

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
SEPTEMBER 16
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, September 17

0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

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

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

10:00 a.m...No Mass (Bridgewater Center)

Saturday, September 22

5:00 p.m...Gerard Merkel, Sr. (St. John's)

Sunday, September 23

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

10:30 a.m...Catherine & Jim Hartnagel (St. Mary's)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

VACATION

This is Fr. Dave's originally scheduled week of vacation; therefore, no Masses are scheduled throughout the week. Continue to keep him in prayer as he has his doctor appointment this Thursday.

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that welcomes anyone who has a desire to know more about the Catholic Church. It is not a program and there is no cost. It is a time to discover the beauty of the Catholic Church and grow in relationship with God. RCIA is tailored to welcome and respect each person on their unique journey of faith. There is no set time frame; everyone will proceed at their own comfort level with the help and support of our RCIA team.

If you wish to participate or know anyone who is interested, contact the parish office to register for the RCIA program or join us on Wednesdays at 6pm in the parish hall.

APRON SEWING DAY

St. John's Altar & Rosary will be our last sewing day this Thursday, September 20, 9am-noon to work on the aprons. These will take place in the parish hall. Bring your own sewing machine, scissors, and pins. Please join us as we finish this project.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for the healing of the Church that through truth and education, we may grow stronger in Christ and all His ways for the good of His kingdom.

Our Catholic Book Club will continue this fall with the two books introduced for summer reading, "Having a Mary Heart In A Martha World" and "The Eucharist, A Bible Study for Catholics." If you need a book, please contact Diana, 348-3889. We will meet for an evening get-together in early November.

UPDATE ON MATTHEW

Matthew is now moved into his new place in Fort Wayne although the settling will take a while yet. He is attending Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and has started RCIA classes there as well. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

**Matthew Booher
6243 St. Joe Rd., Apt. 303 B,
Fort Wayne, IN 46835**

Please print as he does not read cursive writing. Thank you for your continued prayers as he faces these big changes. --Sr. Rita

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 17: [St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33; Lk 7: 1-10

Sept. 18: 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7: 11-17

Sept. 19: [St. Januarius, bishop & martyr] 1 Cor 12: 31—13: 13; Lk 7: 31-35

Sept. 20: [Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, martyrs] 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 7: 36-50

Sept. 21: [St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist] Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt 9: 9-13

Sept. 22: 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Lk 8: 4-15

Sept. 23: Wis 2: 12, 17-20; Jas 3: 16—4: 3; Mk 9: 30-37

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will have a Thirty-one Open House, Thursday October 4th, 6 - 8 p.m.

Open to all Cluster members & friends. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting will be provided so mothers can shop. Need a birthday gift, wedding gift or Christmas gift? Want to get organized or need a new piece of jewelry? Thirty-one now has products for guys, too! The October specials & Christmas items will be available October 1st. Call Loretta Wilson if you have questions or would like to order online. 765-744-1611

Hope to see you there! Thanks for helping us help others.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 22 & 23

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Kayli Henderson & Laurel McVicker

"Walking Together in the *Light of Christ*" is the theme for **Fruitful Harvest 2018**. Soon you will receive a letter from Bishop Timothy L. Doherty asking for your support of this appeal. As a Catholic community each of us are faces of faith and called to go forth and share the Gospel. The Fruitful Harvest 2018 Appeal is offering each of us the opportunity to reach out to those in need as well as continue the ministry and education programs within our own parish. Please read the materials that are enclosed with your letter and prayerfully consider giving generously to this appeal.

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our new bulletin ad sheets. These advertisers subsidize the cost of the bulletins, so if you have the opportunity, you may thank them by using their products or services.

This week's sponsor is:

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PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer. If you wish to be included in our prayer chain contacts, please call Janice or the office to be added. It only takes two or three minutes to offer a prayer for someone in need, but the benefits are innumerable.

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet on this Tuesday and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic:** The Birth of the King

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 18, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 19, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 20, Apron Sewing 6-9pm at St. John's



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
 Sunday Collection: \$1,147.00
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87
St. John's
 Sunday Collection: \$3,193.00
 Building Fund: \$75.00
 Food Pantry: \$125.00
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will use the Dynamic Catholic Bible Study on the *Gospel of St John called, The Turning Point*, a DVD series. This session of the Sunday Morning Bible Study starts September 9 after 8:30 am Mass and dismisses at 10:30 am when the Religious Ed classes dismiss. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Bring your snack to the class on the stage. Call or text Susan Lannoy for more information.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:
IS 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35



Sometimes the Sunday readings bring peace and

consolation. Other times they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's readings definitely fall in the latter category. In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer — and for that matter, neither should Peter.

But, rebuking Peter strongly, Jesus indicates He meant exactly what He said earlier. What's more, He was inviting Peter, and all of us, to join him in this way of life that is costly and self-sacrificing.

Why? Isn't Jesus all about love? Of course He is. He is love. And Jesus shows us by His example that real love requires toughness as much as tenderness.

Our second reading teaches that real faith in Him is displayed through service or "works." In fact, this passage goes so far as to state that "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

These readings make it clear that faith and love are not alive in us until they are demonstrated through service to others for the sake of the Gospel. Service of any kind will involve some self-denial. But when I embrace this way of life, I have the joy of knowing my faith and love are real. By laying down my life for Him, I gain a life that is really worth living.

COFFEE & DONUTS

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



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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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 Hartford City**

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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.