

**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 8, 2019  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 9**  
9:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)  
**Tuesday, September 10**  
5:30 p.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)  
**Wednesday, September 11**  
12:00noon...No Mass (*St. John's*)  
**Thursday, September 12**  
5:30 p.m...Robert Paul (*St. Mary's*)  
**Friday, September 13**  
10:00 a.m...Linda Phillips (*Miller's Merry Manor*)  
**Saturday, September 14**  
5:00 p.m...Christy Helm Robinson (*St. John's*)  
**Sunday, September 15**  
8:30 a.m...Warren Family (*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 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**

*excerpts from Angie Windnagle*

This Sunday's readings bring to mind a theme of contradiction. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about hating and leaving family, when usually we desire to put family in a place of priority. He speaks about embracing our cross and leaving this world behind, when we usually worry about earthly sufferings and how we will alleviate them to live more comfortably in this world. They are opposed forces on the surface, and our challenge is to meet Jesus in these seemingly contradictory words and find the pearl of wisdom that will bring us new life.

What I find most striking about the Gospel is that it begins and ends with a call to detachment, with a message of preparation sandwiched in the middle. If anything gets in my way of serving and following Christ, I need to detach from it.

The reality Jesus shows us is that discipleship is not easy or nice. It requires a determined decision to prepare and commit to life with him. Life with Christ is beautiful and radical, but it's not won without detachment. To live a life in Christ, we have to be ready to give up what is of this earth, so that we are free to be open to what is not of this earth but of what is of God.

**MISSIONARY WEEKEND APPEAL**

This weekend at each of our Masses, we welcome Fr. Samuel Kalu, a priest for the Diocese of Umuahia, but currently residing in our diocese. He will present the annual missionary appeal message on behalf of his home diocese. Please be open to his message and generous with your prayers and gifts.

**St Mary Religious Education Classes  
will begin September 15 from 9:15 - 10:15  
All students age 4 thru grade 12 invited to join  
in the parish hall**

**ALTAR & ROSARY BEGINS AT ST. MARY'S**  
St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will begin the 2019-2020 year on Monday, September 9 beginning at 6pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

**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.

**RITE OF INSTALLATION**

There will be no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday as Fr. Paul will be away those days. At the Saturday Mass 5pm, we will celebrate the Rite of Installation of a pastor for Fr. Paul. We welcome Fr. Dudzinski, dean of our Muncie deanery, who will be here to celebrate this installation rite.

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday 9, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's  
Tuesday 10, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's  
Wednesday 11, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Thursday 12, Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary's  
Saturday 14, Installation of Fr. Paul 5pm at St. John's

**WOOD AVAILABLE FOR THE TAKING**

The Memorial Day tornado left considerable debris and tree damage at the Montpelier Catholic Cemetery. After the majority of the cleanup has been performed, there remains about six downed trees that need to be removed. If anyone wishes to have this wood (free for the taking), please contact Linda Trant, Mary Beth Fields, or Janet Ely. We hope to have this removed in the next couple of weeks so we can finish the remainder of the project.

**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. Training will take place Sunday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 in the church.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

**WIS 9: 13-18B; PS 90: 3-6,12-14, 17; PHMN 9-10, 12-17; LK 14:25-33**

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

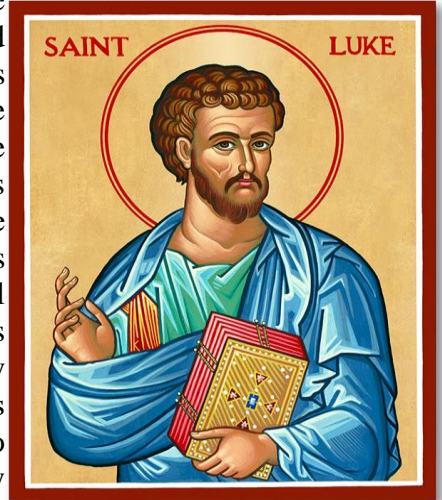
In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 9: [St. Peter Claver, priest] Col 1: 24—2:3; Lk 6: 6-11

Sept. 10: Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6: 12-19

Sept. 11: Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6: 20-26

Sept. 12: [The Most Holy Name of Mary] Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6: 27-38

Sept. 13: [St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12: 14; Lk 6: 39-42

Sept. 14: [The Exaltation of the Holy Cross] Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17

Sept. 15: Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

#### 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.

#### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 14 & 15

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

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Bethany Elkins & Catalina Velasquez

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### St. Mary's

Collection: \$578.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,791.00

Building: \$110.00

Pantry: \$307.00

Africa: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.**

#### SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2PM**

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERT

Tipton High School Auditorium, \$25/ticket

John Michael Talbot is a Grammy/Dove Award winning Christian music pioneer. He will present a benefit concert for the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Building Fund. VIP ticket packages are available as well. Order tickets online at [www.stjohnstipton.com](http://www.stjohnstipton.com) or contact our parish office.

#### SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH SCOTT HAHN

Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Carmel, IN

Don't miss Scott Hahn at the St. Paul Center in Carmel on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Learn to read the Bible from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected Scripture scholars.

A group from St. John's plans to attend this event. Tickets are \$20. If you would like to attend contact Susan Lannoy or the office. We will purchase these tickets soon as it is expected to be sold out.

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#### Family Connection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.



**23rd 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.

## 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.