

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

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

5:30 p.m...Tony Pursley (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, March 14

12:00noon...Gerard Merkel (*St. John's*)

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

10:00 a.m...Janice Holtzleiter (*Bridgewater Center*)

Saturday, March 17

5:00 p.m...Louisa Wilson (*St. John's*)

Sunday, March 18

8:30 a.m...Wilda Moore (*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 MARCH:

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- **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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$898.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,079.00

Building Fund: \$145.00

Flowers: \$186.00

Food Pantry: \$151.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$110.00

Holyland: \$35.00

Catholic Moment: \$44.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "we are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 13, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 14, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Friday 16, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Sunday 18, Bible Study 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

SERVER TRAINING...WE NEED YOU!

St. John's is holding a server training this Sunday following religious ed classes: 10:30-11am in church. Students in fourth grade and up as well as adults are invited to share in this ministry and help serve their church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 12: Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54

Mar. 13: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16

Mar. 14: Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

Mar. 15: Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47

Mar. 16: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Mar. 17: [*St. Patrick, bishop*] Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53

Mar. 18: [*Fifth Sunday of Lent*] Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:30pm at St. John's. Walk with Jesus through this Holy Week experience.

REPENT AND BELIEVE

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

What most keeps me from seeing Jesus' presence in my life?

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that we can see God's image in others and find ways to show others His love and grace.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR MARCH 17-18

Sat., 5p.m...Madison Merkel & Helen Whitesell

Sun., 8:30a.m...Anya Aulbach & Lance Manley

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 Wed. between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm.

The Rite of the Elect is a finalizing step in the RCIA process. Last weekend Carol Neff traveled with her sponsor and RCIA leader to the cathedral in Lafayette to sign the Book of the Elect expressing her desire for baptism at the Easter Vigil to Bishop Doherty.

Please continue to keep Carol and all the RCIA candidates in your prayers as they journey through their faith process.



Lenten Overnight Retreat

March 16-17, 2018

As a "time of grace" (2 Cor 6:2), Lent is a gift for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. It is a time set apart in the Liturgical Year for spiritual renewal through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Presenter: Danielle M. Peters, a member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

Lenten Day Retreat

March 19, 2018

Who was John the Baptist as shown in Biblical literature and historical tradition? What was his impact upon Jesus and the Community of his time and ours? Come, discover the answers to these questions.

Led by Father Jerry Schweitzer

For Further Information, please contact Christopher Thelen, Director of Lindenwood at 574-9351708 or cthelen@poorhandmaids.org

UP FOR A DAY TRIP?

To Ladies of our cluster parishes: You are cordially invited to visit and tour the Victory Noll campus in Huntington, Indiana on Saturday, April 7.

Come and see Sister Rita's motherhouse, the "**Victory Noll Center**" for retreats and conferences, "**St Anne Retirement Community at Victory Noll**" and the "**Acres at Victory Noll Land Trust**". We will be guests of St Anne's for lunch and there is no other fee for the day; donations are accepted if you wish.

Carpooling will leave St John's parking lot at 9 am, returning around 3 or 3:30 pm. For any questions call Sister Rita at 260 - 402 - 5034. RSVP to Sr. Rita or Diana at 348-3889 by Wednesday, March 28.

LENTEN RETREAT

The final session of the Lenten retreat on the Mass as center and heart of our parish and individual lives will be held on **Wednesday, March 21** at St John's parish hall, 12:30 – 2 pm, **or Thursday, March 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. No charge, donations if desired.

GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN TEACHERS...

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

SHARE THE JOURNEY: A good education doesn't just benefit the student—it benefits the community, making home a safer, more inclusive place.

Visit csrcricebowl.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.**



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.



ARE YOUR BRACKETS BUSTED?

How is your study of the saints going? Here is a list of this week's saints in the Saintry 16 round: Peter, John, Esther, Michael, Martin, Dymphna, Maria, Quiteria, Anna, Edith, Eglantyne, Catherine, Phocas, Katharina, Richard and Margaret. Watch the bulletin to see who makes the Elate 8.

LENTEN PENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is a time for conversion, a time for change, a time to turn from all that causes us to sin, both in our inner attitudes and our outer actions. Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are offered during Lent throughout our deanery.

- † March 13, 2pm at St. Mary, Alexandria
- † March 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph, Elwood
- † March 14, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Anderson
- † March 17, After 5pm Mass at St. John's
- † March 19, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Muncie
- † March 21, 2pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie
- † March 21, 7pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie
- † March 22, 2pm at St. Paul, Marion
- † March 22, 7pm at Holy Family, Gas City

This Lent let us take a look at ourselves each day and tell ourselves that now, with God's help, I will "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

SPRING RUMMAGE MARCH 24... Tables rent for \$10 each. Contact Megan Trissel or the parish office to reserve your table(s). This is open to all.

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will begin March 13 and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall. The study will feature video introductions, reflections and discussion. All are invited to any or all sessions. No cost unless you wish to buy the book which can be purchased from the church office for \$5. Call 348-2801 for more information.



FOURTH 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.