celebration and bring a covered dish to share to congratulate our students and teachers.



SIXTH 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.

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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.