

## 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 AUGUST 19 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Monday, August 20**

0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

#### **Tuesday, August 21**

5:30 p.m...Paul Schuhmacher (St. John's)

#### **Wednesday, August 22**

12:00noon...Warren Family (St. John's)

#### **Thursday, August 23**

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

#### **Friday, August 24**

11:00 a.m...Karleen Reidy (Miller's Merry Manor)

#### **Saturday, August 25**

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

#### **Sunday, August 26**

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

10:30 a.m...Jim Grady (St. Mary's)



*Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Jacqueline Marie Giese, daughter of Jonathan & Christine Giese, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St. John's Church. Also, congratulations and welcome to Jonathan as he received his First Communion and was Confirmed in the Catholic faith last weekend. May their gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.*

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

*August 20: [St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church] Ez 24: 15-24; Mt 19: 16-22*

*August 21: [St. Pius X, pope] Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30*

*August 22: [The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Ez 34: 1-11; Mt 20: 1-16*

*August 23: [St. Rose of Lima, virgin] Ez 36: 23-28; Mt 22: 1-14*

*August 24: [St. Bartholomew, apostle] Rv 21: 9b-14; Jn 1: 45-51*

*August 25: [St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest] Ez 43: 1-7ab; Mt 23: 1-12*

*August 26: Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 5: 60-69*

#### **SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 25 & 26**

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

Sun., 8:30...Laurel McVicker & Catalina Velasquez

#### **RCIA MEETINGS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5**

We will be beginning RCIA sessions on September 5. The meetings will take place in the Parish Hall Library from 6pm-7:30pm. The meetings will be on Wednesdays—usually three Wednesdays per month. Please check the bulletin for the scheduled meeting dates.

RCIA is specifically for those seeking to come into the Catholic Church. Anyone who wants to learn more about the Church is also invited.

*Our Catholic Book Club* will continue this fall with the two books introduced for summer reading, "Having a Mary Heart In A Martha World" and "The Eucharist, A Bible Study for Catholics." If you need a book, please contact Diana Holsten, 348-3889. We will meet for an evening get-together in early November. Call or text Susan if you have a comment or question @ 512-627-6863.

The **Sunday Morning Bible Study** will use the Dynamic Catholic Bible Study on the *Gospel of St John called, The Turning Point*. This edition of the Gospel of John reads like an engaging novel. It does away with the two-column format and distracting notes in the margins, making it easy for you to encounter Jesus through John the apostle's unique perspective as one of Jesus' closest friends. DVDs are used in the sessions each week. This study is a nine-week session that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: 1)the woman at the well; 2)a man named Nicodemus; 3)the woman caught in adultery; 4)and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about 5)Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, 6)Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and 7)Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

**This session of the Sunday Morning Bible Study starts September 12** after 8:30 am Mass and dismisses at 10:30 am when the Religious Ed classes dismiss. Books will be available soon. Please call the school office to reserve your book, 765-348-3889, but if you forget, come anyway. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Bring your snack to the class on the stage. Call or text Susan Lannoy for more information.

#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

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

#### **THANK YOU TO ALL FRUITFUL HARVEST CONTRIBUTORS**

St. John's has now reached our Fruitful Harvest 2016 Campaign goal of \$45,340 with payments to date of \$47,813. We received our 10% rebate check of \$4,534 and also a 50% rebate check of the overage of \$1,236. THANK YOU to each and everyone who helped us attain this goal. Payments for the 2016 campaign will post through the end of August and a final 50% rebate check will follow.

St. Mary's met their goal in the early spring and likewise already received their 10% rebate. A 50% rebate check was received this week in the amount of \$1,084. THANK YOU.

#### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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

Sunday Collection: \$913.00

Food Pantry: \$263.00

Church in Africa: \$100

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

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

Sunday Collection: \$2,160.00

Building Fund: \$135.00

Food Pantry: \$147.00

Church in Africa: \$208.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*"Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

#### **PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for the education of all youth that schools will be a safe place, educators and administrators will have compassion for all students, and students and their families will respect the value and need of education.

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:**

##### **Universal – The Treasure of Families**

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**Prov 9:1-619; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58**



Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this

statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

Thankfully we don't need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today's readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work.

The Eucharist is the ultimate *inspiration* for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

## AID FOR CHURCH IN AFRICA

August is the month parishes in our diocese collect for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care and are challenged by poverty, poor education, food shortages, disease, and migration. This collection supports pastoral projects that strengthen their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation on a continent often marked by division and tension. Envelopes are in your packets.

## NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our new bulletin ad sheets. These advertisers subsidize the cost of the bulletins, so if you have the opportunity, you may thank them by using their products or services.

## THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet on this Tuesday and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic:** Daniel

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's  
Wednesday 22, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's  
Saturday 25, Haiti at St. John's  
Sunday 26, Haiti at St. John's



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, AUGUST 19, noon-?  
Home of John & Karen Shields  
7014 E 100 S, Hartford City  
Meat and drinks will be provided.  
Bring a well-filled dish to share.

Bring your own fishing gear.

All Knights, Widows of Knights, and those interested in the Knights are invited to attend.



## 20th 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**

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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.