

## 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 FEBRUARY 25 Second Sunday of Lent

#### **Monday, February 26**

12:00 noon...No Mass (*St. John's*)

#### **Tuesday, February 27**

5:30 p.m...Leslie Durham (*St. John's*)

#### **Wednesday, February 28**

12:00noon...Victoria Ellenburg (*St. John's*)

#### **Thursday, March 1**

5:30 p.m...Leo Claytor (*St. Mary's*)

#### **First Friday, March 2**

5:30 p.m...Alivia Viellieux (*St. John's*)

#### **Saturday, March 3**

5:00 p.m...Patricia Holt (*St. John's*)

#### **Sunday, March 4**

8:30 a.m...David Ford (*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's  
(*St. Mary's*)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

*Universal: Say "No" to Corruption*

*That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*

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

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

**Regulations effective in our Diocese are:**

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence**
- **Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence**

On days of Fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but should not equal another full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are permitted. Persons age 18-60 are bound by the Law of Fast.

On days of Abstinence, no meat is allowed. Persons 14 years of age and older are bound by the Law of Abstinence.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Study of the Bible Timeline started last Sunday. Study questions handouts are available from Diana on Mondays to Fridays or at the class on Sundays. We do not read every Scripture Reference nor answer every question. Not everyone can attend every week. Do what you can do to participate at your discretion. Bring a cup of coffee and a snack, if you like, and join us on the stage in the school basement.

## REPENT AND BELIEVE

Each week we will have a reflection question to help guide you through these 40 days.

**What temptations in my life do I need to overcome?**

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that our hearts may be filled with the love of Christ Jesus and that, we in turn can use that same love to share with others the gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Alivia Viellieux, granddaughter of David & Connie Viellieux, parishioners of St. John's, who recently passed to eternal life. May she rest in peace and may her family be comforted by your prayers.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR MARCH 3-4

Sat., 5p.m...Serena Merkel & Cameron Rinker

Sun., 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Bethany Elkins

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place the first Friday of each month, 4:30-5:25pm prior to Mass at 5:30pm at St. John's. **Next Adoration date: this Friday.**

## RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of learning about the Catholic faith and reflecting on one's personal faith journey using Scripture, prayer, questions, and discussion. We will meet each Wednesday between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm.

## ARE YOUR BRACKETS BUSTED?

How is your study of the saints going? Here is a list of the first eight saints advancing to round two: From the Biblical region was Peter and John; Monastics and Martyrs were Maria and Quiteria; Anna and Edith made it from Mostly Modern and Richard and Margaret finished out the miscellaneous division. The second set of eight from round one will square off next week. Watch the Bulletin to see who advances.

## LENTEN CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Some things to consider as we read Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week:

1. In what ways do I freely surrender to the loving, protective care of God; and in what ways do I resist that surrender; how can I submit myself to God with greater love and docility?
2. Jesus' discourse is explored on these three topics  
A) The End of The Temple  
B) The Times Of the Gentiles  
C) Prophecy and Apocalypse

How can the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem be seen as a sign of God's providence, leading us to Christ?

## A FUN HISTORY PROGRAM

A fun history program will be held from 6-7pm at the HC Library on Tuesday, March 6, sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Blackford Historical Society. Richard Harris, a retired BSU administrator who loves American history will present a program on Prohibition: The Noble Experiment. He will introduce us to a fascinating cast of characters and share wonderful pictures and anecdotes.

## CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is Catholic Press Month and The Catholic Moment is celebrating 74 years of sharing the voices of inspiration, witness, hope, faith and truth throughout our Diocese.

Please use the envelope from your packets to help us defray the cost of providing this newspaper to each household in our cluster parishes. Only \$22 covers the entire year.

## GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN YOUNG PEOPLE...

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US in a life-changing Lenten journey. **Pick up your rice bowl from the bookcases at either church.**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,150.00

Food Pantry: \$279.00

Catholic Moment: \$174.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$217.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,137.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

Pantry: \$35.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$166.00

Propagation of Faith: \$75.00

Catholic Moment: \$309.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?*



MARCH 2, 4:30-7PM

MARCH 16, 4:30-7PM

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

\$9 Adults; \$5 ages 5-12

Children 4 and under are free

All-you-can-eat Fish, Scalloped Potatoes,  
coleslaw, applesauce, drink and dessert

Desserts are provided by St. John's  
Altar & Rosary Members

All proceeds benefit parish and community  
projects throughout the year.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 26: Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Feb. 27: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Feb. 28: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Mar. 1: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Mar. 2: [World Day of Prayer] Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a,  
17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Mar. 3: [St. Katharine Drexel, virgin] Mi 7: 14-15,  
18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mar. 4: [Third Sunday of Lent] Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor 1:  
22-25; Jn 2: 13-25

#### THIS WEEK:

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

Wednesday 21, Eucharist Lenten Retreat 12:30-2pm  
at St. John's

RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 22, Eucharist Lenten Retreat 6-7:30pm at  
St. Mary's

Friday 23, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 24, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 25, Bible Study at St. John's 9:30-10:30am  
Haiti at St. John's

#### GOSEPL REFLECTIONS:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts notes regarding all the Books of the Bible. In its introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans (our Second Reading), the USCCB says, "Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook." Paul's Letter to the Romans is in fact the longest of his letters in the New Testament (Romans is more than 7,000 words; that is much shorter, of course, than the shortest Gospel, Mark, which is still more than 11,000 words.) However, as stated by the Bishops, the Letter to the Romans explained in a more detailed way Paul's theology and spirituality than any other letter.

Regardless the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us are familiar, but which has great meaning: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us. We understand that we will be judged. "Paul's point is if we are judged "not guilty" by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to place our trust in God, and in His love.

#### LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten retreat on the Mass as center and heart of our parish and individual lives, **begins this week: Wednesday, Feb 21** at St John's parish hall, 12:30 – 2 pm, **or Thursday, Feb 22** at St Mary's parish hall, 6 – 7:30 pm. **All are welcome** to come, pray, reflect, be enriched! Led by Sr. Rita Musante. **There is no charge for this retreat, but a freewill offering would be accepted. Bring your Bible and a snack to share if you wish.**

#### WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:30pm at St. John's



#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

##### 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.

## The Clustered Parishes Of

**St. Mary, Dunkirk**

**St. John the Evangelist,  
Hartford City**

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**Pastor, Fr. David J. Newton**

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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.