

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 AUGUST 12 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 13

9:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, August 14, Holyday Vigil

5:30 p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. John's*)

Wednesday, August 15, Assumption of Mary Holyday

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (*St. Mary's*)

Thursday, August 16

5:30 p.m...No Mass (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, August 17

10:00 a.m...Lottie Atkinson (*Bridgewater Centre*)

Saturday, August 18

5:00 p.m...June Homcombe (*St. John's*)

Sunday, August 19

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Bill Blankenbaker (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY, AUGUST 15 HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

This feast commemorates two events - the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven.

The Church's official doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

Some mistakenly believe Mary "ascended" into heaven, which is incorrect. It was Jesus Christ who ascended into heaven, by his own power. But Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God.

Pope Pius XII, in 1950, defined that Mary "after the completion of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven." Her body wasn't allowed to corrupt nor was it allowed to remain in a tomb. While many cities claim the mortal remains of saints, both famous and little-known, there are no records of Mary's bodily remains being venerated anywhere.



Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Grant Michael Eikenbary, grandson of Mike and Fran Eikenbary, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St. John's Church while he and his parents Scott & Carly were visiting Indiana. May his gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins on Sunday, August 12, following Mass. We will meet on the stage in the school hall during the Youth Religious Education. Coffee and doughnuts are available from Religious Ed. Bring your coffee and snack to the stage. Invite someone to come with you! For more information call/text Susan at 512-627-6863; or Email susanlannoy4@gmail.com

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 18 & 19

Sat., 5p.m...Kelli Rinker & Madison Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Kayli & Allyson Henderson

RCIA MEETINGS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5

We will be beginning RCIA sessions on September 5. The meetings will take place in the Parish Hall Library from 6pm-7:30pm. The meetings will be on Wednesdays—usually three Wednesdays per month. Please check the bulletin for the scheduled meeting dates.

RCIA is specifically for those seeking to come into the Catholic Church. Anyone who wants to learn more about the Church is also invited.

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet on August 14 and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church.

This week's topic: The Kingdom's Fall

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

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RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS CLASSES

This Sunday, August 12, following morning Mass (9:30am) all students grades PreK-12 will begin religious education at St. John's. Classes will run from 9:30-10:30am each Sunday.

Coffee and donuts will be provided as well.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 13: [*Sts. Pontian, pope & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs*] Ez 1: 2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17: 22-27

August 14: [*St. Maximillian Kolbe, priest & martyr*] Ez 2: 8 – 3: 4; Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

August 15: [*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*] Rv 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15: 20-27; Lk 1: 39-56

August 16: [*St. Stephen of Hungary*] Ez 12: 1-12; Mt 18: 21 – 19: 1

August 17: Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19: 3-12

August 18: Ez 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19: 13-15

August 19: Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

APRON SEWING DAY

St. John's Altar & Rosary has purchased material in two patterns to make new aprons for the parish hall. We have another sewing day this Thursday for any volunteers that would be willing to assist in making these aprons: **Thursday, August 16, 9-noon or as long as you wish to stay.** This will take place in the parish hall. Bring your own sewing machine, scissors, and pins.

Some aprons will already be cut and ready to sew. Those ladies that do not sew, can help cut the remaining aprons and/or help with ironing. Thread will be provided as well. We will have a couple of ironing boards and irons on site. Please join us for an exciting project.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$667.40

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,160.00

Building Fund: \$135.00

Food Pantry: \$147.00

Church in Africa: \$208.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest, and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6: 41-51



“This is enough, O Lord! Take my life.”
Talk about a bad day! Haven’t we all been

through this at some point in our stewardship journey, whether in the parish ministry work we are trying to do, at home with our family or in our profession — we get worn out and worn down.

Elijah’s plea — melodramatic to be sure — is a form of the stewardship pillar of prayer, for prayer is simply lifting mind and heart to God. And God responds, sending restorative food and drink. Rejuvenated, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along!

Contrast this with the Gospel reading. The people, hearing Jesus’ message, do not understand. But rather than take their complaint to Him as Elijah did, they begin to complain amongst themselves about him — that’s murmuring, and it is counterproductive.

Feeling worn down at times is actually part of the stewardship journey. It means we are giving our all to the life God is calling us to live. But it is also a sign to us that we need to find new strength.

How? Ask the Lord! He will meet your physical needs. Even more, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you with the Eucharist and the living Word of the Scriptures.

A stewardship way of life takes all the strength we have to give. The beauty of this way of life is that we have a God who delights in giving us every bit of strength we need to live it!

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

Back to School Prayer for Students

Dear Lord, use my **eyes** to see new friends;
Open my **ears** to hear my teachers;
Open my **mind** to learn new things;
Let my **heart** remember you are near when I’m afraid;
Help me to **love** others like you do;
I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school.
Amen.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for the education of all youth that schools will be a safe place, educators and administrators will have compassion for all students, and students and their families will respect the value and need of education.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 14, Women’s Bible Study 9-11am at St. John’s

Holyday Vigil: 5:30pm at St. John’s

Wednesday 15, Assumption of Mary Holyday Mass 5:30pm at St. Mary’s

Thursday 16, Apron sewing Day 9am to ? at St. John’s

Saturday 18, Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John’s



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, AUGUST 19, noon-?

Home of John & Karen Shields

7014 E 100 S

Hartford City

Meat and drinks will be provided.

Bring a well-filled dish to share.

Bring your own fishing gear.

All Knights, Widows of Knights, and those interested in the Knights are invited to attend.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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.