

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

NOVEMBER 18

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

5:30 p.m...Gerard Merkel (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, November 21

12:00noon...Leslie Durham (*St. John's*)

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m...Olive Huggins (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, November 23

11:00 a.m...No Mass (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, November 24

5:00 p.m...Helen Walsh (*St. John's*)

Sunday, November 25

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

10:30 a.m...Bill Blankenbaker (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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

HELP YOUTH HELP MILITARY

St. John's Youth Group is collecting donations (monetary or items) to send to Operation Gratitude Care packages. They help retired, deployed and new service men and women.

Items we could use include: travel size deodorant, gum, drink mix packets, lip balm, playing cards, socks (black crew length), sunscreen (non-aerosol), puzzle books, all-purpose wipes (30 ct or less), jerky, hand warmers, knit hats or scarves, travel size sewing kits. Place items in the boxes at either church entrance.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 19: Rv 1: 1-4, 2: 1-5; Lk 18: 35-43

Nov. 20: Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22; Lk 19: 1-10

Nov. 21: [*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*] Rv 4: 1-11; Lk 19: 11-28

Nov. 22: [*St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr*][*Thanksgiving Day*] Lk 19: 11-28; Rv 5: 1-10; Lk 19: 41-44

Nov. 23: [*St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St. Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr*] Rv 10: 8-11; Lk 19: 45-48

Nov. 24: [*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and Companions, martyrs*] Rv 11: 4-12; Lk 20: 27-40

Nov. 25: [*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*] Dn 7: 13-14; Rv 1: 5-8; Jn 18: 33b-37

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our 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:

**JR FLOORING
THANK YOU!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAK

The Women's Bible Study that meets each Tuesday will take winter break during the month of December. Following break they will begin a new bible series from Ascension Press entitled Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible. The new year is a great time to make plans to join the group and enhance your faith. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us.

THANKSGIVING

O God of all creation,

Giver of all good gifts,

You bless our lives with your generous

love by giving us once more

the fruit of the fields, our family

and friends, our faith, our work,

and our lives together.

We thank you for these gifts, and ask

that you help us to imitate your goodness,

to share our blessings with those who are

in need. Amen.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S NOV. 24 & 25

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

Sun., 8:30...Jenna Payne & Anya Aulbach

HELP OTHERS TO HELP THEMSELVES

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. These funds are used to help the 43 million people in the U.S. who live in poverty. In addition, 25 percent of those funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

By supporting the collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 21, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Thursday 22, Thanksgiving Day Mass 9am at St. John's

Saturday 24, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 25, Haiti at St. John's

PRAY THE ROSARY

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us pray the rosary in thanksgiving for the example of all saints to live the life Jesus calls each of us to live including showing love and mercy to all.

On November 26, 2018 all clergy of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana will attend an all-day planning and visioning meeting. In an effort to be more forward-looking, the Bishop will be pulling all priests of the diocese together for discussions and conversations that will help the Diocese map out a strategic plan and vision for the next 5-10 years. This meeting is required for priests, and deacons are invited to attend if there is no conflict with their professional obligations.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$1,383.00

Food Pantry: \$157.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,643.03

Building Fund: \$119.00

Food Pantry: \$68.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$105.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

A & R DECEMBER OUTING

St. John's Altar & Rosary is planning a trip to the Muncie Civic Theatre for the presentation of ***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*** on Sunday, December 9 at 2:30pm. We will gather in the parking lot at 1pm to carpool. Tickets are \$15. Call the office to reserve your spot by Monday, Nov. 19.

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will conclude The Turning Point Study of the Gospel of John today with "Mary Encounters Jesus." We will return in January for the winter session. Watch the bulletin for details!

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary is seeking New and Gently used items for a white elephant silent auction.

Ideas are toys, gift items, home décor, lotions, books - children & adult, cookbooks, jewelry, purses, dish towels, craft supplies, Christmas items, guy stuff, or something you received and want to re-gift (we won't tell).

Please bring your items in by December 9th and place on the table downstairs marked Silent Auction. This will be a great way to get rid of things and also a way to buy nice items or last-minute Christmas gifts and have a fun time at the St. Nicholas pitch-in on December 16th. Thanks for your support!

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent members of St. John's will be able to have an ornament placed on a family Christmas tree at church. Your ornament should reflect what Christmas means to you this year. Please gently place ornaments in the box at the church entrances or drop off at the office. The St. John's Family tree will be lit beginning Christmas Eve. Your ornaments will be returned to you after Epiphany. (Might want to put name on back of ornament or a name tag.) Thank you in advance for participating!

“WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

The Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal pledge phase runs through the end of the year. **Soon we will begin the contact phase of those households that have not returned their pledge cards.** Even if you are not able to make a pledge at this time, please return your card. If you need a replacement card, they can be found on the bookcases at either church.

As of November 9, 41 pledges for St. John's total \$21,365. toward a goal of \$44,717 and for St. Mary's 13 households have been returned with pledges totaling \$8,550 of a goal of \$13,697.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in our diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2018, and help us reach our goals. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers as we “Walk Together in the Light of Christ.” **DJN**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

DN 12:1-3; PS 16: 5, 8-11; HEB 10:11-14, 18; MK 13:24-32

Today's readings are in stark contrast to the joy of the holiday season that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.



The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time

“unsurpassed in distress since nations began” and warns that “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who “waits until his enemies are made his footstool.”

However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. In fact, we can view these words as encouragement — “Keep Calm and Steward On,” no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

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:** No Meeting, Thanksgiving Break



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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.

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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.