

## 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 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, September 23

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

#### Tuesday, September 24

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

#### Wednesday, September 25

12:00noon...Bud Oswalt (St. John's)

#### Thursday, September 26

5:30 p.m...Martha Kistler (St. Mary's)

#### Friday, September 27

10:00 a.m...Karleen Reidy (Crown Pointe)

#### Saturday, September 28

5:00 p.m...Walter & Frances Schuhmacher  
(St. John's)

#### Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's  
(St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Jim Grady (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

Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

Jesus puts it this way in this Sunday's gospel:

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." In other words, if we make good choices in the small details of our daily lives, it will add up to a good and holy life. On the other hand, if we fail to do good when we have the opportunity, or if we make bad choices because the sins we commit seem small and insignificant, it will add up to a sinful life.

The good news is that just as cutting corners can get us into a rut, small steps in the right direction can get us out. It is not always necessary to make big changes in our lives to get ourselves back on the path to reconciliation with God. We can fundamentally redirect our course by committing ourselves to making good choices every day.

## BOGO SALE

### SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

Buy one lady's shirt or pants and get one free now through October 17<sup>th</sup>. Shop now!

## 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.

## 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. 23: [St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest] Ezr 1: 1-6; Lk 8: 16-18

Sept. 24: Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8: 19-21

Sept. 25: Ezr 9: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6

Sept. 26: [Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs] Hg 1: 1-8; Lk 9: 7-9

Sept. 27: [St. Vincent de Paul, priest] Hg 2: 1-9; Lk 9: 18-22

Sept. 28: [St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs] Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9: 43b-45

Sept. 29: Am 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Collection: \$518.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,556.00

Building: \$115.00

Pantry: \$11.00

Votive: \$39.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?**

## 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. 28 & 29

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

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Matthew Aulbach & Kayli Henderson

## Family Connection from Loyola Press

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 24, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 25, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

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Saturday 28, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 29, Haiti at St. John's

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## EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters invite you to retool your discipleship to address the very real issues, challenges, and problems that face our country and world today. Pope Francis has called missionary congregations like the OLVMS to celebrate an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October. On Saturday October 19, 9am-3pm we invite you to learn the common call we all share to be missionary disciples in a world in need of healing. Fr. Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C., will lead us in an interactive workshop based on Pope Francis' vision of the Church as a field hospital. Cost \$10 per person. Registration limited to 100. Lunch will be served. For more info. Call 206-356-0628.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

AM 8:4-7; PS 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 TM 2:1-8; LK 16:1-13 or LK 6:10-13



After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the

necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor, and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities, and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and to the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

## 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. Welcome to our parish family.



Support the food pantry through the envelope in your packet. St. John's collection supports both Hartford City and Montpelier. St. Mary's pantry collection is split between Dunkirk, Albany and Redkey.



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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S

Open to any adult; men or women. The group meets during the religious ed time of 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning. Bring your Catholic Bible or we will have some to share. Grab your donut and coffee and join us for bible study enrichment.

## RCIA—NEW SESSION

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of learning about the Catholic faith and reflecting on one's personal faith journey using Scripture, prayer, questions, and discussion. If you wish to participate or know anyone who is interested, RCIA is for you. Contact the parish office to register for the RCIA program or join us on Wednesdays at 6pm in the parish hall.



## 25th 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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**St. Mary, Dunkirk**

**St. John the Evangelist,  
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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.