

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

September 1, 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

5:30 p.m...Patrick Oswalt (St. John's)

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

12:00noon...Tim Ford (St. John's)

Saturday, September 7

5:00 p.m...Helen Walsh (St. John's)

Sunday, September 8

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 SEPTEMBER:

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Humility is a virtue that has become misunderstood and somewhat trampled upon in modern culture. Some in our society tend to label a lack of humility as confidence. Others see any hint of bravado or pride in one's abilities as distasteful or pompous. The extreme positions can easily encourage people to gravitate to a position of feeling less than or more than others around them. Neither position is healthy, and God does not call us to either form of humility. God calls us to a humility where we understand that who we are and what we have is a blessing from Him and that He is God and we are not. A common social media quote says, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." We would do well to add, "and think of God more."

In this life, we are not to hold our heads down in false humility. We are sons and daughters of a king. We are members of a royal priesthood. We have been created uniquely and been given many gifts so we may honor that king. However, it is when we forget that all we are and will be is tied to the One who created us, we place ourselves into the position of becoming our own god. We become like those at the dinner party, comparing ourselves to others and strategizing how to rise higher in standing.

ALTAR & ROSARY SET TO KICK OFF

St. John's Altar & Rosary will begin this Thursday with a carry-in dinner. Please bring a friend and a covered dish to share. Drinks will be provided. We will be open to new ideas as well as ways to improve our traditional program.

Thursday, Sept. 5, Parish Hall, 6pm, all ladies invited.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Take time this month to pray the rosary in support of human dignity for all, fair work and wages, the ambition to work hard with proper time for rest from our labors, and a willing and happy heart to share the fruits of our labors for the common good of all.



The final installment of the 75th Anniversary Lecture Series is on "The Life and Legacy of St. Mother Theodore Guerin." The event is being held on September 4, 6:00 pm at the Media Center of Guerin Catholic in Noblesville. Sr. Dawn Tomaszewski, Sr. Paula Damiano, and Sr. Jan Craven, members of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, the order founded by St. Mother Theodore Guerin, will be giving the presentation.

ST MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON

TO ENROLL NOW
PLEASE CONTACT
WENDY STOUT

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday. Adoration will begin at 11am and end at 11:55am. Mass will follow at 12noon. If you have not had the opportunity yet to participate in Adoration, maybe now is the time.

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.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 2, Labor Day

Tuesday 3, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 4, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 5, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Friday 6, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am followed by Mass at noon.

Saturday 7, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

SIR 3: 17-18, 20,28-29; PS 68: 4-7, 10-11; HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A; LK 14:1, 7-14

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. That understanding, however, is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into



existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our existence and for every breath we take.

Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honor at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place.

Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God "exalts" us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them offer us any worldly advantage or prestige— "the poor, the crippled, the lame."

Our attitude and the way in which we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all "little" ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

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 Sunday, Sept. 8 & 15 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

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 7 & 8

Saturday, 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Kelli Rinker
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Madison Henderson & Brianna Elkins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 2: [Labor Day] 1 Thes 4: 13-18; Lk 4: 16-30
Sept. 3: [St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church] 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11; Lk 4: 31-37
Sept. 4: Col 1: 1-8; Lk 4: 38-44
Sept. 5: [St. Teresa of Calcutta] Col 1: 9-14; Lk 5: 1-11
Sept. 6: Col 1: 15-20; Lk 5: 33-39
Sept. 7: Col 1: 21-23; Lk 6: 1-5
Sept. 8: Wis 9: 13-18b; Phlm 9: 10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

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.

MISSIONARY WEEKEND APPEAL

Next weekend at each of our Masses, Fr. Samuel Kalu, a priest for the Diocese of Umuahia, but currently residing in our diocese, will join us with his appeal message on behalf of his home diocese. Please be open to his message and generous with your prayers and gifts.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
Collection: \$1,058.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
St. John's
Sunday Collection: \$1,723.00
Haiti: \$316.00
Pantry: \$10.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give openly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

SEMINAR ON UNDERSTANDING SUICIDE

Presented by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser on Tues, Sept. 10 9am-4pm in Indianapolis. The program titled "Bruised and Wounded: Struggling to Understand Suicide" will lead participants through the spiritual approach to understanding suicide and provides hope, consolation and empathy to anyone who has experienced this pain. Cost is \$30 with registration deadline of Sept. 2. Call 317-592-4007 for more info

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2PM

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERT

Tipton High School Auditorium, \$25/ticket

This is a benefit concert for the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Building Fund.

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22nd 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.