

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 FEBRUARY 17 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 19

5:30 p.m...All Souls (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, February 20

12:00noon...Karleen Reidy (*St. John's*)

Thursday, February 21

5:30 p.m...Ron Watson (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, February 22

11:00 a.m...Cecil Oswalt (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, February 23

5:00 p.m...Kathy Rogers (*St. John's*)

Sunday, February 24

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 FEBRUARY:

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Show and Tell

written by Br. John-Marmion Villa, BSC

Only Christian love — not weapons, not threats, not the media — can change hearts. It is love that prepares the way for the announcement of the Gospel. We must strive to imitate Jesus's style of love: show and tell.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us the weekend of February 23 & 24 to hear Fr. Victor Karls speak at the weekend Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Karls will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Karls was ordained for the Redemptorists in 1970. He served in the Missions in Brazil, taught in the seminary, was Director of a Retreat House, consultant on Provincial staff, Director of Liguorian magazine and was Superior of the Liguori Mission House.

"BEST KEPT SECRET IN DIOCESE"

On **Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm**, The Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference is the only conference of its kind! We offer separate programming for adults, HS, MS and children from age 3-11 years, and babysitting for 1-2 year olds. Keep in mind that Kids Corner (ages 1-11 years) closes on February 25. This year we welcome Theresa Tomeo and her husband Dominick, musician Chris Bray and pro-life speaker Monica Kelsey to speak as our main speakers. Your low, low registration fee covers everything including a hot, catered lunch from one of our highest rated caterers in Kokomo!

For more info and to register go to www.holyfamilyconference.org.

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.

ENCOUNTER JESUS

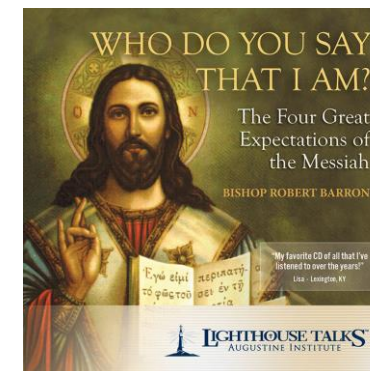
Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

St. John's parish recently purchased a kiosk from Augustine Institute that includes prayer pamphlets, CD's and various full-length books all addressing various topics on the Catholic faith.

One CD will be featured every two weeks in the bulletin. These items are located in the parish hall.

It is our hope that this will bring about more adult catechesis and enhance our faith life and learning. May the Holy Spirit guide us to a stronger faith and greater understanding of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



Fr. Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 23 & 24

Sat., 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Catalina Velasquez & Anya Aulbach



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer. If you wish to be included in our prayer chain contacts, please call Janice or the office to be added. It only takes two or three minutes to offer a prayer for someone in need, but the benefits are innumerable.

CATHOLIC MOMENT

February is Catholic Press Month and time to renew your subscription to the Catholic Moment. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Please help us continue to provide this Catholic news service to each of our households by subsidizing the month cost with your renewal.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$1,313.00

Propagation of the Faith: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,111.00

Building Fund: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Propagation of the Faith: \$65.00

Catholic Moment: \$280.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings, "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season - assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

PRAY THE ROSARY

February is thought of as the month of Love. Set aside time for Adoration and prayer through the Eucharist and the Rosary. As you pray the rosary this month focus on a deeper love of oneself that we may share that love with others as the Heavenly Father shares His love with us.

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 studying the series "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 17: 5-8; PS 1:1-4,6; 1 COR 15:12, 16-20; LK 6: 17, 20-26



Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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:

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Catholic Book Club and Sunday Morning Bible Study

Chapter 2, "The Wild Hawk of the Mind," in our book, *Into The Silent Land*, refers to the human mind as a Hawk, the bird sitting on a wire, scanning its surroundings, looking for food. It is focused on the task at hand while at the same time, aware of a need to know what is in the sky and the need to return to the nest. It sounds like the life of most people. As you read Chapter 2, it is helpful to remember that our prayers are as different as people are. Spontaneous prayer, scripture, a prayer book, the Rosary, meditation or contemplation are all about a conversation with God. We pray in community and we pray individually. Is there a scripture verse, a sentence or paragraph from this chapter that speaks to you?

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 19, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 20, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 23, Food for the Poor at St. John's
Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 24, Food for the Poor at each Mass
Haiti at St. John's
Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 18: Gn 4: 1-15, 25; Mk 8: 11-13

Feb. 19: Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21

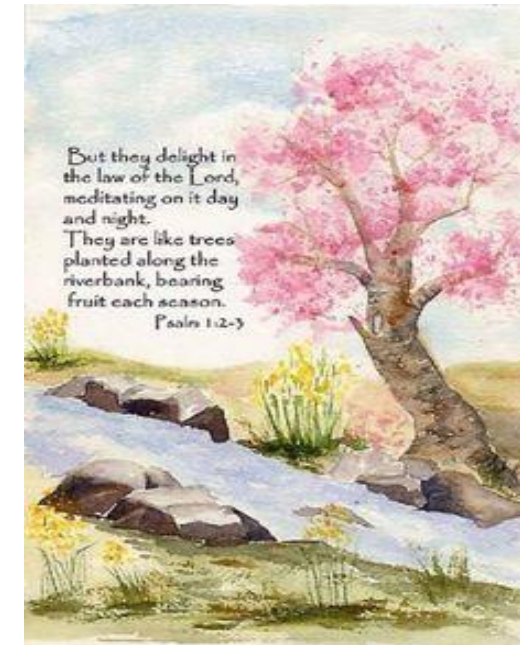
Feb. 20: Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22; Mk 8: 22-26

Feb. 21: [St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church] Gn 9: 1-13; Mk 8: 27-33

Feb. 22: [The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle] 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Feb. 23: [St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr] Heb 11: 1-7; Mk 9: 2-13

Feb. 24: 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6: 27-38



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.