

## 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 15, 2019

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, September 16

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

#### Tuesday, September 17

11:00 a.m...Funeral for Annie Whitacre (St. John's)

#### Wednesday, September 18

12:00noon...Sharon Newton (St. John's)

#### Thursday, September 19

5:30 p.m...All Souls (St. Mary's)

#### Friday, September 20

10:00 a.m...Leta Morris (Bridgewater Center)

#### Saturday, September 21

5:00 p.m...Bob Heiser (St. John's)

#### Sunday, September 22

8:30 a.m...Jess Huggins, Jr. (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

Br. John-Marmion Villa, BSC

In our Gospel text, the word rejoice (and its derivative, joy) appears five times. But note where in the context of the stories it appears ... after a period of turmoil. In other words, joy always follows the anguish. I like what Jean Vanier had to say about this: "Tensions or difficulty can signal the approach of a new grace of God." This new grace can come to us in many and varied ways, but so often, our hearts are not ready to receive that new grace, and the opportunity slips by unnoticed.

Today, this very familiar Gospel passage speaks to me of joy, and it poses a few very simple questions: "Do I really encounter it?" "What am I willing to endure in order to experience it more deeply?" And "How do I foster joy in others?"

## CATECHIST SUNDAY

This week we celebrate Catechist Sunday as another year of religious education begins.

Our Catechists this year are:

From St. Mary's: Corey Hardesty, Matt McGraw, Kendra Davis, Wendy Stout

From St. John's: Megan Trissel, Brianna Elkins, Amy Henderson, Bernadette Elkins, Eric Cale and Lisa Rinker. Claire Aulbach is our DRE.

Please keep these educators and their students in your continued prayers for an enriching, faith-filled year of Catholic growing and learning.

## 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.

## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Ernestine (Annie) Whitacre, 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.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

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

## 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 16: [Sts Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs] 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 7: 1-10

Sept. 17: [St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Tm 3: 1-13; Lk 7: 11-17

Sept. 18: 1 Tm 3: 14-16; Lk 7: 31-35

Sept. 19: [St. Januarius, bishop & martyr] 1 Tm 4: 12-16; Lk 7: 36-50

Sept. 20: [Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, martyrs] 1 Tm 6: 2c-12; Lk 8: 1-3

Sept. 21: [St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist] Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt 9 9-13

Sept. 22: Am 8: 4-7; 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

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**We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?**

## 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.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 21 & 22

Saturday, 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Madison Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Juan Velasquez & Jenna Payne

## Blessing of Grandparents

(from last weekend)

Lord God almighty,  
bless our grandparents with long life,  
happiness, and health.  
May they remain constant in your love  
and be living signs of your presence  
to their children and grandchildren.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Family Connection from Loyola Press

Read or retell in your own words, the three stories from the Gospel. Ask your children to recall games they play that involve losing or hiding something and then finding it. (Hide and Go Seek, Ghost in the Graveyard, Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?) Talk about how exciting it is to find the person or thing being looked for.

Ask your children if they have any memories of losing something special or being lost themselves. Share the stories as well as the fears or feelings. Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home.

### 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.

### THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 17, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's  
Wednesday 18, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Saturday 21, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's

### SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

Check out our fall specials.

Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.

### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**EX 32:7-11, 13-14; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1  
TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32 or LK 15:1-10**

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.



### 24th 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**

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**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.