

**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 30  
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, October 1**  
0:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)  
**Tuesday, October 2**  
5:30 p.m...Jayson Bullard (*St. John's*)  
**Wednesday, October 3**  
12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming (*St. John's*)  
**Thursday, October 4**  
5:30 p.m...Francis Hart (*St. Mary's*)  
**First Friday, October 5**  
7:00 p.m...June Holcombe (*St. John's*)  
**Saturday, October 6**  
5:00 p.m...Helen Walsh (*St. John's*)  
**Sunday, October 7**  
8:30 a.m...Clarence & Bernice Pahl (*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 OCTOBER:**

**Evangelization – The Mission of Religious**  
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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

**LIFE CHAIN AT STATE ROADS 3 & 26**

LifeChain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

This year's LifeChain will take place Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the CROSSroads of State Roads 3 and 26, 2:30-3:30. Signs will be available as early as 2:00. As in past years, each participant is invited to take a sign and spread out from the intersection 20 steps apart and, facing the direction of the traffic, praying for those lives affected by abortion.

- Bring your whole family! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged! Rain or shine!
- Donations are accepted to cover the costs of the local Life Chain. All proceeds after expenses are given to the area crisis pregnancy centers."

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers Robert Heiser, husband of Trudy, and Rose Marie Brown, sister of John Bauer, both parishioners of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

October is the month of the Rosary as well as Respect Life month. Let us pray the rosary for the respect of all life from conception to natural death that all may live and die with dignity, love and peace.

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 2, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's  
Parish Council 6pm at St. John's  
Wednesday 3, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Thursday 4, Reconciliation 6pm at St. Mary's Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's  
Friday 5, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:25pm at St. John's followed by  
Mass 5:30pm at St. John's  
Saturday 6, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

**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.

**Pregnancy Care Center's A Ladies' Night... Thursday October 11th**

The Event Center, 555 S. Bridge St., Portland, IN  
Doors open @ 5pm, Dinner @ 6pm  
Silent Auction till 8:15pm  
The dinner is free.

There will be door prizes and good food, fun, laughter & fellowship.

If you would like to go and/or carpool, please call Loretta Wilson @ 765-744-1611 by October 1st.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Oct. 1: [*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church*] Jb 1: 6-22; Lk 9: 46-50  
Oct. 2: [*The Holy Guardian Angels*] Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18: 1-5, 10  
Oct. 3: Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16; Lk 9: 57-62  
Oct. 4: [*St. Francis of Assisi*] Jb 19: 21-27; Lk 10: 1-12  
Oct. 5: [*Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest*] Jb 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5; Lk 10: 13-16  
Oct. 6: [*St. Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin*] Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10: 17-24  
Oct. 7: [*Respect Life Sunday*] Gn 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR & ROSARY**

Our next meeting will take place this Thursday, October 4, 6pm to finish up our fall plans including, wreath sales, bake sale, Advent, Christmas and first of year décor and activities. Linda and Tina will host. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**  
Sunday Collection: \$988.00  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87  
**St. John's**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,030.70  
Building Fund: \$50.00  
Food Pantry: \$20.00  
Votive: \$59.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.*

**"WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"**

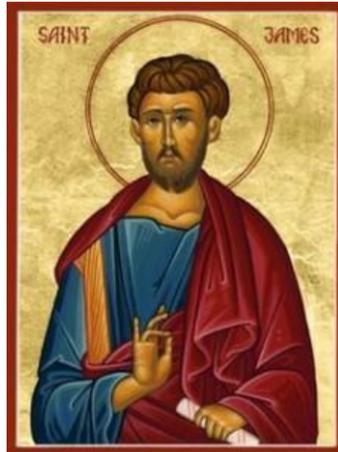
You should have received your letter from Bishop Doherty asking for your participation in the Fruitful Harvest 2018 Appeal as well as the enclosed brochure and pledge card with envelope to return your pledge directly to the diocese in the envelope provided. This is a different process from the tables we would normally set up at the back of Church, but the 20-month cycle remains the same. The theme of the Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal is "Walking Together in the Light of Christ". The first two weekends in October will kick off this new appeal to reach a diocesan goal of \$9,800,000. As a Catholic community and part of the local Church, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives. Fruitful Harvest is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing your blessings. St. John's portion of this goal is \$44,717 and St. Mary's goal is \$13,697.

I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in our diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2018, and help us reach our goals. If you do not remember and wish to know your previous pledge, please contact Diana in the office. She has a listing of pledges from the last campaign. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers as we begin this next diocesan appeal, "Walking Together in the Light of Christ."

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**NM 11: 25-29; PS 19: 8, 10, 12-14; JAS 5:1-6; MK 9:38-43,45,47-48**

Our Gospel passage and the Second Reading from the letter of St. James urge us to examine our lives for anything that is keeping us from loving God above all else.



Jesus says, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

St. James warns, "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have

become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you."

The urgency of our need to detach from all that is not God is clear. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts.

The spiritual discipline of tithing — or stewardship of treasure — can help us with this. Tithing leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach instead to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him.

Amazingly, we actually enjoy material gifts, and all other gifts, *moreas* a result because we realize where they really came from and are using them as God intended. What wonderful freedom there is in living this way!

## 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:** No Ordinary Man

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Please help us continue Adoration by your attendance.*

*Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:25pm. Mass will follow at 5:30pm on First Fridays.*

*Prayer books and materials are made available for use during the time of Adoration or you may bring your own as you pray and reflect. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: October 5.*

## END OF LIFE CARE ISSUES: THE CATHOLIC VISION

Spiritual, Legal and Practical Advises you could need.

Presenters:

- Cecelia May, MD, Palliative Care
- Nadine Cline, Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care
- Bishop Timothy Doherty

**St. Mary Cathedral**

**Tuesday, October 23, 7-9pm**

Free and open to all, co-sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and the Knights of Columbus.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S OCT. 6 & 7

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Cameron Rinker  
Sun., 8:30...Jenna Payne & Kayli Henderson

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

*If you would like to form a team for the annual K of C Bowling Tournament to be held Saturday, October 6 a*

*t 1pm, please contact Jim Cale. The tournament will be held at Northside Lanes in Hartford City. The 5-member team is \$125.; lane sponsors are \$25.*

*There will be 50/50 and door prizes, food and drink is on your own tab.*

*All proceeds support the many parish and community projects that the Knights help fund. Thank you.*



## 26th 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.

## 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.