

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 28, 2019

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

5:30 p.m...Lisa Fritz (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, July 31

12:00noon...Gerard Merkel, Sr. (*St. John's*)

Thursday, August 1

5:30 p.m...Martha Kistler (*St. Mary's*)

First Friday, August 2

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

Saturday, August 3

5:00 p.m...Welfare of Marion & Ruth Ann Clawson
(*St. John's*)

Sunday, August 4

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Don Martin (*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 Angie Windnagle

"...We learn in the Gospel that God is more merciful and loving than we could even imagine and that He hears us when we call on Him. We are deeply loved, and in turn, we are called to follow His commandments and extend that love to all the world.

But we need to be aware of the orientation of our hearts. Do we live as people stuck in the legality of what we think should be going on around us? Are we perpetually focused on other people's sins? Or do we live as people fully alive in Christ and his promise of forgiveness and providential care if we turn away from sin and follow him? In essence, are we living as people worthy of the call of the Gospel? Are we living as true sons and daughters of a Divine King?

Let us take to heart the words of the second reading, trusting that God has "obliterated" the bond against us, with its legal claims ... nailing it to the cross." We are children of God, called to divine sonship, redeemed in the Blood of the cross, and called to live as a witness to that truth."

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S AUG. 3 & 4

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

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Madison & Kayli Henderson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$600.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,403.00

Food Pantry: \$35.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards - those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Beginning with the month of August we have a few schedule changes:

- First Friday **Eucharistic Adoration** will take place from **11-11:55am followed by Mass at noon.**
- **Reconciliation** at St. John's will still take place on the first and third Saturdays, but the times will change to **4-4:30pm.** Other times by appointment.
- The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays will remain nursing home Masses, but all times will be 10am with the 2nd Friday being at Miller's Merry Manor, the 3rd Friday being at Bridgewater Center and now the **4th Friday will be a Crown Pointe** so they can be on a monthly rotation. If there are **5** Fridays in a month, that Mass will be at **St. John's at noon.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say: Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4)

Jesus is waiting for us, each and every one, with open arms. He never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. (from Pope Francis in Joy Of The Gospel, paragraph 3). Our Joy is not always expressed the same way especially at times of distress. But we must remember that following the Cross came Resurrection!

Share the Joy you have in your heart with your friends and family. Invite someone, or several, to come to a get-together on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm to talk with others about living life with Joy! Occasionally, we have people who come to RCIA who are strong believers but yearn for something more. They see Catholics as doing things a little bit differently and they want to know why! On the other side of that, we sometimes have a person come who has never known about Jesus. All are welcome! Invite someone you know, or even a stranger, to come to the next meeting of RCIA on Wednesday, August 7, 6-7:15 pm., in the school hall. If possible, give that friend or acquaintance a ride to the meeting and stay with him/her. For more information call or text Susan at 512-627-6863. You can also call or text Cynthia Flynn after 6 pm Mon-Fri. (765) 730-1611.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BROWN BAG SALE

Shop the brown bag sale at the new to you. The sale will run from now until August 17 and includes all merchandise in the shop. Fill a bag and pay one price. This is a great back-to-school opportunity!

SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

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. Light sandwiches, drinks 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.

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 and includes a few questions. It sells for ~\$3.50.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 29: [*St. Martha*] Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34; Jn 11: 19-27

July 30: [*St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church*] Ex 33:7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28; Mt 13: 36-43

July 31: [*St. Ignatius of Loyola, preist*] Ex 34: 29-35; Mt 13: 44-46

Aug. 1: [*St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church*] Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Mt 13: 47-53

Aug. 2: [*St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest*] Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13: 54-58

Aug. 3: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14: 1-12

Aug. 4: Eccl 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Col 3: 1-5, 9-11; Lk 12: 13-21

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

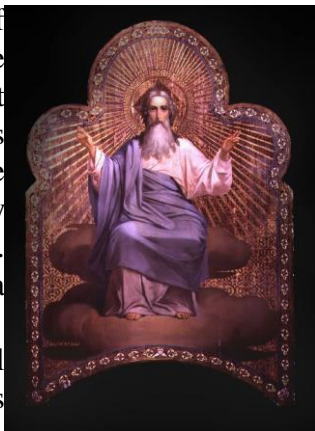
[GN 18:20-32](#); [PSI38:1-3, 6-8](#); [COL 2:12-14](#); [LK 11:1-13](#)

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, know as the *Our Father*.

The *Our Father* truly is the ultimate steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the *Our Father*, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.



Summer Picnic



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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – NEW TIME

Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday. Adoration will begin at 11am and end at 11:55am. Mass will follow at noon.

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 privately. All are invited to participate. Friday August 2, 11am.

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 30, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's
Friday 2, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am followed by Mass at noon.

Saturday 4, Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. John's

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.



17TH 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

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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.