

## 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 13 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### **Monday, May 14**

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

#### **Tuesday, May 15**

5:30 p.m...Sue Oswalt (*St. John's*)

#### **Wednesday, May 16**

12:00noon...Mike Schuhmacher (*St. John's*)

#### **Thursday, May 17**

5:30 p.m...Living & Deceased of Monahan & Doyle Families (*St. Mary's*)

#### **Friday, May 18**

10:00 a.m...No Mass (*Bridgewater Center*)

#### **Saturday, May 19**

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

#### **Sunday, May 20**

8:30 a.m...Jess & 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

*May 14: [St. Matthias, apostle] Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17*

*May 15: [St. Isidore] Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a*

*May 16: Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19*

*May 17: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26*

*May 18: [St. John I, pope & martyr] Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19*

*May 19: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25*

*May 20: [Pentecost Sunday] Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23*

*If you need to put someone on the prayer chain this upcoming week, contact the office at 348-3889 as Janice is out of town. Thank you.*

## OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will independently read The Eucharist as is Our Catholic Book Club. The bible study will not be meeting on Sundays. As you read The Eucharist, try to read and reflect on the Bible passages listed on page 16. If you have questions about the reading material, feel free to contact Susan Lannoy at [susanlannoy4@gmail.com](mailto:susanlannoy4@gmail.com) or 512-627-6863.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MAY 19 & 20

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30...Laurel McVicker & Madison Henderson



## CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS

St. John's Church welcomed five second grade students to the table of the Lord last Sunday as they received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time L-R: **Isabelle Homan, Ashley Henderson, Luis Velasquez, Adam Aulbach, and Bryson Michael.** Let us continue to keep them in prayer as they continue to grow with Jesus.

## 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 14, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday 15, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Saturday 19, Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John's

Religious Ed Recognition Supper 6pm at St. Mary's

Sunday 20, Parish Pitch-in 11:30am at St. Mary's

## 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!

## IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY

It is time to place your solar powered tribute in the circle garden at St. John's Church. You can bring them to the office and we will place them for you or you may choose your own placement spot.

Let the night glow with the colors and points of light for those we love.

Thanks to all participating and the goal is to have all placements by Memorial Day.

RCIA will take a break over the summer months and resume in the fall. However, if you or someone you know wishes to learn more of the Catholic faith, contact the office and we can help with their inquiry.

## 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: The Faith of a Foreign Woman.**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### **St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$954.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### **St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$3,994.76

Building Fund: \$220.00

Food Pantry: \$317.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

***St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?***

## 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.

## A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen. *by Claire Schoepp*



## CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT THE TINCAPS

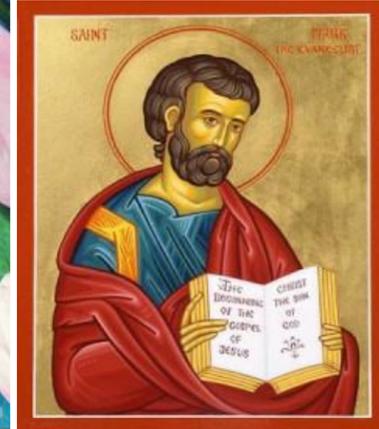
Saturday, May 19, 7:05pm

Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. South Bend Cubs

Fireworks, Tyler's Amazing Balance Act, more!

Discounted tickets of \$8 are available for this game with \$1 from each ticket sale being donated to Catholic Schools. Purchase tickets through: <https://tincaps5.streamlineticketing.com/group/event/CatholicNight18/>.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an

evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us. Often we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News."

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us "off the hook."

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another," what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH 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.



### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT CEMETERY

St. John's will hold a prayer service on Memorial Day to be celebrated at the Catholic cemetery in Montpelier on Monday, May 28, at 9am. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to St. John's Church in Hartford City to begin at 9:30am.

Celebrate and honor your deceased loved ones and all men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedom of our country by beginning your day with us