

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
JANUARY 6
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Monday, January 7

0:30 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, January 8

5:30 p.m....Bud Oswalt (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, January 9

12:00noon...Leslie Durham (*St. John's*)

Thursday, January 10

5:30 p.m...Living & Deceased of Monahan & Doyle Families (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, January 11

11:00 a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, January 12

5:00 p.m...John & Lillian Hamson (*St. John's*)

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m...Jess Huggins, Sr. (*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 JANUARY:

Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

THANK YOU FROM FR. DAVE

"Thank you" to all who helped to make our Christmas Masses fulfilling. This includes decorations, music people, ministers, and all who generously gave to our Advent Tree for local schools. Finally, on a personal note, thanks for your cards, greetings, gifts and goodies.

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PRAY THE ROSARY

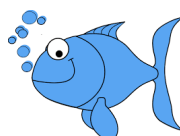
With the beginning of a new year, may we find time for Adoration and prayer through the Eucharist and the Rosary. Pray the rosary this month for peace and unity amongst all walks of life, that each my live by The Golden Rule.

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

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 12 & 13

Sat., 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Kellee Merkel
Sun., 8:30...Matthew Aulbach & Anya Aulbach

Married Couples – It's New Year's Resolution Time! – Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 26-28 April and from 1-3 November 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.



SAVE THE DATE:

February 2, 4:30-7pm

Knights will host a fish fry in the parish hall.

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

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" FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE

We received no update this past week so our numbers remain unchanged from December 21 with St. John's at \$43,830 toward a goal of \$44,717 and St. Mary's at \$13,430 with a goal of \$13,697.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$843.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,609.00

Holyday: \$353.00

Haiti: \$255.82

Building Fund: \$96.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us. We will begin the series "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 60: 1-6, PS 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today’s Gospel passage,



Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to

draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi – astrologers – He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to “hear” and “see” Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual “senses” by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the “stars” He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

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

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our 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:

**JAY COUNTY PAWNBROKERS
THANK YOU!**

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8, Women’s Bible Study resumes 9-11am at St. John’s

Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John’s

Wednesday 9, RCIA 6pm at St. John’s

Thursday 10, Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary’s

Sunday 13, Food Pantry at St. Mary’s

“Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.”

Alice Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 7: [St. Raymond of Penafort, priest] 1 Jn 3: 22 – 4: 6; Mk 4: 12-17, 23-35

Jan. 8: 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44

Jan. 9: 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52

Jan. 10: 1 Jn 4: 19 – 5: 4; Lk 4: 14-22

Jan. 11: 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16

Jan. 12: 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30

Jan. 13: [The Baptism of the Lord] Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22



Women’s Silent Retreat	
January 11-13, 2019	\$170
Get Away for a Day	
January 15, 2019	\$20
Married Couples Retreat	
January 25-26, 2019	\$210 per couple

To register, contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or call (765) 551-9570. For more information, visit www.stjosephretreat.org



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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.