

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 June 2 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, June 3

9:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, June 4

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. Mary's)

First Friday, June 7

5:30 p.m...Newton Family (St. John's)

Saturday, June 8

5:00 p.m...Fields Family (St. John's)

Sunday, June 9

8:30 a.m...Juan Cahue (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 JUNE:

The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Up, Up, and Away?

written by Rev. Mark Suslenko

It is common thinking to believe that Christ's Ascension into heaven somehow removes him from earth and that the Holy Spirit becomes some kind of substitution for his presence here. How then, are we to think of this event we celebrate? If Christ is now fully glorified and ascended into heaven, how can he still be here?

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for remembering us on our 50th and 60th Jubilee Celebration of our Religious Profession. It was so good to receive the many cards and good wishes. Each of you have been a part of our journey that lead to this day. All of you will have a special place in our hearts. May we continue to remember each other in prayer.

Blessings, Sr. Pauline Bridegroom, PHJC and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

PRAY THE ROSARY

Set aside time during June to pray the rosary for all Fathers: both those that we soon celebrate on Father's Day as well as for men seeking, studying and living out the call to priesthood as our parish Fathers.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Leta Morris, who passed to eternal life last 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.

BOTTLE RETURN FOR HELPING HANDS

If you picked up a baby bottle during May for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier, or had other baby items to donate, please leave those at either church entrance. Bottles can be placed on the back table or bookcases. Thank you on behalf of the families visiting the Pregnancy Care Center.

PRIESTS' CONVOCATION

Keep in your prayers this week, Bishop Doherty and all priests of our Diocese as they gather for convocation with meetings, prayer, Eucharist and unity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:25pm. Mass will follow at 5:30pm.

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. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: June 7.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$817.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,813.00

Haiti: \$408.00

Building Fund: \$105.00

Food Pantry: \$80.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

THIS WEEK:

Monday 3, Priest Convocation thru June 6

Tuesday 4, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Friday 7, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30pm St. John's

First Friday Mass 5:30pm St. John's

Sunday 9, Food Pantry St. Mary's

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Thank you!

GOING AWAY DINNERS FOR FR. DAVE

St. John's will have a parish dinner on Saturday, June 22nd following the 5pm Mass. St. Mary's will have a parish dinner on Sunday, June 23rd following the 10:30am Mass. More details will be available throughout the coming weeks, but please mark your calendars to join us in wishing Fr. Dave well on his new assignment.

Members from either parish are invited to be thinking of a favorite quote you liked from Fr. Dave, a memorable moment, or a way in which he touched you or your families lives during his 12 years with us. These will be collected and compiled together for him to take these memories with him.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We have cast the nets and are hoping for a big catch! All men and boys are invited to the Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 16th immediately following 8:30am Mass prepared and served by St. John's Altar and Rosary. There will be no charge for this breakfast, but please contact the office or Megan Trissel for reservations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 3: [St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs] Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33

June 4: Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a

June 5: [St. Boniface, bishop & martyr] Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19

June 6: [St. Norbert, bishop] Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26

June 7: Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19

June 8: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

June 9: [Pentecost Sunday] Act 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23

SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

CATHOLIC FAITH QUESTIONS

RCIA will meet June 5 at 6 pm in the school hall. People like to have a friend join them in something new. Invite someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith is to attend. If you know someone who has questions about what we believe, invite him/her to come with you to this informational class where we focus on scripture. And, if there is someone who quit coming to Mass, invite him/her to join you on Wednesday evenings to see what's new.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR FUTURE

The Seminarian Fund Appeal will run from **June 1-23, 2019**. Our overall goal is set for \$485,000. St. Mary's portion is \$678.00 and St. John's goal is \$2,213. All gifts will go exclusively toward Seminarian educational and living costs, which is budgeted to be >\$500,000 in 2019. Other programs, events, etc. for the Office of Vocations are funded from other sources – part of which comes from Fruitful Harvest.

Offertory envelopes can be found in your envelope packets, on the bookcases, and will also be inserted in the Catholic Moment prior to the first appeal weekend.

Please consider a gift that will help to support the formation and journey for our seminarians. Thank you for your generosity as you help support those answering God's call.

SAFE SITTER CLASSES

The best sitter is a safe sitter. Safe Sitter classes are held at IU Health Blackford Hospital on June 25 and July 23 from 8:30am to 3:30pm. The classes are open to boys and girls ages 11 to 13. St. John's Altar and Rosary will provide the \$40 class fees for St. John's students wishing to enroll. Contact the parish office at 348-3889 to register.

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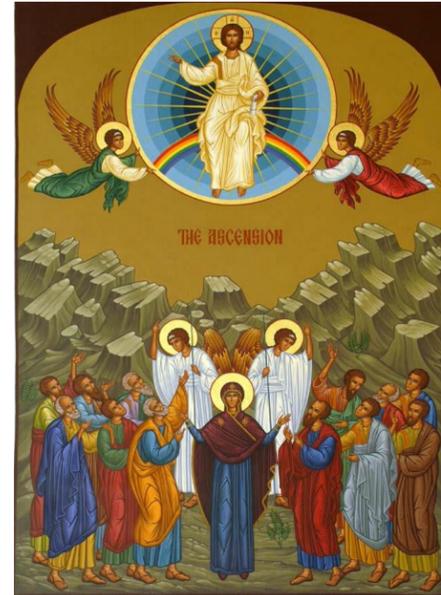
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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[ACTS 1:1-11](#); [PS 47:2-3, 6-9](#); [EPH 1:17-23](#) or [HEB 9:24-28](#); [10:19-23](#); [LK 24: 46-53](#)

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.



Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the

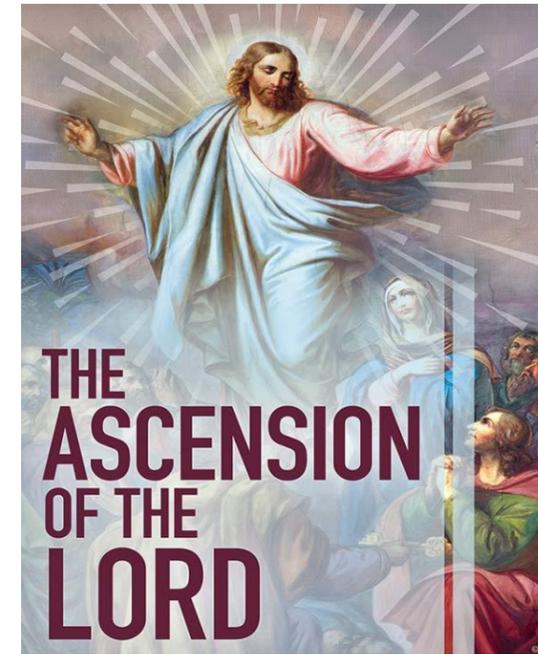
Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JUNE 8 & 9

Saturday, 5p.m...Kellee Merkel & Helen Whitesell
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Madison Henderson & Bethany Elkins



THE ASCENSION 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.

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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.