

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

OCTOBER 7

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 8

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

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

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

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

11:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Saturday, October 13

5:00 p.m...Severino Sulit (*St. John's*)

Sunday, October 14

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

10:30 a.m...Ron Watson (*St. Mary's*)

No Mass this week. Keep Fr. Dave in your prayers for a safe and successful heart procedure on Tuesday.

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

October is the month of the Rosary and Pope Francis has asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary daily this month asking our Blessed Mother to protect the Church from the attacks of the devil.

"The Holy Father has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other."

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 8, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

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

Wednesday 10, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 8: Gal 1: 6-12; Lk 10: 25-37

Oct. 9: [*St. Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest*] Gal 1: 13-24; Lk 10: 38-42

Oct. 10: Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14; Lk 11: 1-4

Oct. 11: [*St. John XXIII, pope*] Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Oct. 12: Gal 3: 7-14; Lk 11: 15-26

Oct. 13: Gal 3: 22-29; Lk 11: 27-28

Oct. 14: Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$916.00

Votive: \$18.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,634.00

Haiti: \$286.00

Building Fund: 50.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

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.

Calling Potential Spiritual Directors

The Office of Catechesis will be hosting an informational night for those interested in spiritual direction formation. If you are discerning or have felt called to the very special and unique ministry of spiritual direction, join us on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 PM at St. Joan of Arc Church, Kokomo in the St. Joan of Arc room. At this meeting we will discuss the formation program and prerequisites. Registration packets will be available. For more information, contact Evelyn Burton at eburton@dol-in.org.

"WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

This weekend kicks off the Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal for pledges. You should have received your letter from Bishop Doherty asking for your participation in this Appeal as well as the enclosed brochure and pledge card with envelope to return your pledge directly to the diocese in the envelope provided. If not, pledge cards can be found on the bookcases at the church entrances to both St. Mary's and St. John's.

The theme of the Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal is **"Walking Together in the Light of Christ"** with 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."

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. 13 & 14

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

Sun., 8:30...Laurel McVicker & Juan Velasquez

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

GN 2: 18-24; PS 128: 1-6; HEB 2: 9-11;
MK 10:2-12 or MK 10: 2-16

Today's readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark.



Perhaps more than any other time in

Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church's beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, "Formation" and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary.

These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of "Time." After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage?

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:** Jesus, the Son of God

NATIONAL ROSARY COAST TO COAST 4PM

On the weekend of the October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the US-through Rosary Coast to Coast-will join with our International brothers and sisters to pray for our respective nations.

Americans across the country are invited to pray Rosary Coast to Coast wherever they can gather: in parish Churches; in front of state capitols; along the US coasts and borders; as families; or while viewing the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally. Rosary Coast to Coast will take place at 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific. The reasoning behind these times will be to support all time zones in full participation of events, aside from Sunday Masses. Indeed, the Heart of the Nation will be Immersed in the Hour of Mercy.

The National Rosary Rally will take place in front of the US Capitol on this day.

All who wish to livestream: Use
"#RosaryCoastToCoast" and
"#HolyLeagueOfNation".

Stream on Facebook Live, linking to:

[Rosary Coast to Coast](#)

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE OCTOBER 27

St. John's Altar & Rosary will hold their fall family rummage on Saturday, October 27, 8am-noon in the parish hall. Set-up will be Friday 6-8pm. Tables rent for \$10 each. You price and keep your own sales. Contact Megan Trissel or the office if you wish to rent a table(s).

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This weekend, Catholics nationwide celebrate Respect Life Sunday with the theme "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent." Each weekend in October we will focus on a feature of respecting life from conception to natural death.

This week's short reflection is on abortion and bridges of mercy for healing after abortion:

Pope Francis reminds us, "As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other". May we pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace. Life is a gift from God and so his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!



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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.

The Clustered Parishes Of

St. Mary, Dunkirk

**St. John the Evangelist,
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.