

## 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 29, 2019

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, September 30

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

#### Tuesday, October 1

5:30 p.m...Harry & Lelah Paver (*St. John's*)

#### Wednesday, October 2

12:00noon...Fay Lenz (*St. John's*)

#### Thursday, October 3

5:30 p.m...Hartnagel Family (*St. Mary's*)

#### Friday, October 4

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

#### Saturday, October 5

5:00 p.m...Annie Whitacre (*St. John's*)

#### Sunday, October 6

8:30 a.m...Agnes Bowen (*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

In this Sunday's second reading, we hear St. Paul urging his young disciple Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses" (6:11-12). We know that Paul was reminding his young coworker that his position within the Church demanded total dedication to God and a faithful witness to Christ.

Although few of us have the pastoral responsibility that Timothy did, each of us does have a part to play in the mission of the Church. We see this vocation lived out in the lives of the saints we celebrate in these days. Because of this, we understand that Paul's words to Timothy are also addressed to each one of us: we must seek those things that are of God and "compete well for the faith." This means that we are called to persevere in living out our individual, unique vocation of service to God and the Church.

Competing "well for the faith" — living our call to be disciples and to manifest the presence of Christ in the world — doesn't allow for selfish ambition, apathy, complacency, or indifference to the plight of others (cf. Amos 6:1a, 4-7). This isn't about political agendas, government budgets, or some radical ideology. In the end, this call is grounded in the Gospel, which forms the starting point and is the focus of our faith.

## ALTAR & ROSARY—BRING YOUR ROSARY

St. John's Altar & Rosary will meet this Thursday October 3, beginning with the praying of the rosary, as October is the month of the rosary, at 6pm. Please bring a special rosary so we can have a "show and tell" of why yours is special to you...also, bring a friend, maybe someone who sits next to you at church! Meeting and refreshments will follow.

## 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!

Throughout October, prior to each Mass, St. John's parishioners are invited to arrive early (4:25 on Saturday or 7:55 on Sunday) to unite in prayer through the Rosary. Individuals and groups will take turns each weekend to lead the prayers. Bring your rosary and join in the prayers in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. If you would be willing to help lead in prayer contact Susan or the office. Thank you.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday. Adoration will begin at 11am and end at 11:55am. Mass will follow at 12noon. 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 30: [St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church] Zec 7: 1-8; Lk 9: 46-50

Oct. 1: [St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church] Zec 8: 20-23 Lk 9: 51-56

Oct. 2: [The Holy Guardian Angels] Neh 2: 1-8; Mt 18: 1-5, 10

Oct. 3: Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10: 1-12

Oct. 4: [St. Francis of Assisi] Bar 1: 15-22; Lk 10: 13-16

Oct. 5: [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest] Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Lk 10: 17-24

Oct. 6: Hb 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; 2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10

## Family Connection from Loyola Press

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had and ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Consider together some reasons why the rich man in today's Gospel may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$856.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,681.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S OCT. 5 & 6

Saturday, 5p.m...Mason Merkel & Helen Whitesell  
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Madison Henderson

**LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.**

This year's LifeChain will take place Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the CROSSroads of State Roads 3 and 26, 2:30-3:30. Signs will be available as early as 2:00. As in past years, each participant is invited to take a sign and spread out from the intersection 20 steps apart and, facing the direction of the traffic, praying for those lives affected by abortion.

Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!

Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 1, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's  
Wednesday 2, RCIA 6pm at St. John's  
Thursday 3, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's  
Friday 4, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am at St. John's followed by Mass at noon at St. John's  
Saturday 5, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's  
Sunday 6, LifeChain 2:30-3:30pm at 3 & 26 HC

**“It is essential for every Catholic to understand what the Eucharist is since it is at the heart of our faith.” comments Fr. Paul.**

Therefore, St. John’s will host a ten-week program from Augustine Institute by Dr. Brant Pitre entitled ***Lection: Eucharist*** beginning Wednesday evening, **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:15pm.** This is open to all St. John’s and St. Mary’s parishioners. If you wish to bring a friend that wants to know more about the Eucharist, they are welcome also. Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar now to be sure to attend this special presentation on the most essential part of our Catholic faith.

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#### **LADIES’ NIGHT OUT**

The Pregnancy Care Center’s annual Ladies’ Night Out will be held Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Event Center in Portland. Doors open at 5pm with dinner served at 6pm. Silent auction will be open till 8:15pm. Our dinner is free to all those attending. Door prizes throughout the evening, dress to be comfortable. Please join us for an evening filled with good food, fun, laughter and fellowship. To reserve your spot call 726-8636.

#### **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 6:1A, 4-7; PS 146:7-10;1 TM 6:11-16; LK 16:19-31**

We all have been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today’s readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, the failure to do so has eternal consequences.



We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God’s kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000 year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn’t really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

**Adult Bible Study and Religious Education and coffee and donuts will not meet or take place the first two Sundays of October due to fall break.**



**26th 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,  
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**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.