

## 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 25, 2019

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### **Monday, August 26**

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

##### **Tuesday, August 27**

5:30 p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters (*St. John's*)

##### **Wednesday, August 28**

12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming (*St. John's*)

##### **Thursday, August 29**

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (*St. Mary's*)

##### **Friday, August 30**

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

##### **Saturday, August 31**

5:00 p.m...Lowell & Clara Mae Ford (*St. John's*)

##### **Sunday, September 1**

8:30 a.m...Betty Cain (*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

*Rev. Mark Suslenko*

It is very possible for relationships to go sour, even our relationship with God. While God never abandons us, we can certainly turn our backs on Him. In doing so, we may find ourselves recognizing His presence and surprises less and less and even find ourselves less willing to put ourselves out there for the advancement of the Gospel. Those lesser desires and impulses can gain great control. It is the discipline of prayer that allows us to become the very likeness of God! We then become His true disciples by living and acting in our world as He would live and act in it. The gift of contemplation keeps God in clear focus and our hearts set on our true desire: union with Him.

Life teaches us some hard lessons and can easily disappoint. But God's ever-present love is always available to transform even the most self-focused of hearts, and His holiness touches all of His children. It is our task, then, to ensure that everything possible is done to preserve and respect the sacredness of life and the dignity of every human being.

God's vision has a great deal to say about the immigrant, the homeless, our economic system, power, wealth, distribution of the world's good, the value and place of work, abortion, euthanasia, war, violence, and all of the other ills plaguing our world. The problem is that we often seek secular solutions to difficulties that have a spiritual base. The person with a truly disciplined life can recognize the difference and act accordingly.

## ST MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON

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## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Betty Cain, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this 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.

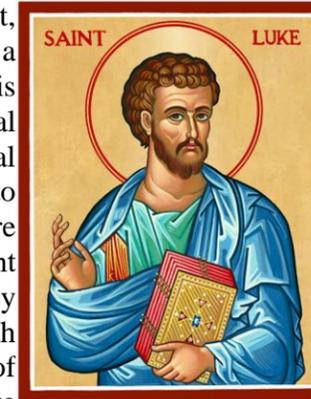
## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 66:18-21](#); [PS 117: 1-2](#); [HEB 12:5-7, 11-13](#); [LK 13:22-30](#)

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline. Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life



## 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.

## PASSION & PURPOSE

St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, IN, is teaming up with Dynamic Catholic to host Dr. Allen Hunt and his Passion and Purpose for Marriage seminar. This event is set to take place on Friday, Sept 6th at 630pm at St. Malachy Parish.

This event is targeted for all couples, whether they are dating, engaged, newlywed or married for many years. Dr Allen Hunt is a renowned speaker that has been helping couples develop, nurture and grow dynamic marriages for several years. Order tickets (\$25) online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com)

## 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. 31 & SEPT. 1

Saturday, 5p.m...Serena & Kellee Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Jenna Payne

## 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: \$733.00

Holyday: \$112.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,476.44

Building Fund: \$10.00

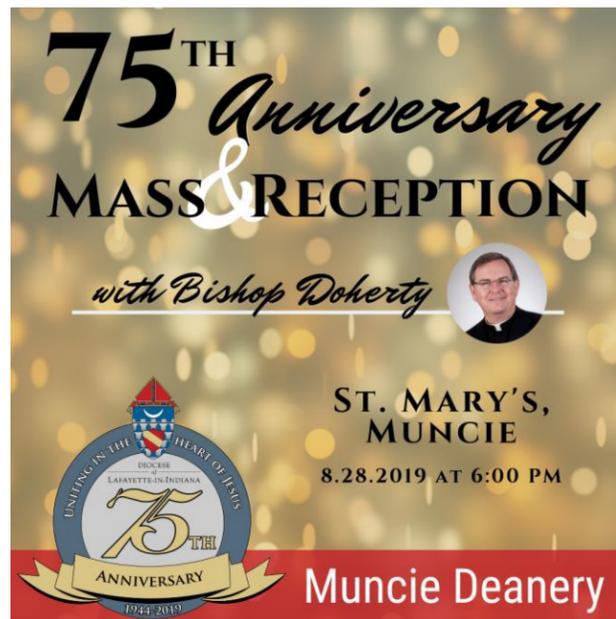
Holyday: 258.00

Votive: 82.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

**75th Anniversary Mass & Reception** with Bishop Doherty for the Muncie Deanery is Wednesday, 8/28/19, at St Mary's in Muncie at 6 pm. Following Mass, a light reception will take place. If you plan to go and would like to carpool (drive or ride), meet in St. John's Church parking lot at 5:00 pm. We will leave at 5:05 pm.  
**RCIA** will attend the Anniversary Mass & Reception.



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



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Aug. 26: 1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23: 13-22  
 Aug. 27: [St. Monica] 1 Thes 2: 1-8; Mt 23: 23-26  
 Aug. 28: [St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Thes 2: 9-13; Mt 23: 27-32  
 Aug. 29: [The Passion of St. John the Baptist] 1 Thes 3: 7-13; Mk 6: 17-29  
 Aug. 30: 1 Thes 4: ;1-8; Mt 25: 1-13  
 Aug. 31: 1 Thes 4: 9-11; Mt 25: 14-30  
 Sept. 1: Sir 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14: 1, 7-14

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 27, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's  
 Wednesday 28, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's  
 Friday 30, Mass at 12noon at St. John's (fifth Friday)

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**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

All married couples of the diocese celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2019 are invited to attend a special Mass with Bishop Doherty to celebrate their years of Christian Marriage. The Anniversary Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation and during Mass Bishop Doherty will offer a special anniversary blessing. Immediately following Mass, Bishop Doherty will greet couples at a reception of light refreshments.

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 2:30PM**

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
 1207 Columbia St. Lafayette, IN

Register online at [www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass](http://www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass) or contact the parish office with your reservation.

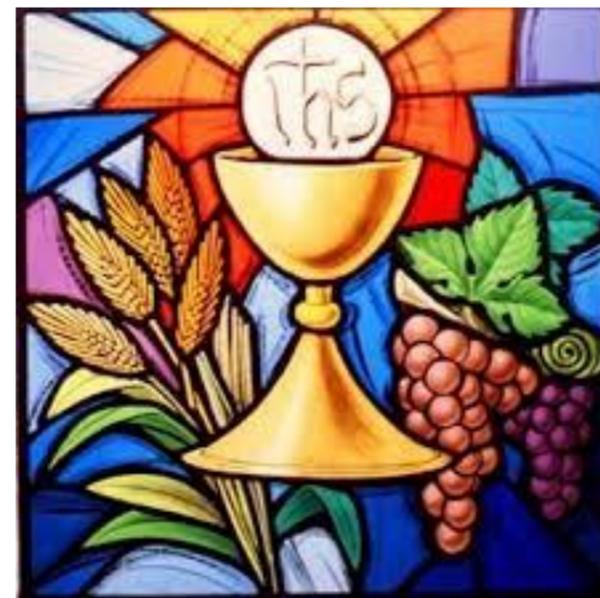
**RELICS OF PADRE PIO**

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and St. Patrick's Church in Kokomo will be hosting the relics of Padre Pio. The public veneration of the relics will take place on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 9am-5:30pm Eastern Standard Time at St. Patrick's Church in Kokomo, IN. There will be a Mass at 6pm that evening. We are planning on offering reconciliation throughout the day too.

**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.

RCIA is a small group of people who gather with others to share why they are here. If you are one who is hesitant, we invite you to come to visit RCIA. There is no obligation. For more information text or call Susan, 512-627-6863. Find our parish website at [stmaryjohn.org](http://stmaryjohn.org).



**21st 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.