

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

OCTOBER 22, 2021



FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

This November concludes approximately our 2000th or so liturgical year as a Church. It is appropriate that we have in November the great feast days of All Souls, All Saints, and Jesus Christ the King of the Universe to mark this temporal and eternal reality. For some, this year cannot finish quickly enough, and that is quite understandable. But I do hope that even if there have been difficult moments for us this year, we take advantage of the feasts that we have ahead of us, especially All Soul's Day on November 2nd.

If you look at our parish calendar you will see three Masses offered on that day, which is not even a holy day of obligation. And as priests we are not permitted to say more than two Masses a day without some kind of pastoral reason. But on All Soul's that restriction is not only removed but we are encouraged to say three Masses that day. Why? This is to pray for all the faithful departed especially those from the past year as they prepare to enter into heaven while being cleansed in purgatory. This is a profound act of charity and sacrifice on our part, and a cathartic act for both ourselves and our loved ones. The bonds and ties of our familial friendships united in Christ do not disappear even after death—and to honor and pray for them is a fundamental act that truly highlights the basic dignity of all human life.

It is a tremendous honor for myself as a priest to offer these particular sacrifices on this day for all in our pastorate, so I look forward to these Masses as they help us who remain to mourn and grieve appropriately and continue our bonds with

them. I hope all three parishes can take advantage of All Soul's Day in person but if one is not able, to pray throughout November for our beloved dead. *May the souls of all the faithful departed, Rest In Peace.*

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley



Please join us in Celebrating the Lord's Day with the sacrifice of the Mass.

The Lord's Day Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:00pm at St. Mary's, Dunkirk

6:30pm at St. John's, Hartford City

Sunday Mass:

9:00am at St. John's, Hartford City

11:00am at Holy Family, Gas City

If weekend Mass is uncomfortable for you, a weekday Mass might be a good alternative. There are less people in attendance, but you can still receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Mondays 10am at St. John's

Wednesdays 12noon at St. John's

Thursdays 5:30pm at St. Mary's

Fridays 9am at Holy Family



Pastorate Guide

The Pastorate Guide is a principal Uniting in Heart planning resource issued to the pastorate leadership teams, pastoral councils, and finance councils of each pastorate to facilitate the development of the 3-year Rolling Pastoral Vision Plans (PVPs). Containing a wealth of resources and recommendations, the guide will help influence subsequent plan updates and opportunities for further staff and pastorate development. The Uniting in Heart Pastorate Guide provides greater clarity and articulates specific pastoral objectives and explanations to grow ministries aligned to the Uniting in Heart pillars of Mission, Community and Witness.

The Sacraments and Uniting in Heart

An excerpt from an article in the October 3 edition of *The Catholic Moment*

By Rob Hartley, Director of Evangelization, Family Life and Pastoral Ministries

I enjoy the game of golf, but when I'm on the course I'm not really playing golf. I'm just hacking at the ball. I'm present on the course and among the other golfers. I've got the clubs, the shoes, and the correct attire. But I have never come to know and follow a professional golfer or become a disciple of the game. Although I aim at the hole, I miss the mark and spend more time in the woods looking for the ball than I do on the fairway or the green.

What does this have to do with our faith? It might relate to the fact that so many Catholics go to Mass and receive the sacraments but experience no real change in their lives. This is the very reason for Bishop Doherty's Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan and its emphasis on evangelization and discipleship. Some may still ask "where do the sacraments fit into the plan?" The short answer is everywhere!

God's plan for of salvation begins with hearing and responding to this Gospel message, but having a relationship with Christ and growing in it is a lifelong journey. Salvation is restorative, transformative and regenerative. It justifies, sanctifies and unifies

through the grace of Jesus Christ. To be sure, all of this is only possible through the sacraments. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "...the sacraments of the New Covenant are necessary for salvation." Again, "The fruit of the sacramental life is that the Spirit of Adoption makes the faithful partakers in the divine nature by uniting them in living union with the only Son, the Savior." That is why the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana seeks to unite all people in the heart of Jesus.

Beginning with our bishop and extending to the clergy, the laity and even those outside the Church that live within the boundaries of the diocese, all are called to unite in Christ. Uniting in Heart acknowledges that the sacraments for many have not brought about the conversion intended by Christ. It seeks to address the fact that many in the Church have been sacramentalized, but not evangelized. We have been sleepwalking through the sacraments. We have "received" the sacraments without receiving the Gospel invitation to follow Christ.

Read more about how the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan can truly renew our relationship with the sacraments in your copy of *The Catholic Moment*.

"Have caution in not allowing yourself to be struck down by adversity nor becoming vain by prosperity."

— St. Clare of Assisi

AMEN FREE PRAYER APP

Given that prayer is as necessary as breathing for a Christian, The Augustine Institute has wanted to come up with a platform that will help get out the rich content they have on prayer to make it easy for people to pray. The app they are releasing will employ Scripture and the richness of our two-thousand-year-old Catholic tradition of prayer. This new project is so important that we are offering it for free. Everyone should have AMEN.

In order not to drown in the deluge of bad news and problems, we need to have steady hearts that are anchored in deep trust of our Lord. But to have firm hearts, we need to have a well-formed faith. People need to pray, or they will spiritually perish.

The times are dire, but God's grace and power are not constrained. Download this app today!

CCHD: WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

This annual special collection will be taken on November 20/21. Envelopes can be found in your packets.



St. John's Altar & Rosary will participate again this year in the Santa's Depot Craft Show to be held at Blackford High School on Saturday, November 20th. We will be asking for baked goods donations via our calling chain in the coming weeks. We look forward to your willing support of this annual fundraiser. Thank you.

"O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen."
— St. Ignatius of Loyola



CANDLE LIGHTING FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, and we remember and pray for our family, friends, and all of those who have passed from this earthly life. We celebrate their lives and help them with our prayers to their next destination: from Purgatory to eternal happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through the month of November, we will have a candle display remembering those whom we have lost from our parishes from November 1, 2020-October 22, 2021:

Linda Grove, 9-7-21, St. Mary's
Phil Blakely, 9-29-21, St. Mary's
Charles Montgomery, 11-12-20, St. John's
Wanda Hoover, 11-22-20, St. John's
Lawrence Aulbach, 12-3-20, St. John's
Jerry Trant, 12-18-20, St. John's
Billy Meyer, 12-20-20, St. John's
Robert O'Rourke, 12-25-20, St. John's
Leisa Maddox, 3-1-21, St. John's
Nedra Lips, 3-14-21, St. John's
Carol O'Rourke, 6-1-21, St. John's
Anna Cimino, 9-11-21, St. John's
Theresa Rains, 10-3-21, St. John's
James Schorey, 10-5-21, St. John's
Robert Moore, 11-10-20, Holy Family
Marie Ray, 11-10-20, Holy Family
Betty Jones, 11-21-20, Holy Family
Paul Watson, 1-3-21, Holy Family
Donald Walz, 1-6-21, Holy Family
Deanna Detherage, 1-16-21, Holy Family
Toni Allman, 2-13-21, Holy Family
James Matney, 3-24-21, Holy Family
Phyllis Whitaker, 3-25-21, Holy Family
Rosemary Matney, 4-6-21, Holy Family
Lucille First, 4-12-21, Holy Family
Jennifer Wright, 5-4-21, Holy Family
Evan Stanley, 6-10-21, Holy Family
Doris Owen, 6-16-21, Holy Family

In honor of all the holy souls, join us in our prayer that the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace with Him. Also, join us on November 2nd for Mass for our deceased loved ones. See calendar for schedule.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 11:00 am Reader: Tina Poston
Commentator: JoMarie Robinson 7, 21, 25, 28, Ann Devitt 1, 2, 14
Communion Minister: Glen Devitt
Ushers: Kris & Lisa Kendall
Greeter: Beverly Vaughn

ST. MARY'S

Nov. 6: Reader: Ted Kolodka
Greeter: Dean & Loretta Wilson
Counter: Dan Watson
Nov. 13: Reader: Dan Watson
Greeter: Colleen Bicknell
Counter: Jane Crouch
Nov. 20: Reader: Laverne Watson
Greeter: Jane Crouch
Counter: Dan Watson
Nov. 27: Reader: Ted Kolodka
Greeter: Colleen Bicknell
Counter: Dan Watson

ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 6:30 pm Reader & Announcements: Fred Hoffman
Communion Minister: Tina Johnson
Greeters: Nathan & Matthew Booher
Sunday 9:00 am Reader & Announcements: Bernadette Elkins 7, 28, Shea Aulbach 14, 21
Communion Minister: Lisa Rinker
Greeter:

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

7 Bob & Lucy Banser

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Janice Jackson
10 Lupie Dell
17 Noah Kitterman
25 Jeff Cox
28 Ryder Trissel
30 Veronique Coppock

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note with your name, month and day of birth or anniversary. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*. We do not automatically include names due to privacy.

PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Ammee Uggen qualified for cross country regionals at BHS.

Fred Hoffman was awarded "Citizen of the Year" through the Hartford City Chamber of Commerce annual dinner for all his tireless work with the youth soccer program covering Blackford and Eastern Grant Counties and for the greenway trial, especially the addition of the pedicabs. Congratulation

MONTHLY K OF C CHALLENGE

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" (Gospel for Oct. 31, Mk 12:28b-30)

Among religions in the ancient world, Judaism stood out in its monotheism, the belief in one all-powerful God. The Greatest Commandment, which Christ gives us here, follows from this truth. The forces of Satan oppose God, but God is infinitely more powerful. The battle cry of St. Michael when he defeated Satan and his rebel angels was "Who is like unto God?" It is, of course, a rhetorical question. There is only one God; may we love him completely and totally.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to begin and end each day by praying the Prayer to St. Michael.

Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean — in concrete terms — to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength? Do you use the Lord's name in vain? Do you show proper reverence for God in your thoughts, words and actions each day?

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**"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."
— St. Gianna Molla**



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pope Francis has announced a special Year of the Family for March 19, 2021, to June 26, 2022. The year commemorates the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*).

TIPS FOR GROWING IN HOLINESS AS A FAMILY

 by Dr. Lauri Przybysz

Daily family life within the domestic Church, the Church of the home, gives witness to Christ's mission of sharing the Good News with all people and of building God's kingdom on Earth. Here are six ways in which all families can grow in holiness.

1. Recognize the value of what you are already doing.
2. Practice hospitality.
3. Value presence more than presents.
4. Speak kindly, listen thoughtfully, act lovingly.
5. Respect differences.
6. Be the change you want to see.

Your family IS holy because God's grace is at work in you!

MUNCIE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 13

8:30am-3:30pm

Muncie Horizon Convention Center

Join other Catholic Men for engaging talks, fraternity, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Timothy Doherty.

Special Guests:

Dr. Ray Guarendi—clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host on EWTN

Sean Hussey—director of Evangelization for ArchIndy and Host of Cold Brews and Catholic Truths

Joe Reitz—former NFL player with the Indianapolis Colts

Bishop Timothy Doherty—Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette

POPE'S LETTER ON ST. JOSEPH

ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, proclaiming the year 2021 as the year of St. Joseph, the Worker. Here are a few quotes from Pope Francis on St. Joseph:



Do not lose hope; St. Joseph also experienced moments of difficulty, but he never lost faith and was able to overcome them, in the certainty that God never abandons us.

— Pope Francis —

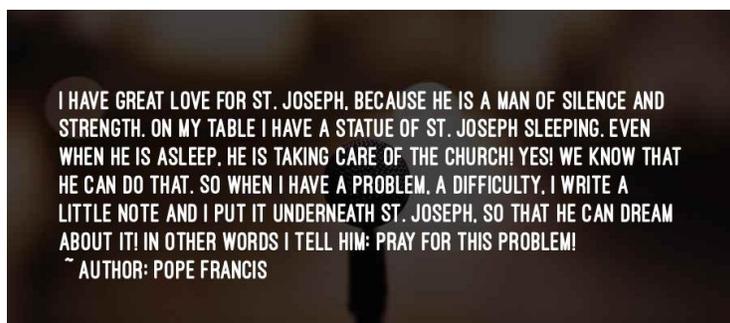
AZ QUOTES



How does St. Joseph exercise his role as protector? Discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand.

Pope Francis

quotation



I HAVE GREAT LOVE FOR ST. JOSEPH, BECAUSE HE IS A MAN OF SILENCE AND STRENGTH. ON MY TABLE I HAVE A STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH SLEEPING. EVEN WHEN HE IS ASLEEP, HE IS TAKING CARE OF THE CHURCH! YES! WE KNOW THAT HE CAN DO THAT. SO WHEN I HAVE A PROBLEM, A DIFFICULTY, I WRITE A LITTLE NOTE AND I PUT IT UNDERNEATH ST. JOSEPH, SO THAT HE CAN DREAM ABOUT IT! IN OTHER WORDS I TELL HIM: PRAY FOR THIS PROBLEM!
~ AUTHOR: POPE FRANCIS



We are born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

— Saint Joseph —

AZ QUOTES

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St. John the Evangelist Parishes**
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Lord's Day Liturgy

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm at St. Mary's

6:30 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 9:00 am at St. John's

11:00 am at Holy Family

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

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**CONGRATULATIONS
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
ON 125 YEARS OF CATHOLIC FAITH IN THE
DUNKIRK, REDKEY, ALBANY
AND SURROUNDING AREAS!
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS ALL!**



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

All are invited to Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am. This year it will be held at Holy Family in Gas City. Start your holiday with prayer and Mass of thanksgiving for all the gifts in our lives.

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DRIVE THRU ONLY

Saturday, November 6

4:30-7pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids under 12

Includes: fish, potatoes, applesauce and a cookie

