

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

August 18, 2019

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

5:30 p.m...Karleen Reidy (St. John's)

Wednesday, August 21

12:00noon...Bob Heiser (St. John's)

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

10:00 a.m...Sharon Newton (Crown Pointe)

Saturday, August 24

5:00 p.m...Welfare of Sr. Jeannie Rogers, SSJ
(St. John's)

Sunday, August 25

8:30 a.m...Leta Morris (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 AUGUST:

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Br. Silas Henderson, SDS

In this Sunday's Gospel we discover a two-fold challenge:

First, do we ignore or try to silent those prophets who are calling for change — change within ourselves, our communities, or even in the Church? Are we willing to risk dialogue and even conversion as we are invited to reflect not only on what is possible, but on what might be essential?

Second, are we willing to live out our call to be prophets ourselves? Where are the injustices or abuses that need to be named? What wrongs need to be made right? What wounds need to be healed?

The way toward the peace called for in the Gospel is not an easy one, because injustice does not die easily. As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, reflecting on the demands of our discipleship and what it means to truly live the faith we profess, we pray for the gifts of courage, discernment, and fortitude to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us by Jesus.

RCIA is a process not really a "class." It is an opportunity for:

*Catholics who have been Baptized but not confirmed to receive Confirmation

*Catholics who have been away from the Church to come back

*a non-Catholic spouse or friend to learn about the Catholic faith

*a non-Catholic who is searching for a Church that teaches Truth.

*someone who feels the call to come; maybe he/she has been attending Mass (or maybe not!).

*a Catholic to share his/her faith with others.

We meet on Wednesday's at 6-7:30 pm in the parish hall high school classroom. Hope to see you there! It is never too late to come as the process is on-going.

Questions? Need child care during class time? Let us know you are coming if you can. Call or text Susan 512-627-6863; or call Diana in the office 348-3889.

Sunday Morning Bible Study follows the Religious Education schedule during the school year so parents/grandparents, men and women, young adults have the opportunity to participate in the group. If you haven't ordered your book yet, please call Diana on Monday, 348-3889, or order online.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

St Mary Religious Education Program

PARENT MEETING

Sunday August 18

Following Mass in the Parish Hall

All parents of students ages 4 thru 18 Welcome!

WE NEED YOU!

If you have ever thought about extra ministry at church, consider an altar server. We are in need of servers. This is open to boy or girl, man or woman, grade 4 and up. Trainings will take place beginning Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 in the church.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Special training for all Eucharistic Ministers this

Thursday, August 22, 7pm at St. John's

This meeting has a three-fold purpose:

To cover the changes at the Altar during Mass
To discuss ministry to the homebound and proper protocol

To install any minister that has not yet been installed.



RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 18 ALONG WITH COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S AUG. 24 & 25

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

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Juan & Catalina Velasquez

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

REMINDER this Friday's Mass, the **4th Friday will be at Crown Pointe** so they can be on a monthly rotation. If there are **5** Fridays in a month, which August has 5, that Mass will be at **St. John's at noon** (August 30).

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 38:4-6, 8-10; PS 40:2-4,18; HEB 12:1-4; LK 12:49-53

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

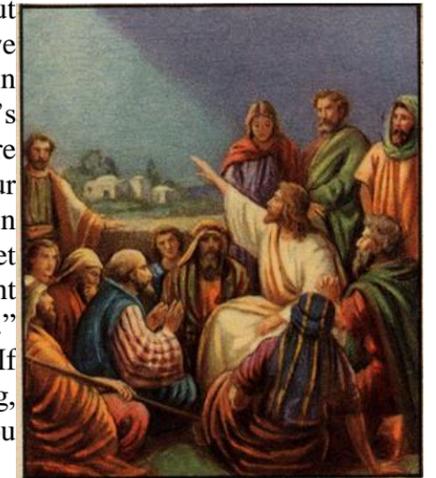
In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about

the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.



PRAY THE ROSARY

As teachers, students and administrators head back to school, pray the rosary during August that each will strive to do his/her part through the education process to build a foundation of life-long learning that will carry well into the future.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$977.24
Food Pantry: \$172.00
Church in Africa: \$20.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,709.20
Building Fund: \$5.00
Food Pantry: \$68.00
Church in Africa: \$5.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's
Saturday 24, Haiti at St. John's

Aloha Ice Cream Social 6pm at St. John's

Sunday 25, Haiti at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 19: [St. John Eudes, priest] Jgs 2: 11-19; Mt 19: 16-22

Aug. 20: [St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church] Jgs 6: 11-24a; Mt 19: 23-30

Aug. 21: [St. Pius X, pope] Jgs 9: 6-15; Mt 20: 1-16

Aug. 22: [The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Jgs 11: 29-39a; Mt 22: 1-14

Aug. 23: [St. Rose of Lima, virgin] Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22: 34-40

Aug. 24: [St. Bartholomew, apostle] Rv 21: 9b-14; Jn 1: 45-51

Aug. 25: Is 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 14: 22-30

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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.

ALOHA PARTY, AUG. 24TH

St. John's will hold an end-of-summer ice cream social on Saturday, August 24, immediately following the 5pm Mass. This will provide opportunities to support our youth as they begin another school year, support our catechists in their faith formation, offer a meet-and-greet with Fr. Paul Hudson, and gather and share with our faith community.

An ice cream sundae bar will be set up as well as a tiki hut for root beer floats. We will also offer a light meal of sandwiches, chips and cupcakes. There will be no charge for this evening, we just ask that you share in the festivities. There will be a Hawaiian theme so we encourage everyone to wear their Hawaiian shirts, skirts, shorts, flower leis, etc. and join in this parish social event...prizes may even be awarded!!

75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & RECEPTION

With Bishop Doherty

St. Mary's, Muncie

August 28, 2019 at 6pm

All are invited to celebrate in this Mass as we culminate our year of anniversary activities.

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NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

If you are regularly attending St. Mary's or St. John's Parish and have not registered with the office and would like to do so, sign-up forms are located on the bookcases at each Church. Return completed form via collection basket or deliver to office.



20TH 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, by appointment

St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

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.

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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.