

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 14

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

5:30 p.m...Welfare of Pete Ballenger (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, October 17

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

Thursday, October 18

5:30 p.m...Newton Family (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 20

5:00 p.m...Paul & Helen Schuhmacher (*St. John's*)

Sunday, October 21

8:30 a.m...Jess Huggins, Jr. (*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

Nest Sunday we celebrate World Mission Sunday:

One Sunday for the Whole World!

Pope Francis calls all of us – children of God – to be “voices for mission.” Today we “speak up” through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions – in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence... in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom... in Oceania where peoples’ livelihoods are threatened by climate change... and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Raise your voice this World Mission Sunday by supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. May your faith remain ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. Envelopes are included in the packets. Thank you.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

The St Mary Altar & Rosary would like to thank every-one who attended our Thirty-One Gifts fundraiser organized by consultant Brandi Champ that was held on October 4th.

Thanks to your generosity, the Altar & Rosary earned nearly \$300 to help us support various charitable organizations in the community and our responsibilities to St Mary.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 15: [St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church] Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11: 29-32

Oct. 16: [St. Kedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin] Gal 5: 1-6; Lk 11: 37-41

Oct. 17: [St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr] Gal 5: 18-25; Lk 11: 42-46

Oct. 18: [St. Luke, evangelist] 2 Tm 4: 10-17b; Lk 10: 1-9

Oct. 10: [Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs] Eph 1: 11-14; Lk 12: 1-7

Oct. 20: [St. Paul of the Cross, priest] Eph 1: 15-23; Lk 12: 8-12

Oct. 21: [World Mission Sunday] Is 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16; Mk 10: 35-45

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

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 15, Finance Council 7pm at St. John's

Tuesday 16, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 17, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 18, Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Saturday 20, Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John's

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Nick Charnley, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May his family 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.

HISPANIC SINGLES NIGHT

The Diocese of Lafayette-In-Indiana invites all Hispanic Young Adults (ages 18-35) to a Hispanic Singles Night! Enjoy the company of other Hispanics, dinner, social time and a speaker all in one afternoon! Event will be on October 21st at 5pm in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament- 2224 Sacramento Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47906. Contact Jocelyn Alcala for questions at (765)269-4656.

¡La Diócesis de Lafayette-In-Indiana invita a todos los jóvenes adultos Hispanos (de 18 a 35 años) a una noche de solteros! ¡Disfruta de la compañía de otros Hispanos, una cena, tiempo social y una charla todo en una tarde! El evento será el 21 de Octubre a las 5 p.m. en la Iglesia de Blessed Sacrament- 2224 Sacramento Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47906. Por preguntas, hablen con Jocelyn Alcala al (765)269-4656.

“WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

The Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal kicked off last weekend. 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. Contact Diana in the office if you wish to know your previous pledge amount. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers as we begin this next diocesan appeal, “Walking Together in the Light of Christ.”

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

WIS 7:7-11; PS 90:12-17; HEB 4:12-13; MK 10:17-30 or MK 10:17-27

Part of the beauty of stewardship spirituality is its simplicity and practicality. It can be summed up in the simple phrase, "All I have is a gift from God and I must make a grateful return to Him for all He has given me."

So simple, that even our youngest parishioners can grasp the concept. Simple, however, does not necessarily mean easy. Simple also does not mean shallow.



Today's readings invite us to look into the depth of a

stewardship way of life. And they reveal that it requires the commitment of our whole being to God. It is anything but easy or shallow. It points us to seek after higher things — the wisdom of God and Heaven itself.

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows us a way to obtain such wisdom —it is available to us right in the Scriptures, which are the *living* word of God. Every time we approach them in a spirit of prayer, they will speak to us. God's wisdom is right there for us. All we need to do is commit some daily time to seek it.

Our Gospel Reading from Mark is one of the better-known passages in the Gospel — the story of the rich young man. In response to the man's question on what he must do to obtain eternal life, Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has always done this much. But he rightfully suspects there is more to being a disciple of Jesus than just following the external rules

We are called to be so much more than rule-followers; we are called to be Christ followers. A stewardship way of life frees us follow Christ with all of our being and so to find eternal life.

TRUNK OR TREAT

St. John's Youth Group will be out in the community on October 26 helping with the community Trunk or Treat. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, please drop it off in the box at either church entrance. Thank you.

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 marriage and the family:

That all mothers, fathers, children, and grandparents share the joys of love and respect the needs of one another, through good times and bad, that through their prayers and example they might be teachers of the wonders of the Gospel of Life.

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 Hour of Darkness

COFFEE & DONUTS

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

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S OCT. 20 & 21

Sat., 5p.m...Kellee Merkel & Kelli Rinker
Sun., 8:30...Bethany & Brianna Elkins



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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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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.