

## 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 23

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

##### Monday, June 24

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

##### Tuesday, June 25

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

##### Wednesday, June 26

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

##### Thursday, June 27

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

##### Friday, June 28

11:00 a.m...No Mass (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

##### Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m...Christy Helm Robinson (*St. John's*)

##### Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m...Mae Pursley (*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 REFLECTION

*Br. John-Marmion Villa, BSC*

### HUNGRY FOR THE LIVING GOD

In our busy lives, we are so distracted when we come to Mass that our spirit, which lies deep within our soul, doesn't recognize Jesus, not for lack of desire or ability, but for lack of preparation and cultivation. We aren't satisfied (cf Lk 9:17) because we forgot that our soul was hungry for the living God. We don't see the abundance of God's grace and activity in our lives because we don't know how to see with spiritual eyes the work of God all around us.

We've lost the sense of the mysterious because we want to first understand a logical explanation before we believe.

How happy Jesus would be if we learned how to recognize him in the breaking of the bread (cf Lk 24:31), to savor the moment of encounter, to relax in the peace of his presence, to worship the majesty of his humble appearance in the species of bread and wine. If we could make him happy just to recognize him, then I think our lives would also be happier because we would be compelled to give away what we had received. Then, we would have become what we have consumed.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This weekend we will commission the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion which have been delegated by Bishop Doherty for the upcoming year which runs through June 11, 2020, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please plan to be in attendance at one of our three cluster Masses next weekend. If you are unable, then it is your duty to get with Fr. before you would be able to serve as a minister.

### 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.

## Bach for the Summer!

A freewill offering concert for the Blackford Community Choir

David Fleener, baritone Margaret Hammond, pianist and organist Emily Whittaker, oboist

Sunday, June 23rd 3:00 p.m. at

Zion Lutheran Church 308 S Monroe St

Hartford City, Indiana

Reception to follow in the church's Fellowship Hall!

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Mae Pursley, parishioner of St. John's, Linda Phillips, daughter of Yvonne Farling, and Vernon Hurley, father-in-law of Pam Hurley and grandfather of Austin, who passed to eternal life this week. May their families be comforted by your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JUNE 29 & 30

Saturday, 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Mason Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Brianna Elkins & Juan Velasquez

### RCIA SUMMER SCHEDULE

RCIA will meet on Wednesday, June 26 at 6-7:15 pm in the school hall. Following the schedule of the past few years, we will take a summer break during July and will begin meeting again on August 7.

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. It is at this time that they may be interested in coming to RCIA. Please invite him/her to come to RCIA to check out what it is we believe and what "we do."

### SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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**HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN & TANNING**

Thank you!

## PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR FUTURE

The Seminarian Fund Appeal wraps up this next weekend. However, **St. John's is still short of their goal of \$2,213 with \$1,425 collected.** Please consider your gift to help us help the seminarians of our diocese.

St. Mary has met their goal of \$678.00. All gifts will go exclusively toward Seminarian educational and living costs, which is budgeted to be >\$500,000 in 2019.

Offertory envelopes can be found in your envelope packets or on the bookcases.

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.

**We pray that our parish communities will nurture religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### St. Mary's

Collection: \$843.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Seminary Fund: \$230.00

Votive: \$7.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

#### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,920.19

Building Fund: \$45.00

Food Pantry: \$160.00

Seminary Fund: \$210.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?**

### QUEEN OF ANGELS RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

Catholic gifts, jewelry, and books

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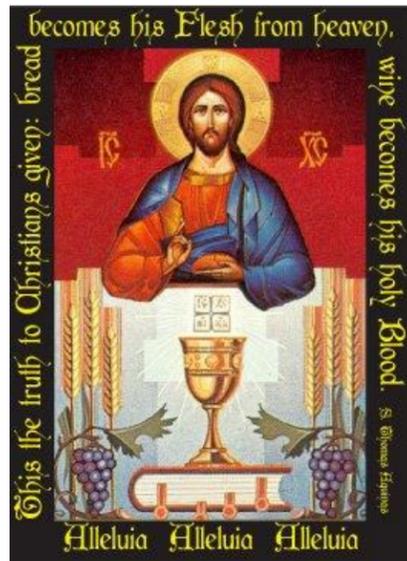
2300 W. Jackson, Muncie

Summer Hours: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 11am-4pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**GN 14:18-20; PS 110:1-4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11B-17**



Today, we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed

Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude," and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'" In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very Self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

## 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 24: [The Nativity of St. John the Baptist] Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1: 57-66, 80  
June 25: Gn 13: 2, 5-18; Mt 7: 6, 12-14  
June 26: Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18; Mt 7: 15-20  
June 27: [St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church] Gn 16: 1-12, 15-16; Mt 7: 21-29  
June 28: [The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus] Ez 34: 11-16; Rom 5: 5b-11; Lk 15: 3-7  
June 29: [Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles] Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19  
June 30: 1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21; Gal 5: 1, 13-18; Lk 9: 51-62

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 25, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's  
Wednesday 26, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's  
Saturday 29, Haiti at St. John's  
Sunday 30, Haiti at St. Mary's

## SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

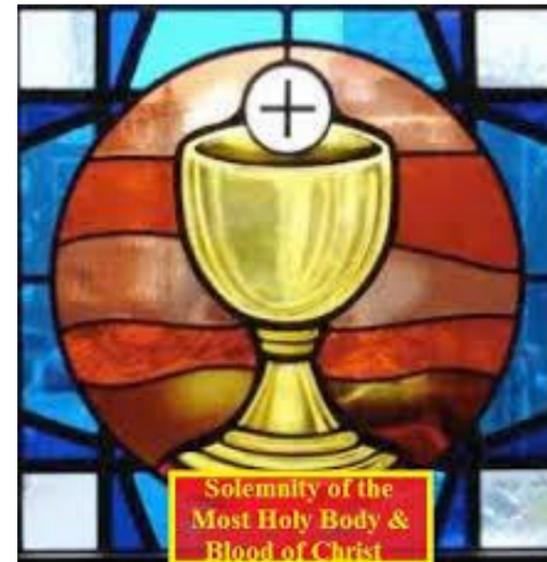
Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

## FAMILY CONNECTION:

In our age of fast food and eating on the go, families often find that they are not eating meals together at a dinner table. As a family, look back over the past week and recall how many meals were eaten together and how many meals were eaten alone or on the run.

In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people.

Read this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:11b-17. Talk about the kinds of hungers that people have in addition to physical hunger. Describe the hungers that a family nourishes (love, compassion, forgiveness, laughter, and so on). Together give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Make a commitment to share in this Eucharistic meal together as a family.



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### 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,  
Hartford City**

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**Pastor, Fr. David J. Newton**

### PARISH OFFICES

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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.