

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 May 5 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

5:30 p.m...Rosemary Helm (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

11:00 a.m...Gerard Merkel (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

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 MAY:

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Freed from Fear ... Filled with Love

written by Angie Windnagle

How many times have we prayed with 1 John, reading the words, "There is no fear in love." Apparently not enough! To be freed from fear means to be filled with love. The readings this weekend echo this same truth as we journey through the Easter season. Love trumps all fear, giving the disciples of Christ holy boldness to proclaim his word to the ends of the earth. And that love is personal, inviting, and empowering.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Aubrey Michael & Genevieve Trissel who las weekend received Jesus at the Lord's Table through their First Holy Communion. Please continue to keep Aubrey and Genevieve in your prayers, as well as Kevin, Billy and Beth, as they continue to grow in their faith.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, 5p.m...Serena & Kellee Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Jenna Payne & Brianna Elkins

RCIA

RCIA will next meet on Wednesday, May 8 in the parish hall at 6pm. Anyone is invited who may have questions and/or are seeking answers about the Catholic faith.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 8, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 9, Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Sunday 12, Mother's Day Tea 9:30am at St. John's

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

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Building Fund: \$115.00

Food Pantry: \$70.00

Rice Bowls: \$42.80

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

RELIGIOUS ED RECOGNITION BRUNCH

St. John's will hold a brunch on Sunday, May 5 following Mass (9:30) for the recognition of the Religious Education school year completion. All are invited to join in this free brunch as we thank the teachers and recognize the students for their efforts.

Laura Sills, daughter of Chris and Debbie Sills is graduating May 11 from the University of Evansville. She will be receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and Anthropology. Laura will be graduating with high honors "Summa Cum Laude".

ST. MARY ALTAR & ROSARY SPRING SILENT AUCTION

Spring Cleaning?? Save your new and gently used items for the Altar & Rosary Society.

Our St. Nicholas Silent Auction & Carry-In was such a fun time! Many asked that we do it again. So we are.

We will be accepting items now through May 12th. Toys, jewelry, purses, books, gift & home decorating and guy stuff.

Please place them downstairs at the table marked "Silent Auction". Then mark your calendar for **May 19th: Spring Silent Auction & Carry-In Dinner**. All are welcome!

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ would like to announce the Jubilee Celebrations of Sr. Pauline Bridegroom of 60 years and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann of 50 years.

They ask that you remember them in your prayers as they celebrate these milestone years of vocation service in the Church. Their Eucharistic Celebration will take place on May 18th. If you would like to send a card, please feel free to do so:

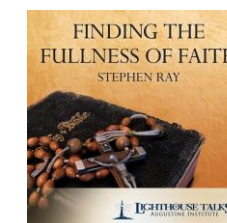
Box #1, Donaldson, IN 46513.



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Calling all mother hens and their chicks. Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day and St. John's will hold their annual Mother's Day Tea 9:30-11am. ALL ladies of the parish are invited to join in the festivities as we honor our moms this day. Even if we aren't a mom, we all have one, so use this opportunity to honor and remember her. Of course, we will honor Mary our Mother with a special May Crowning. **Please contact the office for your reservation so we can prepare for the proper number. There is no cost for this event.** It is sponsored and funded by Altar and Rosary as a thank you to our members and as an opportunity to honor Mary during May.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



Stephen Ray was raised in a devout, loving, Baptist family. In this presentation, he shares his amazing conversion to Catholicism and explains why he is convinced it is the Church founded by Christ over 2000 years ago.

These items are located on the kiosk in the parish hall.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 6: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29

May 7: Acts 7: 51 – 8:1a; Jn 6: 30-35

May 8: Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40

May 9: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51

May 10: [St. Damien de Veuster, priest] Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59

May 11: acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69

May 12: [Fourth Sunday of Easter] Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn 10: 27-30

HELP FOR HELPING HANDS

St. John's will be collecting baby bottles for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier. Bottles will be available at the church entrances and the Mother's Day Tea. Fill your bottle with coins and/or cash and return it to church. Other baby items can be donated as well. The center supports both mothers and fathers and their babies through education, programs and services with a Christian faith-based approach. They believe in the sanctity of every human life.

A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE...2019

Honor mothers this year by giving a special Mother's Day honorarium or memorial gift to the pregnancy Care Center of Jay County in her name. Your donation will help moms who need extra support.

**Send your financial gift to: PCC of Jay County
216 S Meridian, Portland, IN 47371**

List the name(s) of those whom you wish to honor or remember. On Saturday before Mother's Day the center will run an ad in the Portland newspaper listing all the mothers and special women who were remembered.

Marian Retreat/Retiro de Maria

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

This bilingual Marian Retreat features presentations by Fr. David Huemmer, Fr. Bob Williams and Maria Garcia, a Rosary, Mass, Confession and lunch. It is hosted by the Legion of Mary Comitium (Diocesan).

Held at St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton, IN.

Cost: \$25, includes lunch.

Register before May 10th. For more information contact Lucy Mikula at (317) 848-5764 or email lucylm47@aol.com.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40B-41; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; REV 5:11-14; JN 21:1-19

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the



other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.