

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 July 21, 2019 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

5:30 p.m...Leta Morris (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, July 24

12:00noon...Agnes Bowen (*St. John's*)

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

10:00 a.m...All Souls (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 28

8:30 a.m...Lawrence Fleming (*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 JULY:

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

The Gospel this weekend portrays Martha and Mary, the doer and the listener. Practical sense tells us that both are necessary. Yet, we struggle with both in our lives. We can identify with Mary but we are really more attracted to Martha. Martha's the objective one, her script is specified. She can make the grocery list, plan the day, mix the ingredients, set the table, and do all of the stuff that is required of a perfect hospitable host. Mary is the subjective one whose script is not specified. She is the one who is comfortable with spontaneity. She brings a quality of presence to a situation rather than making sure that the china is free of cracks. Having not really encountered Jesus before, she needs to be ready to think on her feet, set her agenda aside, and desire a relationship. Mary is the one who takes the art of hospitality to the Gospel level by truly welcoming and not only serving.

As we learn how to listen and begin allowing God to change how we see and understand, it may seem at first that we are wasting time. Over time, however, our relationships will change dramatically, and we will realize that we, too, have chosen the better part.

Fr. Dave's new address:

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
10655 Haverstick Rd
Carmel, IN 46033

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JULY 27 & 28

Saturday, 5p.m...Kellee Merkel & Kelli Rinker
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Bethany Elkins & Jenna Payne

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Tuesday, August 13, from 4:30 to 7 PM (EDT) to attend the Silver Episcopal Jubilee and Diamond Priesthood Jubilee for Bishop William Higi, fifth Bishop of our diocese. The event will be held in Anderson, IN; at St. Ambrose Church (which has A/C). Light sandwiches, non-alcoholic beverages and dessert will be served. Please notify your parish office BEFORE August 6, 2019, so that they can notify Saint Ambrose for proper counts for serving those who attend. Thank you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$963.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$5,434.00

Building Fund: \$65.00

Food Pantry: \$65.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

RCIA begins again after our break for July, on Wednesday, August 7, at 6 to 7:15 pm in the parish hall at St John's Catholic School. People in the Greatest Generation and Baby Boomers generation ask questions more often than younger people of the Generation Y, X and Millennials. They've grown up with the internet and can find all kinds of information there. Watching Mass, accessing the EWTN app or Catholic Answers on a cell phone or a tablet is as easy as saying Google, Siri or Alexis. Text, call, email, or use other social media to invite your non-Catholic friend, or someone who went to St John's School with you or joined your family at Mass to come to RCIA. Many people wait to be invited to something like RCIA.

Our Catholic Book Club and Sunday Morning Bible Study

Here is a book for you! It has only 141 pages and is written in plain, everyday language that most of us prefer. It is not a re-write of the Gospels, but a call to remember why we are here and to experience the JOY that Jesus brings to us. Happiness is fleeting and depends on the situation, but Joy is everlasting. Pope Francis' *The Joy Of The Gospel* can be purchased from bookstores and online. Amazon has it for ~\$10 and a study guide is available if you want to use it. In one study guide, Bill Huebsch, summarizes each paragraph of Pope Francis' *The Joy Of The Gospel* and includes a few questions. It sells for ~\$3.50.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[GN 18: 1-10A](#); [PS15:2-5](#); [COL 1:24-28](#); [LK 10:38-42](#)

In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a remind



er about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled in to this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the first priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make in order to spend time with Him.

SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

PRAYING IN COLOR

August 24, 2019, 9am-noon

Presenter: Jacquie Reed

Sponsored by: Holy Spirit Ministries

Location: St. John's Parish Hall

Cost \$15 (includes materials and light refreshments)

Deadline: August 1, contact Dorothy Steward 314-620-4045 or Sr. Rita 260-402-5034 with registration.

"Praying in Color" is an innovative way to come to God through the use of a small set of watercolors. Participants will learn the history and method of praying in color, as well as have an opportunity to practice and share. The practice is based on the book by Sybil MacBeth, Praying in Color – Drawing a New Path to God. The practice is about prayer not art. No artistic experience is needed. Simply bring a childlike openness to the Holy Spirit, and to praying and "playing" with watercolors.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 23, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 24, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 27, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 28, Haiti at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 22: [St. Mary Magdalene] Sg 3: 1-4b; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

July 23: [St. Bridget, religious] Ex 14: 21—15: 1; Mt 12: 46-50

July 24: [St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest] Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Mt 13: 1-9

July 25: [St. James, apostle] 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28

July 26: [Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Ex 20: 1-17; Mt 13: 18-23

July 27: Ex 24: 3-8; Mt 13: 24-30

July 28: Gn 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13

K of C ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

WHO: All Knights, their families, and knights widows

WHAT: Annual Picnic

WHEN: Sunday, August 18, 12noon to ?

WHERE: Home of John and Karen Shields

Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a well-filled covered dish to share, lawn chairs, fishing equipment, etc.

WE NEED YOU!!

August brings the start of another school year which includes faith education. St. John's religious education classes will begin on Sunday, August 18, 9:30-10:30am.

We are in need of a religious education teacher for the 2nd/3rd grade students this year. This person would be responsible for the regular Sunday classes only, not the sacramental preparation of reconciliation and first communion. Please prayerfully consider enhancing the life of a child through our Catholic faith formation. If interested in the 2nd/3rd grade teaching position, please contact Claire Aulbach or Diana in the parish office.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A Curfew is another type of boundary, whose purpose is to protect children's safety.

Talk about examples of boundaries in your family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Talk about how sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to stay on his or her side. Explain that when we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. Point out how in Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. Talk about how the role of women has changed in your lifetime. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples. Read aloud Luke 10:38-42. Talk about how Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but how her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. Talk about how you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people. Point out that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father," meaning that we are all his children; no boundaries should separate us. Conclude this time together by praying the Lord's Prayer.



16TH 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. Paul 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. Paul Hudson

PARISH OFFICES

e-mail: stmaryjohn@att.net

St. Mary, Dunkirk

P.O. Box 286, Dunkirk, IN 47336

Rectory: 765-768-6157

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

Church Basement: 765-768-1283

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

213 S. Spring St., Hartford City, IN 47348

Rectory: 765-348-3123

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

Fax: 765-348-4399

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.