

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

## AUGUST 24, 2018

### A FEW WORDS FROM FR. DAVE:

Continued thoughts and commentary on highlighted items in my prayer books.

**I will lead the blind on their journey; by paths unknown I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them and make crooked ways straight.**

**Isaiah 42**

It is rather typical to say that life is a journey. There are various journey images in Sacred Scripture. For instance, in the Old Testament, there is Exodus' imagery of God leading the people from slavery to freedom. In the New Testament, Jesus leads humanity from slavery to sin to freedom, reconciliation, and new life.

I am touched by the journey imagery in Is. 42. For one thing, I notice that God is the one leading us. Sometimes we think that as journeyers where we end up is completely in our own hands. While we do have a part to play, turning to God for guidance should always be part of our journey. The Magi, looking to guidance from heaven above is a great example of this.

I am also touched by God leading us "by paths unknown." Our God is a surprising God. Following unknown paths might not be the fastest route. But it is probably the best route since God is with us. Finally, turning "darkness into light" and making "crooked ways straight" is so comforting. What could be huge obstacles if we were alone and relying only on ourselves, might simply melt before us because of God's grace.

***DJN***

### AED's AND END OF LIFE ISSUES

Simply put, an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is a heart monitor that can read heart rhythms and deliver an electrical shock if necessary to help someone during a cardiac event. An AED is not a substitute for CPR. Anyone certified in CPR can use the AED to assist an individual in need. If you would like to learn more about the proper use of an AED and how to administer CPR, please take a Basic Life Support class through your local hospital. AED instruction is included in CPR certification.

St. John's has an AED in the back of Church and an AED in the Parish Hall supply closet. They are clearly marked and easily accessible. AED's and CPR can save lives. Again, many thanks to the K of C for providing our AED's.

Many people have chosen to be DNR's (Do Not Resuscitate). This is often a very prudent and appropriate ethical decision that individuals make with those closest to them.

**Please note: If you do not want to be resuscitated please:**

1. Carry your DNR statement with you.
2. Make sure the person who brings you to Mass is aware of your wishes and has a copy of your DNR statement with them.
3. Make sure those who sit around you at Mass are aware of your wishes and have access to your DNR statement (for instance, you keep it in your purse, wallet, etc.).

**Please Note:** Unless the affected individual explicitly, verbally states at the time of the incident that they do not want to be resuscitated, or unless that individual has easily found documentation explicitly stating that they do not want to be resuscitated, emergency workers have an obligation to begin life-saving methods on the person.

It's never too early nor are you too young to talk about difficult topics such as end of life wishes.

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH**

Rita Thiron, executive director of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, recently shared this prayer in response to events unfolding in the Church:

**Heavenly Father,  
in every age, you have been our refuge.  
Yet again and still, we stand before you  
asking for your protection on your holy Church.**

**For the victims of abuse and their families,  
pour out your healing and your peace.**

**For the Bishops of this country,  
continue to inspire their decisions,  
and guide them with your Spirit.**

**For the thousands of good and faithful priests,  
who have followed your call to serve you and  
your people in holiness,  
sustain them by your grace.**

**For the faithful who are angry, confused, and  
searching for answers,  
embrace them with your love,  
restore their trust,  
console them with your clear Gospel message,  
and renew them with your sacraments.**

**We place our Church in your hands,  
for without you we can do nothing.  
May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass,  
continue to lead her in every thought and action  
to be an instrument of justice,  
a source of consolation,  
a sacrament of unity,  
and a manifestation of your faithful covenant.**

**Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

May we all continue the work of healing and for  
the safety of all of God's people  
Jonathan F. Sullivan  
Director of Parish Ministries, Services, and  
Catechesis in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-  
Indiana

## **REPORT AN INCIDENT**

### **Who Should Make Reports**

- Victims of child sexual abuse by a person ministering on behalf of the Church
- Persons with a suspicion that a child may be sexually abused by a person ministering on behalf of the Church
- Persons concerned about violations about our Code of Conduct regarding appropriate behavior with children by any person ministering on behalf of the Church

### **How to Make a Report**

Indiana law requires that any individual who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect must report immediately to:

The local Child Protection Services agency (Hotline: 800-800-5556); or A local law enforcement agency.

Under Indiana law, it is a criminal act not to make such a report. This law applies to all adults without exception.

#### By Phone:

Doris May, Victim Assistance Minister & Head of Pastoral Response Team: (765) 464-4988

Charles "Max" Layden, Conduct in Ministry Officer: (765) 463-2242 -or-

Office of the Vicar General: (765) 269-4601

#### By mail:

Please compose a detailed description of the facts/incidents of the abuse and send it to Mr. Max Layden: P.O. Box 909, Lafayette, IN 47902.

## **PRAY FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

The upcoming Supreme Court vacancy created by the retirement of Anthony Kennedy provides us with yet another occasion requiring focused prayer. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are urging all people of good will to pray a novena that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Through Sept. 28, 2018, we are urged to fast on Fridays as well as encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for this novena intention.

## HAPPENINGS AT SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

### Sisters to host Photography as a Form of Prayer

If you enjoy taking photos on your phone or camera, spend an afternoon at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods with the Sisters of Providence, immersed in the beauty of the Woods and discover how you can use photography as a form of prayer and meditation. The workshop will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, September 16. If you want to take part, meet in the lobby of Providence Spirituality & Conference Center. Technical aspects of photography will not be covered, but you will learn how photography can enrich your spiritual life. Bring a camera or smartphone and remember to bring the walking shoes! There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 812-535-2952 or email [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).

### Sisters to host Fall Farm Day at the Woods

Bring the family and spend the afternoon at beautiful Saint Mary-of-the-Woods during Fall Farm Day at the Woods, scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, September 30. Enjoy the family day filled with alpaca visits, hayrides, children's activities, fiber demonstrations, farm and 4-H demonstrations, videos and more. Learn about the history of farming at the Woods from 1840 to the present. Snacks and refreshments will be free provided by Providence Health Care. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 812-535-2802 or log on to [SistersofProvidence.org](http://SistersofProvidence.org).



## GOOD NEWS ABOUT MATTHEW

As many of you know, a young man named Matthew Booher has been accompanying me to Mass for almost a year. He loves what he is learning about the Catholic faith from all of you at Mass and at various parish events.

Now new things are happening in his life to make it better and soon he will be moving to Ft. Wayne where there are more people and resources to help him.

I'm writing this to invite you to help him financially as he makes this big move in his life. He knows you have been helping him with your prayers, and he is very grateful! If you would like to help him financially as well, you can make the check out to St. John's Church and on the envelope or the memo line write Holy Spirit Ministries. You can also give or mail your donation to me—I have a special fund begun for him: Sr. Rita Musante, 207 Meadow Lane, Hartford City.

Thank you ahead of time and do keep Matthew in your prayers as he anticipates and makes this big change in his life! Thank you.

Sr. Rita Musante

## SEPTEMBER RETREATS AT ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

The following retreats are being offered during September at the beautiful St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton, IN.

**Psalms Retreat**--Tuesday, September 11, 10am to 3 pm, Thursday, September 13

Life is full of twists and turns, ups and downs, times of joy and times of confusion. The book of Psalms reflects these life movements. You are invited to come learn more about how the Psalms can be a source of strength that helps us to navigate through the different seasons of life. This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older. Cost: \$185 This midweek retreat includes daily conferences on the Psalms, time to pray with the Psalms, Daily Mass and Surprise Psalm activities. Amenities include a comfortable, full-service room and seven meals.

Register before September 4th by contacting SJRCC Director Samir Azer at (765) 551-9570 or email [sazer@dol-in.org](mailto:sazer@dol-in.org).



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER—ST. JOHN'S

**Saturday 5:00 pm Reader:**  
Lisa Rinker **Gifts:** Anna &  
Vince Cimino 1, 15, 22, 29,  
Mary Ford 8 **Announcements:**  
Fred Hoffman **Communion**  
**Ministers:** Lyn Whitesell,  
Sonya Hoffman, Kellee Merkel,  
Barbara Houseman, Diana  
Holsten 1, 8, 15, 22, Serena  
Merkel 29

**Sunday 8:30 am Reader:** Anya  
Uggen 2, Shea Aulbach 9, 16,  
Becky Cain 23, 30 **Gifts:**  
Religious Ed 2, Karen & John  
Shields 9, 16, 23, 30  
**Announcements:** Susan  
Lannoy 2, 9, 23, 30, Claire  
Aulbach 16 **Communion**  
**Ministers:** Eric Aulbach, Tom  
Alfrey, Karen Sulit, Kate &  
Alan Gordon 2, 9, 16, 30, Claire  
& Tom Aulbach 23

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARIES:

2 Mark & Shea Aulbach  
4 Corey & Amy Hardesty  
10 David & Lupie Dell  
12 John & Christine Geise  
15 Dan & Emily Johnson

### BIRTHDAYS:

4 Emilee Hardesty  
11 Lucy Banser  
16 Fr. Dave Newton  
16 Derrick Shields  
18 Brianna Elkins  
19 Megan Trissel  
25 John Shields  
30 Traci Williams

## CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED:

Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, Sept. 28 - 30, 2018** for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering Short-term mission service.

This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend.

Visit the website: [www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola](http://www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola) or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

**Since 1959, Mission Doctors Association has trained, sent and supported Catholic doctors** and their families who come from across the United States to serve people of all faiths in some of the most under-served areas of the world. This mission of healing provides direct patient care and training for local professionals striving toward the goal of sustainable health care.

The weekend provides the opportunity to reflect on the call to serve in light of faith, hear about the specific locations currently seeking medical professionals, hear from doctors and their spouses who have served at these locations, and includes presentations on the Theology of Mission, common medical issues faced, and the practical aspects of service related to visas and licensing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [efrederick@missiondoctors.org](mailto:efrederick@missiondoctors.org) or 213-368-1875.

## ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP DOHERTY

All married couples of the diocese celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2018 are invited to attend a special Mass on Sunday, September 16, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette to celebrate their years of Christian marriage. During the liturgy, Bishop Doherty will offer a special anniversary blessing. The Anniversary Mass will begin at 2:30pm and will fulfill the Sunday obligation. Immediately following Mass, Bishop Doherty will greet couples at a reception of light refreshments.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH  
BISHOP DOHERTY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2:30PM  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
LAFAYETTE, IN**

To assist in preparation, please register with the Office of Divine Worship online at [www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass](http://www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass) or contact our parish office and Diana will help with your registration.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER—ST. MARY'S

**September 2:** **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Danette Hamilton **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**September 9:** **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Christa Stigleman **Communion Ministers:** Laverne Watson & Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**September 16:** **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Kevin & Wendy Stout Family **Communion Ministers:** Amy Grady & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**September 23:** **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagle **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Danette Hamilton **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**September 30:** **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

## AUGUST CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.’” (Gospel for Aug. 30, Jn. 6:67-69)

I don't know about you, but I can look back on moments in my life when Peter's words have been personal and I have said to Jesus in prayer: ‘Master, to whom shall I go?’ I hope that you likewise have reached a point in your life where you know with certainty that there is nowhere to go but Jesus: not to power, to money, to sex, to alcohol, or anything else that can become a false “master” in our lives. My brothers, we have come to believe that Jesus is the Holy One of God, and our lives must bear evidence of this. Let us become men who, with Peter, can truly say, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

**AUGUST CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

**This month I challenge you to make a daily examination of conscience, probing your heart to find the false “masters” (e.g., comfort, power, appearance) to whom you go. Take a few minutes before bed to review the day, including both your blessings and sins. Second, I challenge you to eliminate one of your vices and when you are tempted to participate in that vice pray, “Jesus I trust in you.”**

--Knights of Columbus.org

## FALL BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN

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. 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.

This session of the Sunday Morning Bible Study starts September 9, after 8:30am Mass and dismisses at 10:30am when the Religious Ed classes dismiss. Books will be available soon. Please call the school office to reserve your book, 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.

St. Mary's Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday, September 9 at 9:00am with the Catholicism series. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Blakely or Colleen Bicknell by September 2.



## PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

**Jacqueline Giese** received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John's

**Jonathan Geise** received the Sacrament of the Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John's

**Addison Michael** received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John's

**Brinlee Michael** received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John's

**Carson Murray** received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's

**Kelli Rinker** received a blue ribbon on her dog poster at the Indiana State Fair.

**Ben Schomber** received a orange special merit ribbon on food preservation, white on poultry poster at the Indiana State Fair.

**Blayden Schomber** received a blue ribbon on electric project, red on food preservation, poultry and rabbit posters at the Indiana State Fair.

\*County results were not obtainable at print time.

\*\*State Fair animal results will be reported in next month's Good News Letter.

## ST. JOHN'S ALTAR & ROSARY

The kick-off meeting of the 2018-19 Altar & Rosary year will be held Thursday, September 6 beginning at 6pm. We will have a pitch-in dinner an ask that you bring a dish to share. A recap of last year's finances is listed here. We will discuss our upcoming year as we continue with last year's format of four meetings a year so your attendance is vital. Please join us as we move forward in service, prayer and leadership of our church support.

BEG. CHECK BALANCE Sept 1, 2017 \$2,737.41

### INCOME:

Wreath Sales	\$1,034.84
Bake Sale	\$462.00
Fish Frys	\$1,782.59
Rummage Sale	\$222.00
Membership Dues(50)	<u>\$251.00</u>
Income Total:	\$3,752.43

### EXPENSES:

Altar & Garden	\$1,103.09
Includes: flowers, Eagle statue, Garden	
Mother's & Father's Day	\$424.81
Altar Supplies	
candle,wine,host	\$1,825.23
robes	\$571.34
Projects & Services	
Includes:	
Dining Hall Aprons, Fellowship Cards, Safe Sitter Workshop, First Communion, Donation to Victory Noll (Ladies Spiritual Day Trip)	<u>\$ 617.34</u>
Expense Total:	\$4,541.91
ENDING BALANCE July 31, 2018	\$1,947.93

## JESUS, FREE MY CLUTTERED HEART

(From 100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguet)

Jesus, you welcomed the stranger, the despised, the foreigner, the sinner

into your compassionate and healing love.

Free my cluttered heart

that I might truly follow your way of welcome.

Open me to look into the eyes of the poor and the lonely

to sit with the troubled and grieving,

to listen to sinner and saint alike,

as I yield to your spirit of welcoming.

Amen.

## 4 THINGS CATHOLIC PARENTS SHOULD MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN KNOW BEFORE LEAVING HOME

**1. You are loved.** Young adults who know beyond any doubt that their parents love them are less likely to engage in risky behavior. You don't have to like or approve of everything your child does, but your love should be steadfast which will be a constant they can rely upon in an ever-changing world.

**2. Know your faith.** Your children's Catholic beliefs are going to be challenged. Those with a weak knowledge of the teachings of the Church often turn to other faiths or drop their faith completely. Don't assume they fully understand what they've been taught. Take time to discuss the faith and listen to your child and share questions and answers.

**3. The Church is your home.** Make sure your child knows that even though they may be leaving your home, they never have to leave their church home. When homesickness threatens, a nearby Catholic Church and the Mass can be a comforting safety.

**4. Pray daily.** Friendship with God is even more important than our school friends. Take time daily through prayer to connect with God in order to know and understand God's will for our lives.

## WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

This year in this section of *The Good News Letter*, we will focus on Catholic furniture, fixtures, sacramentals and icons.

We are surrounded by sacramentals. The Church has placed them in every aspect of our day-to-day life. They may more or less be divided into categories, though some sacramentals may fall under more than one. For instance, a rosary is both a prayer and a blessed object of devotion.

Did you know that **Blessings of deacons, priests, and bishops** are considered sacramentals. The blessings of deacons, priests, and bishops, such as the consecration of churches, the absolution contained in the Confiteor at Mass, the Asperges, and the blessings bestowed on palms, candles, or ashes as well as others are all sacramental actions?

Lay Catholics are free to bless objects, and we do so often in blessing our children, blessing meals, blessing Advent wreaths or Mary Gardens, etc. However, our blessings act as 'mere' plea to God. Ordained Catholic clergy (deacons, priests, bishops) alone through ordination have been given the power to bless with a guarantee, as it were, and it is they and they alone who can take a new crucifix or rosary and turn them into sacramentals with the power and prayers of the entire Church behind them.

It is easy to forget that **rubrics and prayers** are all sacramentals, such as the bowing of the head at the holy name of Jesus or the sign of the cross. Many of these actions are used so often that they are performed flippantly and without thought. How easy it is to forget that a sincere recitation of the Confiteor before communion and the absolution of the priest afterwards can remit venial sin and be used as a way of purifying one's soul before receiving Holy Communion. How often in a day do we make the sign of the cross, forgetting that it is a testimony of faith in the Trinity to Whom we belong and in the act of Redemption. All these things should be done deliberately and devoutly, since they were deliberately instituted by the church to aid us in attaining a deep love of God.

The power of sacramentals depends greatly on the devotion of both the priest who gives the blessing and the person who is receiving the sacramental. They depend on the prayers of the Church, the prayers of the blessings that are imposed on them, and the merits of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother, and the Saints. Of themselves they do not save souls, but they are the means for securing heavenly help for those who use them properly.



## FAMILY SECTION— JOY FOR THE WORLD

All families have a unique history comprised of milestone events and peopled by a diverse cast of characters. This history of a family is passed on in the telling of its stories. The richest families are those in which the stories have been remembered, treasured, and incorporated into the spirit of the family.

Grandparents, more than anyone else, are the keepers of the family stories. They are a living bridge between the past and the future of a family. Their intimate connection with the two generations that preceded them and the two that follow gives them a remarkable knowledge and view of the landscape of five generations.

When grandchildren hear the family's stories they learn who they are and from where they came. Research has shown that children who know something of their roots and the history of their family have stronger self-esteem. Through the family stories, children are given a sense of belonging and they develop a family pride. Stories about the family ancestors tend to build confidence in children and empower them. These family stories teach the faith, ethics and values of a family. Our faith stories help us to see how God has worked in the family story and brought us to where we are today. They link us to the good and saintly people who have been part of the family chain, and these people provide models for newer generations. Children need heroes with whom to identify and they are greatly enriched if they can find people in their own families to inspire and give them direction.

Unless someone in the family tells the stories, they are lost, and when the family stories are lost a piece of the family's soul and identity is lost. Maintaining and passing on the family stories is a precious gift that grandparents can give to their grandchildren.

**September 16 is National Grandparents Day.** Take an opportunity this year to tell or listen to your family's story. It might be the best gift given or received.

--foryourmarriage.org

## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

Sept. 1-Pope Francis I  
Sept. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty  
Sept. 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City  
Sept. 4-Fr. Gerry Borawski, retired  
Sept. 5-Fr. Michael Bower Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
Sept. 6-Fr. Phil Bowers, retired  
Sept. 7-Fr. David Buckles, Franciscan Health Lafayette  
Sept. 8-Fr. Pat Click, St. Louis de Monfort Fishers  
Sept. 9-Fr. Paul Cochran, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield & St. Cecilia, DeMotte  
Sept. 10-Fr. John Cummings St. Joseph, Reynolds & Sacred Heart, Remington  
Sept. 11-Fr. Cole Daily, St. Lawrence, Lafayette  
Sept. 12-Fr. Donald Davison, St. Augustine, Rensselaer  
Sept. 13-Fr. Christian DeCarlo, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel  
Sept. 14-Fr. Andrew DeKeyser, Diocesan Chancery & Diocesan Tribunal, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette  
Sept. 15-Fr. James DeOreo, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville  
Sept. 16-Fr. Brian Doerr, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie  
Sept. 17-Fr. Richard Doerr, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Carmel  
Sept. 18-Fr. Andrew Dudzinski, St. Mary Muncie  
Sept. 19-Fr. Brian Dudzinski, St. Patrick, Kokomo  
Sept. 20-Fr. Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General; Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette  
Sept. 21-Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Alexandria  
Sept. 22-Fr. Stephen Duquaine, St. Lawrence, Lafayette  
Sept. 23-Fr. Cajetan Ebuziem, Emmaus House Lafayette  
Sept. 24-Fr. Dale Ehrman, Sacred Heart, Cicero  
Sept. 25-Fr. Dennis Faker, St. Cecilia, DeMotte  
Sept. 26-Fr. Michael Ford, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette  
Sept. 27-Fr. Tom Fox, retired  
Sept. 28-Fr. Alan Funk, retired  
Sept. 29-Fr. Sam Futral, St. Joseph, Covington & St. Francis Xavier, Attica  
Sept. 30-Fr. Daniel Gartland, Holy Spirit, Fishers

*HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY*



**St. Mary Parish and  
St. John the Evangelist Parish**

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**Lord's Day Liturgy**

SATURDAY: 5.00 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- **Weekday Liturgy:** Please consult inside the bulletin. --

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

**Sept. 14, 2018**

**Editor: Diana Holsten**

**THANK YOU TO ALL FRUITFUL HARVEST  
CONTRIBUTORS**

The Fruitful Harvest 2016 "Stewards of Christ...Sharing Our Gifts" diocesan appeal is nearing its end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Both our cluster parishes have reached and exceeded their goals. THANK YOU!

St. John's reached their Fruitful Harvest 2016 Campaign goal of \$45,340 the end of July with payments of \$47,813. We received our 10% rebate check of \$4,534 and also a 50% rebate check of the overage of \$1,236.

St. Mary's met their goal of \$12,635 in the early spring and likewise already received their 10% rebate of \$1,263. A 50% rebate check was received last week in the amount of \$1,084.

THANK YOU to each and everyone who helped us attain these goals. Your payments to Fruitful Harvest help the local Church of the diocese to fund programs and needed projects and the rebates help St. John's and St. Mary's as a form of a savings plan. A final 50% rebate check will follow after the August payments have been fully posted.

In October we will have the kick-off of the 2018 Fruitful Harvest diocesan appeal "Walking Together in the Light of Christ". This campaign will come with a few changes beginning with a pledge letter directly from Bishop Doherty. Please look for that to arrive in your mail the last two weeks of September as that will contain your pledge card. As a Catholic community may we continue to respond to God's grace in our lives and by His grace share our blessings.



***Let us not become weary  
in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give  
up."***

***Galatians 6:9***



