

**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  
SEPTEMBER 9  
23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, September 10**

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

**Tuesday, September 11**

5:30 p.m...Welfare of Lupie Dell (*St. John's*)

**Wednesday, September 12**

12:00noon...Clarence & Bernice Pahl (*St. John's*)

**Thursday, September 13**

5:30 p.m...All Souls (*St. Mary's*)

**Friday, September 14**

11:00 a.m...Deceased of Pursley Family  
(*Miller's Merry Manor*)

**Saturday, September 15**

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

**Sunday, September 16**

8:30 a.m...Welfare of Fr. Dave (*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 SEPTEMBER:**

**Universal – Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

**REPORT ON FR. DAVE**

Fr. Dave was hospitalized at St. Vincent's in Indy last weekend. He did not have a heart attack, although he had many of the classic symptoms. He is set to see a specialty cardiologist on September 20. After that, there might be a procedure. But he will not be having open heart surgery again. Fr. Dave will not be at Masses the next three weekends. He asks for your prayers and he will keep the parishes in his prayers.

**RCIA**

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that welcomes anyone who has a desire to know more about the Catholic Church. It is not a program and there is no cost. It is a time to discover the beauty of the Catholic Church and grow in relationship with God. RCIA is tailored to welcome and respect each person on their unique journey of faith. There is no set time frame; everyone will proceed at their own comfort level with the help and support of our RCIA team.

If you wish to participate or know anyone who is interested, contact the parish office to register for the RCIA program or join us on Wednesdays at 6pm in the parish hall.

**APRON SEWING DAY**

St. John's Altar & Rosary will be holding another sewing day this Thursday, September 13, 6-9pm to work on the aprons. These will take place in the parish hall. Bring your own sewing machine, scissors, and pins. Please join us as we finish this project.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for the healing of the Church that through truth and education, we may grow stronger in Christ and all His ways for the good of His kingdom.

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT MATTHEW**

As a follow-up to an article in the August *Good News Letter*, if you wish to make a donation to help Matthew financially with his move to Ft. Wayne, please place donation in basket marked "HSM" or "Matthew". Thank you for your continued prayers as he faces these big changes. --Sr. Rita

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sept. 10: 1 Cor 5: 1-8; Lk 6: 6-11  
Sept. 11: 1 Cor 6: 1-11; Lk 6: 12-19  
Sept. 12: [*The Most Holy Name of Mary*] 1 Cor 7: 25-31; Lk 6: 20-26  
Sept. 13: [*St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church*] 1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6: 27-38  
Sept. 14: [*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*] Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17  
Sept. 15: [*Our Lady of Sorrows*] 1 Cor 10: 14-22; Jn 19: 25-27  
Sept. 16: Is 50: 5-9a; Jas 2: 14-18; Mk 8: 27-35

**SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 15 & 16**

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Mason Merkel  
Sun., 8:30...Allyson Henderson & Brianna Elkins

**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.

This week's sponsor is:

**NEFF INSURANCE AGENCY  
THANK YOU!**

**SAFE AND SACRED**

Everyone who works with young people and/or vulnerable adults shares the responsibility of creating safe environments. We are all charged with treating life with the respect and dignity given to each of us by our God.

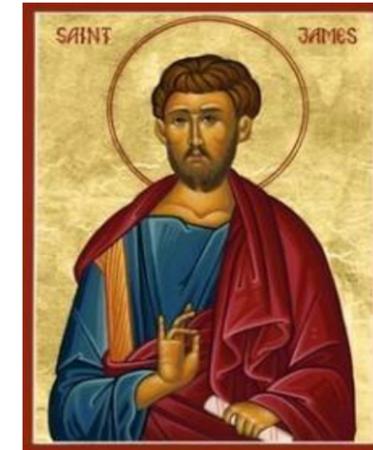
**All STAFF, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS  
& VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH  
CHILDREN**

must register and complete the diocesan safe environment training program every three years.

*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, 348-3889. We will meet for an evening get-together in early November.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

**IS 35:4-7A; PS 146:6-10; JAS 2:1-5; MK 7:31-37**



Today's readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring.

Our second reading, from the letter of St. James, teaches that all

are equally worthy of our hospitality. We must welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church's doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of Christ's love. Sometimes we can offer that love simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in "our" pew.

The Gospel reading from Mark demonstrates the connection between hospitality and service. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and "people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him." These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching.

In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service and hospitality at its finest.

Jesus responds immediately with a miraculous healing. He blessed those whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible, confirming their faith to such an extent that they could not stop themselves from proclaiming the wonder they had witnessed.

This week let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,949.00  
Building Fund: \$245.00  
Food Pantry: \$154.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.*

### St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton, IN

#### Women's Silent Retreat--Weekend

Come and enjoy a weekend experience of the wonder of silence and scripture on our beautiful campus. This retreat includes Mass, Holy hour, conferences on prayer, and plenty of quiet time to reflect on the scriptures. 7 pm, Friday, September 14 to 3 pm, Sunday, September 16. Please have dinner prior to checking into the retreat.

Cost: \$170

This retreat is available for women age 19 and older. Register before September 7th

#### Get Away for a Day Retreat

Tired of all the demands tugging at you? Do you feel like you could just use some space to just get away? Come visit us for a day of quiet and solitude. Enjoy our beautiful and peaceful campus, visit the shrines, make the Way of the Cross, spend time in prayer with the Lord in the St. Joseph Chapel or in one of our comfortable rooms on the full-service floor. Mass and Confession will also be available.

9 am to 4 pm, Tuesday, September 25.

Cost: \$40, includes single, day room and lunch.

This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older.

Register before September 21<sup>st</sup>,

Contact SJRCC Director Samir Azer at (765) 551-9570 or email [sazer@dol-in.org](mailto:sazer@dol-in.org) for either retreat.

## 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:** Rebuilding the Walls

### THIS WEEK:

Monday 10, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's  
Tuesday 11, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's  
Wednesday 12, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Thursday 13, Apron Sewing 6-9pm at St. John's  
Saturday 15, Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John's  
Sunday 16, Anniversary Mass with Bishop Doherty in Lafayette at the Cathedral 2:30pm

The **Sunday Morning Bible Study** will use the Dynamic Catholic Bible Study on the *Gospel of St John called, The Turning Point*, a DVD series. **This session of the Sunday Morning Bible Study starts September 9** after 8:30 am Mass and dismisses at 10:30 am when the Religious Ed classes dismiss. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Bring your snack to the class on the stage. Call or text Susan Lannoy for more information.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us. We will begin a new session Sept. 11 on Wisdom, God's Vision for Life by Jeff Cavins from Ascension.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

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

### SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

Check out our summer specials.

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.



## 23rd 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.