

**July 24, 2016**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

## **Saint John Catholic Church**

**Mission Statement:** "We envision a process of transforming all baptized Christian, clergy, and lay into maturing persons knowing themselves in community, growing in their relationship to God, lived in individual and shared ministry responses to their baptismal call."

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Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Finance Council met this past week to go over the year-end reports for FY 2015-16. The final report will be prepared for publication and distributed in the next few weeks. Also discussed by the council: 1) the installation of a new air conditioning unit in the parish hall; 2) a new vacuum cleaner for the church; 3) payments made on the building project loan; 4) the numerous dead trees around the cemetery.

### **Coming up this Fall: RCIA**

**What is "RCIA"?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, a deep conversion to Jesus Christ and His values. During this process, a person is formed in faith by reflecting on God's Word, the Catholic Community's life, liturgy, beliefs, and apostolic works. It is a total formation process culminating in full membership in the Catholic Church, through the 3 Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

**Who is it for?** The RCIA is primarily designed for persons seeking Baptism; that is, those not baptized previously. Since baptized Christians from other denominations may also be seeking membership in the Catholic Church, the RCIA process is adapted to their needs as well.

**What is the process?** The process of full initiation into the Church has four stages, beginning with the *Period of Inquiry*. This is a time for questions and finding out more about the Church and its life of faith. Not all inquirers decide to enter the Church or to complete their initiation - it is up to the individual.

- The *Period of Catechumenate* begins with the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. During this period we meet regularly to pray, share scripture and how they relate to one's life, and to discuss church teachings. In addition, participants will attend Sunday Masses.
- The *Period of Purification and Enlightenment* begins with the First Sunday of Lent. The Rite of Election is celebrated at this time. This period continues the reflection on scripture and one's own life, focusing now upon Lenten themes: liberation from sin, deepening in prayer, works of charity, and sacrifice.
- The last stage is the *Mystagogia*, which follows Easter - the traditional time of becoming a full member in the Catholic Church. It is a time to become better integrated into the faith community.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic desiring to celebrate Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Ray, Deacon Fred, or the Church office: 515-523-1943.

**SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:** Preparation class for parents and godparents is required. Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before the anticipated date of the wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to speak with Father.

# Parish News & Events

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## Mass Schedule

**Sunday 7/24** 8:00am For the People  
**Wednesday 7/27** 8:30am Prayer service w/Deacon Fred  
**Thursday 7/28** 6:30pm Prayer service w/Deacon Fred  
**Sunday 7/31** 8:00am For Christine Hanley

*If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita in the Church Office at 515-523-1943.*

## Financial Report for the week of July 17th

Regular Tithes \$406.00  
Children \$11.00  
Building Fund \$0.00  
Repair Fund Balance 7/20: \$1,498.87  
ADA Balance Due: \$373.90

## Liturgical Ministers July 31st

**Cross Bearer:** Belle Fagan

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Brett Dorsey  
& Family

**Lector:** Theresa Elgin

**Host:** Scott Suhr

**Cup:** Sr. Nesta, Les Elgin

**Servers:** Quinton Younker, Carley  
Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Deb & Francis  
Hollinrake

The Knights of Columbus is holding their annual Seminarian picnic on Sunday August 7. *More details to come.*



## Catholic Quiz

1. Pope John Paul II instituted a new set of mysteries to the Rosary called the \_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries. It is suggested by the Church to say these mysteries on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The 3rd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary is the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Saul saw Jesus as a bright light on his way to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The first Christian in the New Testament, as well as the first evangelist, was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paul describes Jesus as the new \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Ark of the Covenant contained three items, according to Paul, including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. There are at least 3 righteous people mentioned in the Book of Luke, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. According to the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ is the prince of the air.
9. The first murderer in human history was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Adam & Eve's third son was named \_\_\_\_\_.

*Answers in next week's bulletin!*

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**Universal:** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

**Evangelization:** That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.