

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 25 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Monday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 27

5:30 p.m...Antonia Lopez (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, November 28

12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming (*St. John's*)

Thursday, November 29

5:30 p.m...Don Martin (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, November 30

10:00 a.m...Jess Huggins, Jr. (*Crown Pointe*)

Saturday, December 1

5:00 p.m...Bub Oswalt (*St. John's*)

Sunday, December 2

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

10:30 a.m...Lindal Marsh (*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

FR. DAVE OUT OF OFFICE MONDAY

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.

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. 26: Rv 14: 1-3; 4b-5; Lk 21: 1-4

Nov. 27: Rv 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11

Nov. 28: Rv 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19

Nov. 29: Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9a; Lk 21: 20-28

Nov. 30: [*St. Andrew, apostle*] Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22

Dec. 1: Rv 22: 1-7; Lk 21: 34-36

Dec. 2: [*First Sunday of Advent*] Jer 33: 14-16; 1

Thes 3: 12 – 4: 2; Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

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This week's sponsor is:

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SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S DEC. 1 & 2

Sat., 5p.m...Serena & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Bethany & Brianna Elkins



All are invited to participate in a Holy Hour of Healing and Reparation at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette, Friday, November 30, at 5:30PM led by Bishop Doherty. Leading up to the Holy Hour, there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:30PM-5:30PM. This will coincide with the national Holy Hour service being offered at the Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAK

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study and Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will each take winter break during the month of December. Following break they will each begin a new bible series. Watch the bulletin for further details!

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Don't forget to get your ornaments in to the office for inclusion on the tree beginning next Sunday.

Thank you in advance for participating!

HELP OTHERS TO HELP THEMSELVES

Thank you for your generous support of the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we worked together to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Find the envelope in your packet.

By supporting the collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 28, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

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Saturday 1, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

Sunday 2, Youth Group at St. John's

PRAY THE ROSARY

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$636.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$55.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,274.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

Food Pantry: \$12.00

Votive: \$99.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$285.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

IMAGES OF MARY

St. John's Altar & Rosary will gather at 5:30pm on December 6 for a soup and sandwich supper (provided) to celebrate the season. As a group we will then go to the Blackford County Arts Center for a 7pm presentation on *An Interfaith Experience - Images of Mary in Islam and Christianity* presented by Liz Hanks and Dr. George Wolfe. All are invited.

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet this Tuesday for the final session of this year long program at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic:** The End of Time

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!

On **December 16** the extended Grady Family will host the December **Parish Pitch-in** with Ham and Cheesy Potatoes. Please plan to join us, visit with St Nick, enjoy the silent auction, and bring a covered dish to share.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for future Parish Pitch-In's.

ALTAR & ROSARY DINNER

St Mary's Altar & Rosary will hold their Christmas Dinner on Monday December 10th beginning at 6 PM. All ladies of the Parish are invited to this pitch-in meal. We will have an optional Christmas Ornament Gift Exchange in the \$5-\$8 price range. We hope to see you there!

"WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

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 16, 55 pledges for St. John's total \$38,875. toward a goal of \$44,717 and for St. Mary's 14 households have been returned with pledges totaling \$9,800 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 7: 12-14; PS 93: 1-2, 5; REV 1: 5-8; JN 18: 33B-37

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.



The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals — that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

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This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths. First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just. Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me. Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others, The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

Shop the New-To-You in the next couple of weeks before we close for the winter. Many bargains for the holidays are available. Thur 11-5, Fri-Sat 11-2



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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.