

## 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 DECEMBER 30 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

#### *Monday, December 31, Solemnity of Mary Holyday Vigil*

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

#### *Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary Holyday*

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

#### *Wednesday, January 2*

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

#### *Thursday, January 3*

5:30 p.m...Don Martin (St. Mary's)

#### *Friday, January 4*

5:30 p.m...Karleen Reidy (St. John's)

#### *Saturday, January 5*

5:00 p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters (St. John's)

#### *Sunday, January 6*

8:30 a.m...Agnes Bowen (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 DECEMBER:

### Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE

*Vigil on New Year's Eve: 5:30pm at St. Mary Church,  
Dunkirk*

*Holyday on New Year's Day: 12noon at St. John the  
Evangelist Church, Hartford City*

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Agnes Bowen, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May her family be comforted by your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary as we move through Advent that we will focus on preparing our hearts as we await the coming of Jesus, both as a celebration of his birth at Christmas and His second coming.

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

### JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN'S

*Saturday 5:00 pm* Reader: Sr. Rita Musante

**Gifts:** Pam Hurley & Austin Mackey

**Announcements:** Fred Hoffman **Communion**

**Ministers:** Karen Sulit, Sarah Montgomery, Barbara Houseman, Lyn Whitesell, Dale Cunningham

*Sunday 8:30 am* Reader: Religious Ed 6, Shea

Aulbach 13, 27, Becky Cain 20 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 6, Kiara & Damien Shields 13, 20, 27

**Announcements:** Bethany Elkins 6, Cristi or Anya

Aulbach 13, 20, 27 **Communion Ministers:** Karen Shields, Kate & Alan Gordon, Bernadette & Gary Elkins

To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday prior to the Holyday Mass. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:25pm. Mass will follow at 5:30pm. If you have not had the opportunity yet to participate in Adoration, maybe the start of the new year is the time.*

*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 privately. All are invited to participate.*

### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 1

Tues., 12noon...Serena Merkel

### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 5 & 6

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

Sun., 8:30...Brianna Elkins & Jenna Payne

### OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Our winter selections focus on prayer.

Henri J.M. Nouwen writes in his book, **Behold the Beauty of the Lord**: "A spiritual life in the midst of our energy-draining society requires us to take conscious steps to safeguard that inner space where we can keep our eyes fixed on the beauty of the Lord." He goes on to provide 4 meditations calling us to pray with Icons: The Trinity, the Virgin Of Vladimir, the Savior Of Zvenigorod and the Descent Of the Holy Spirit. Nouwen provides perforated pages with pictures of the icons in the book. He encourages the reader to meditate. The book is printed by Ave Maria Press and available on Amazon.

**Into The Silent Land**, A Guide To Christian Practice Of Contemplation by Martin Laird, encourages the reader to a deeper experience of silence. It can be a companion book to Behold the Beauty of the Lord. However, each book can be used independently of the other. Printed by Oxford University Press, it is available on Amazon.

If you wish to order a book, please contact Diana at the parish office.

**NEW TO YOU LOOKING FOR MINISTRY LEADERS...**It will reopen the first of April. If you have drop-offs during this time, please get them to school. Do not leave items on the doorstep.

**If you would be willing to help run the shop, we are looking for new leadership of this ministry (individually or as a team). The finances and the calling of workers are covered, we just need help with the shop pricing and sorting. Contact Fr. Dave or the office if this ministry is of interest to you.**

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

**Inching Closer!** As of December 21, we received two additional pledges for St. John's with a new total of \$43,830 toward a goal of \$44,717 and St. Mary's is still at 25 households having been returned with pledges totaling \$13,430 of a goal of \$13,697.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**St. Mary's**

Collection: \$783.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$2,138.00

Christmas: \$3,766.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?**

**The Gospel for the holyday says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, "glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen." We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?**



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## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 SM 1: 20,22, 24-28; PS 128: 1-5 or PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 or COL 3: 12-17; or 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52**

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

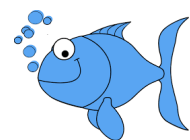


The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus'

parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2019, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**February 2, 4:30-7pm**

**Knights will host a fish fry in the parish hall.**

## PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE

To the Queen of Peace, the Mother of Jesus Christ "our peace" (Eph 2:14), I entrust my urgent prayer for all humanity at the beginning of the year . . . to which we look with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us. May Mary show us, in her Son, the Way of peace, and enlighten our vision, so that we can recognize Christ's face in the face of every human person, the heart of peace!

*Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI for the World Day of Peace (Jan. 1, 2007)*

### THIS WEEK:

Monday 31, New Year's Eve Holyday Vigil Mass at Dunkirk

Tuesday 1, New Year's Day Holyday Mass at St. John's

Thursday 3, Reconciliation after 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday 4, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:25pm at St. John's followed by Mass at 5:30pm

Saturday 5, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

Sunday 6, Religious Ed classes resume at St. John's

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

*Dec. 31: [St. Sylvester I, pope] 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18*

*Jan. 1: [Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God] [World Day of Prayer for Peace] Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21*

*Jan. 2: [Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the church] 1 Jn 2: 22-28; Jn 1: 19-28*

*Jan. 3: [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6; Jn 1: 29-34*

*Jan. 4: [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious] 1 Jn 3: 7-10; Jn 1: 35-42*

*Jan. 5: [St. John Neumann, bishop] 1 Jn 3: 11-21; Jn 1: 43-51*

*Jan. 5: [The Epiphany of the Lord] Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12*

Religious Ed classes, coffee and donuts, and Sunday Morning Bible Study all will resume next Sunday after 8:30 am Mass. All are invited each week.



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

### 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.