

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 13 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

5:30 p.m....June Holcombe (St. John's)

Wednesday, January 16

12:00noon...Jess Huggins, Jr. (St. John's)

Thursday, January 17

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (St. Mary's)

Friday, January 18

10:00 a.m...Rosemary Helm (Bridgewater Center)

Saturday, January 19

5:00 p.m...Fay Lenz (St. John's)

Sunday, January 20

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

10:30 a.m...Don Cartwright (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.

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

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

From January 18 through January 25, Christians throughout the world will join in a very special week of prayer called the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week of prayer was established in 1908, and the dates were chosen so that the week ends on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The Week of Prayer actually consists of eight days—an octave—which always designates a very special time of prayer and celebration in the life of the Church.

PRAYER FOR UNITY:

Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters God of the widow, the orphan and the stranger, you have shown us the path of justice. Help us to follow your way by doing justice as our worship of you. As Christians together, may we worship you not only with our hearts and minds, but also by our deeds. May the Holy Spirit help and guide us to work for justice wherever we are, so that many people may be strengthened through our works. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

From "Day 1: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" World Council of Churches

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 19 & 20

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Madison Merkel

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

Memorial Mass for Babies and For a Restoration of the Right to Life

A Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Boniface Church in Lafayette [on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm](#). This Mass is for those who have lost a baby at any time during pregnancy, whether through ectopic loss, miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth, and to celebrate God's most precious gift – LIFE!

Prayers will also be offered for an end to abortion, for those suffering from the effects of abortion, and for a restoration of the right to life. For more information or to have a baby remembered at this Mass and receive a personalized *Certificate of Life* with your baby's name, please contact Elsa Zamora at [\(765\) 203-8723](tel:765-203-8723), or Cheri Irons at [\(765\) 412-0937](tel:765-412-0937) or cheri.iron@gmail.com.

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

Hope for hurting marriages – It's a new year, and if your marriage is hurting, you may be thinking about ways to make a fresh start. If you are arguing constantly, feeling angry, frustrated or thinking about separating, there is hope. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) is a worldwide program that offers tools needed for hurting couples to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. In 2017 it served more than 4,500 couples. Designed to help spouses reawaken love, trust and commitment, the program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages by teaching skills that bring couples together. The next Indianapolis Retrouvaille weekend begins Feb. 22-24 with a weekend conference and continues with follow-up post-weekend sessions. For confidential information about or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. You can also email: Retrouvaille@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811. Take the first step toward healing your family today. Reach out to learn more about Retrouvaille.



**SAVE THE DATE:
February 2, 4:30-7pm**

Knights will host a fish fry in the parish hall.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,982.00

Food Pantry: \$226.00

Building Fund: \$64.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

THANK YOU...

"WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST" FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE

As of January 4 St. John's has surpassed their goal of \$44,717 with a total in pledges of \$47,730. Thank you, Thank you! We are still short several cards of being returned. St. Mary's remains at \$13,430 towards a goal of \$13,697. No new pledges have been reported since December 20. Contacts will soon begin to wrap up the remaining pledge cards.

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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.

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.



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

TAX TIME

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2018 contributions, please contact the office for a statement of your giving to be sent. stmaryjohn@att.net or 765-348-3889.

PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS PRAYER WARRIORS!

We will be revamping the prayer chain at St. John's. If you would consider praying for someone at a time of need, please contact the office to have your name added to the calling list. Prayer works, but we need people willing to be a part of that prayer circle.

THIS WEEK:

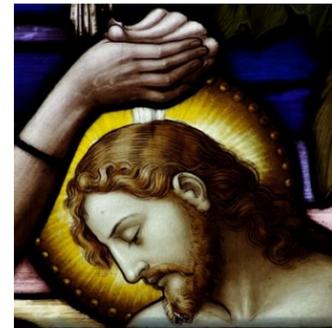
Tuesday 15, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
Wednesday 16, RCIA 6pm at St. John's
Thursday 17, Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's
Saturday 19, Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 14: Heb 1: 1-6; Mk 1: 14-20
Jan. 15: Heb 2: 5-12; Mk 1: 21-28
Jan. 16: Heb 2: 14-18; Mk 1: 29-39
Jan. 17: [St. Anthony, abbot] Heb 3: 7-14; Mk 1: 40-45
Jan. 18: Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Mk 2: 1-12
Jan. 19: Heb 4: 12-16; Mk 2: 13-17
Jan. 20: Is 62: 1-5; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2: 1-11

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 42:1-4, 6-7](#) or [IS 40:1-5, 9-11](#); [PS 29:1-4, 9-10](#) or [PS 104:1B-4, 24-25, 27-30](#); [ACTS 10: 34-38](#) or [TI 2:11-14](#); [3: 4-7](#); [LK 3:15-16](#); [21-22](#)



As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by

humility and leading by example.

Certainly the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

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:

THE RITZ THEATRE
THANK YOU!



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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,
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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.