

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 JULY 1 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 3

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

Wednesday, July 4

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

Thursday, July 5

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

Friday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 7

5:00 p.m...Pedro Cahue (*St. John's*)

Sunday, July 8

8:30 a.m...Tim Ford (*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 JULY:

Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

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

Father Dave will be on vacation July 1-9. If the need for a priest arises, please contact the office. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration this Friday.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH

I want to thank the parishes for the Post-Mass dinners last weekend on the occasion of my 30th year as a priest. Thanks to those who attended. Thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts. God Bless you and thanks again.

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2018 SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL GETTING CLOSER

St. John's has collected \$1,485 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.

Dear St. John's Parish Family,
Thank you to everyone who went to my party, and thank you for all the encouragement, support, and love over the years.

Quinn Cunningham

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 3, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 4, Independence Day

Sunday 8, Food Pantry at St. Mary's

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JULY 7 & 8

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

Sun., 8:30...Kayli Henderson & Juan Velasquez

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary in thanksgiving for our freedom and independence and for those who helped gain and help maintain both, including Christ Jesus who made the ultimate sacrifice to free us from sin and death.

SUMMER FAITH READING

Our Catholic Book Club selection for summer reading is **Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**, by Joanna Weaver, a pastor's wife, mother of two and an author. We are all familiar with the Biblical story of Martha and Mary, Luke 10:38-42, and this book takes us a little deeper into the conflict we feel as women when "we want to worship like Mary, but the Martha inside keeps bossing us around." ISBN 1-57856-258-9 publishes by Waterbrook Press.

Another highly recommended book for anyone is **When Divorce is Not an Option**, "How to Heal Your Marriage and Nurture Lasting Love," by Greg Popcak, an expert on the practical applications of Pope John Paul the Great's Theology of the Body.

And, one more! **JOSEPH, The Man Who Raised Jesus** by Father Gary Caster, ordained in 1992, of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. "Let Fr. Gary Caster introduce you to the man who risked everything to care for Mary and her Son, safeguarding them from harm and cherishing them with a pure and true love. Joseph was a flesh-and-blood testimony of what it means to live according to the Father's will with one's mind and heart centered on Christ."

Purchase your book online through Amazon or any source carrying Christian books. If you need assistance, please contact Susan by text or voice at 512-627-6863 or by email: susanlannoy4@gmail.com. Or contact the office. Enjoy your summer!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 2: Am 2: 6-10, 13-16; Mt 8: 18-22

July 3: [*St. Thomas, apostle*] Eph 2: 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29

July 4: [*Independence Day*][*For Peace and Justice*] Am 5: 14-15, 21-24; Mt 8: 28-34

July 5: [*St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*] Am 7: 10-17; Mt 9: 1-8

July 6: [*St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr*] Am 8: 4-6, 9-12; Mt 9: 9-13

July 7: Am 9: 11-15; Mt 9: 14-17

July 8: Ez 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: 1-6a

Dear Lord,

This Independence Day, we thank you for our freedom. We thank you for the rights, opportunities, and happiness we enjoy every day as citizens of the United States.

We pray for the military men and women who serve our country, for we know that our freedom is not free. Like your son, Jesus Christ, who died to save all people from sin, these brave Americans sacrifice their lives so that all citizens of our country may live without fear and oppression.

We ask you to be with our nation's leaders. Guide them in their decision-making and empower them with the Holy Spirit's gifts of right-judgement and wisdom. May they always act in your grace, preserving the dignity of all humans and moving this country along a path of compassion and peace.

Bless this great nation, Dear God. We pray that, as citizens, we may follow the examples of the Americans who founded this country and live always in courage and brotherhood.

We pray this and all things, O God, in your name and in your love because we know all things are possible with you.

Amen.

Adapted from Catholic Financial Life

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,098.00

Haiti: \$382.50

Building Fund: \$160.00

Food Pantry: \$105.00

Seminary Appeal: \$75.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship - "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

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.

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

**PAUL TODD & PAUL TODD, JR.
IN CONCERT
ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
JULY 23, 2018 AT 7PM
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL
FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH MARY

The Tuesday morning Bible Study begins a new series this Tuesday with *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. All ladies of the parish are invited.

THE STORY TAKES JULY BREAK

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will continue in August on each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



“Your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs.” This is the fourth time in 2 Corinthians, chapter 8 that St. Paul addresses the issue of giving. What Paul is trying to explain is that the motivation for giving should be similar to God’s motivation for gifting us. In the passage which constitutes today’s Second Reading Paul says, “As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.”

In the original, Paul uses the old Greek word charis to describe the giving to which he is making reference. We can probably see that the roots of that word are very much the same as the roots of the word “charity.” Giving and sharing are definitely the work of God’s grace in us. In fact, our motivation should be very much the same as that of the Lord. He gives to us because of Who He is, not because of what or who we are.

We, too, must give if we wish to show holiness, or to at least aspire to it. That is also what we mean when we say that we are all called to stewardship, to be good stewards. It is one thing to be faithful, but it is another to give. At times we may think there are too many collections, but it is the results of these opportunities to give which support the Church’s work both locally and around the globe.

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!



13th 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

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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.