

**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  
JUNE 24  
12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, June 25**

9:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

**Tuesday, June 26**

5:30 p.m...Mary Gilligan Wong (*St. John's*)

**Wednesday, June 27**

12:00noon...Living & Deceased Members of Cecil Oswald Family (*St. John's*)

**Thursday, June 28**

5:30 p.m...Marilyn Baker (*St. Mary's*)

**Friday, June 29**

10:00 a.m...Karleen Riedy (*Crown Pointe*)

**Saturday, June 30**

5:00 p.m...Bill & Agnes Payne (*St. John's*)

**Sunday, July 1**

8:30 a.m...Ed Holtzleiter (*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 JUNE:**

**Universal – Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**2018 SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL..STILL SHORT**

St. John's has collected \$1,385 towards our goal of \$2,201 for the Seminarian Fund Appeal. Please help us reach this goal by making your donation in the next week or two. Thank you.

St. Mary's has met their goal with collection of \$790. Thank you.

The special collection will help cover the education and formation of the seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and the promotion of vocations. This year, we have 15 seminarians. Two young men will be ordained to the priesthood, with two being ordained into the transitional diaconate. The young men are answering God's call. Thank you for your generosity as you make your gift. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

**OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB & SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The groups met Tuesday evening and planned to meet again on Tuesday, June 26th at 6 pm in the school. If you were unable to attend or weren't ready to discuss the book, The Eucharist, please plan to attend on June 26th. We plan to discuss the last two sessions and the book as a whole. Call or text Susan at 512-627-6863 to confirm your attendance.

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 26, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 27, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 30, Missionary Weekend

Sunday 1, Missionary Weekend

**SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JUNE 30/JULY 1**

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

Sun., 8:30...Anya Aulbach & Lance Manley

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for inner peace that we may more fully know our Father's love and mercy and be able to share it with others.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$771.00

Seminary Appeal: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$1,849.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$35.00

Seminary Appeal: \$260.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

June 25: 2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7: 1-5

June 26: 2 Kgs 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7: 6, 12-14

June 27: [*St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church*] 2 Kgs 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3; Mt 7: 15-20

June 28: [*St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr*] 2 Kgs 24: 8-17; Mt 7: 21-29

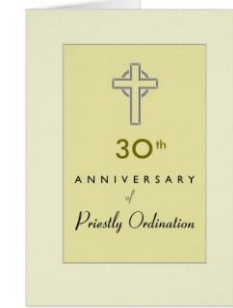
June 29: [*Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles*] Acts 2: 1-11; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19

June 30: [*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*] Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8: 5-17

July 1: Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5: 21-43

**St. Mary's Altar & Rosary** will be selling **Rada Knives** as a fund raiser. Please see Danette Hamilton for a catalog. The deadline to order is Sunday, July 22. Payment must be made at the time of the order and can be given to Amy Blakely or Danette Hamilton. Please make checks payable to **St Mary**. The Altar & Rosary appreciates your continued support!

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



**CONGRATULATIONS FR. DAVE ON 30 YEARS**

June 4th marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Dave in the Priesthood. Congratulations and **THANK YOU** for your service to our parishes and to the Lord's calling in this vocation.

**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: Chapter 15: God's Messengers.**

**OUR SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS**

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This week's sponsor is:

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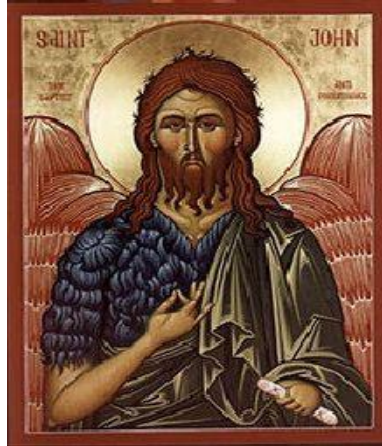
**THE PRAYER PLACE AT ST. MARY'S**

St. Mary's has a new feature: The Prayer Place is now completed and being used. It is located at the southwest corner of the parking lot. It is there to offer a place of comfort and for prayer when the church is not open. Be sure to check it out.

The Blessed Mother statue was donated by Heather Clemmens, the welcome benches by Wilma Swingley and the concrete work by Donald Hamilton. Thanks so much!

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**IS 49: 1-6; PS 139: 1B-3, 13-15; ACTS 13: 22-26;  
LK 1: 57-66, 80**



Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (the Feast Day of the birth of John the Baptist). To say John the Baptist and Jesus were closely related and connected is an understatement.

Both were foretold by prophets, especially Isaiah. The only record of the birth of John the Baptist appears in the Gospel of Luke and it is at the heart of our Gospel Reading today. A key player in this event is, of course, John the Baptist's father Zechariah. Zechariah was a Jewish priest, but when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to him that he would father a child, Zechariah refused to believe it. As a result he was rendered speechless until John was born.

Zechariah had total trust in the Lord, however. Although it was traditional at that time to name the first son after the father, he and Elizabeth had been told that they were to name him John. As reported in the Gospel, Elizabeth said "He will be called John." The family protested at which time Zechariah wrote "His name is John." When he did that, Zechariah could speak once more. He did not say "should be"; he said "is."

The trust shown by Zechariah is an example to us that we must trust in God, not just when it is convenient, but all the time. Those of advanced generations know who Lawrence Welk was. Born and raised Catholic, Welk practiced his faith throughout his life. He once said, "Never trust anyone completely but God. Love people, but put your full trust only in God."

## SUMMER MISSIONARY APPEAL

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Caluza, a Missionhurst - CICM (the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) missionary who will be visiting our parish the weekend of June 30-July 1 to present a mission appeal. Fr. Ramon is from the foreign mission of RP and will be sharing his life and dedication to the people he serves with us.

Missionhurst, the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was founded in Brussels, Belgium, in 1862 for the conversion of China. The missionary activity in China was centered in Inner Mongolia. In 1888 the Congregation accepted missionary responsibility for the Congo. Later Missionhurst accepted to send missionaries to many other mission countries. At present the Congregation numbers approximately 830 members.

All priests and brothers are at the service of the local dioceses and most work at the parish level. They are involved with setting up basic Christian communities, training and supporting local lay leaders. Carrying on the work of evangelization and alphabetization, assisting with the promotion of social activities and in the setting up of local projects that will help in the development of their people.

After their initial seminary training in their countries of origin, Missionhurst has two regional Theological study programs located in the Philippines (English) and Cameroon (French). Presently 115 young men are in Formation, plus 155 who are beginning their formation process in the novitiate and pre-novitiate programs in Africa, Haiti, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Missionhurst seeks to serve in those areas that are particularly affected by political instability, climate harshness and or lack of social and natural resources. We help and serve the poorest of the poor. The fund-raising activities of Missionhurst in the United States are exclusively for the Missionhurst missionaries around the world.

Missionhurst supports a variety of projects around the world from pastoral, economic development, education, relief and health care. These projects are all initiated by our priests and brothers in their local parishes.

Fr. Ramon will be preaching at all the masses and a second collection will be taken with proceeds going to Missionhurst - CICM.



## 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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**

### PARISH OFFICES

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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.



**DON'T FORGET SUMMER FAITH READING**