

## 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

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### Monday, November 25

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

#### Tuesday, November 26

5:30 p.m...Annie Whitacre (St. John's)

#### Wednesday, November 27

12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming (St. John's)

#### Thursday, November 28

9:00 a.m...All Souls (St. John's)

#### Friday, November 29

10:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

#### Saturday, November 30

5:00 p.m...Agnes Bowen (St. John's)

#### Sunday, December 1

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

10:30 a.m...Martha Kistler (St. Mary's)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

### Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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

### NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.



*O God of all creation, Giver of all good gifts, You bless our lives with your generous love, By giving us once more the fruit of the fields, Our family and friends, our faith, our work and our lives together.*

*We thank you for these gifts, And ask that you help us to imitate your goodness, To share our blessings with those who are in need. Amen.*

### ALTAR & ROSARY BAKE SALE

*Thank you to all who provided food donations and money donations and those who worked shifts for the bake sale last weekend. Your support provided over \$500 which will be applied toward altar obligations of hosts, wine, candles, cloths, etc., for St. John's*

### ST. NICHOLAS PITCH-IN

The St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will be hosting a Parish Pitch-in with St. Nicholas on December 8 immediately following the 10:30 Mass. All Parishioners from St. Mary's and St. John's are invited to join us.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will break for the holidays beginning this week. They will resume on January 8, weather permitting.

### CHURCH DÉCOR HELP

Altar and Rosary will be switching the church decorations from ordinary time to Advent. We will meet at 1pm Friday, November 29 to put up the Advent decorations and set up the Advent tree. All help is welcome. Thank you

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[2 SM 5:1-3](#); [PS 122:1-5](#); [COL 1:12-20](#); [LK 23:35-43](#)

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And it is an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S NOV. 30 & DEC. 1

Saturday, 5p.m...Mason Merkel & Bryson Michael  
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Catalina & Juan Velasquez

## LECTIO EUCHARIST—NEXT SESSION DEC.4

Each video stands alone, but also is sequential. If you missed one, you can come for the next one, **Wednesday, December 4 at 6 pm.** Light refreshments are available. *Childcare is available with prior notice to Diana 348-3889 by Monday.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 25: [St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr] Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Lk 21: 1-4

Nov. 26: Dn 2: 31-45; Lk 21: 5-11

Nov. 27: Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21: 12-19

Nov. 28: [Thanksgiving Day] Dn 6: 12-28; Lk 21: 20-28

Nov. 29: Dn 7: 2-14; Lk 21: 29-33

Nov. 30: [St. Andrew, apostle] Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22

Dec. 1: Is 2: 1-5; Rom 13: 11-14; Mt 24: 37-44

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Collection: \$695.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Archdiocese for Military Services: \$20.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$67.00

Votive: \$18.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,854.19

Food Pantry: \$85.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Archdiocese for Military Services: \$155.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$230.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?**

## SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

**SHOP HOLIDAY SPECIALS NOW!**

## SUNDAY REFLECTION:

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

At the very least, one can reflect on the fact that if we are sons and daughters of God, then we are royalty in a sense. That means we should act like it. Our Church suffers from so many ills in these modern times. Many of those defects have come about from members of the Body of Christ acting like anything but anointed royalty. With our Baptism comes responsibility. With the name Christian comes accountability. We are called and we are chosen. What will the next liturgical year have in store for the Church? Only God truly knows. However, the future will be brighter if the kingdom of God manifests itself more clearly in our cities and towns. Things will improve if all those anointed by God step forward boldly with the Good News of the King of Kings. It will take all of us together — anointed and on fire for our King — to make a difference. This is the day and this is the moment.

## CONCERT AT IWU

St. John's Altar & Rosary will attend the Mississinewa Valley Band "Christmas Memories" Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup> as their December outing. Anyone wishing to carpool should meet in the church parking lot in front of the school before 6:15. The concert, 'Yuletide Spectacular at the Phillippe' begins at 7:30 at Indiana Wesleyan University Phillippe Hall. A couple members of St. John's—Eric Cale and Bernadette Elkins—are members of the band. There is no admission charge; refreshments will be available following the concert.

## WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## ADVENT TREE HELPS STUDENTS

Its Advent time and once more St. John's Parish family will be loading our Advent tree with tags to benefit the community kids through the school nurse's office. Mrs. Langdon, the head nurse has been in contact with us and has expressed her deep appreciation for our continuing support. She has sent an updated list of greatest needs and the list is reflected in the tags on the tree. As before, bring back your tag with the purchased items, unwrapped, and place them under the tree. Thank you for your ongoing support on behalf of the children of Blackford county.

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Thank you!

## BULLETIN AD RENEWALS

It's that time of year again when we are asking our ad sponsors to renew their ads. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad on the sheet, have them contact Diana at the office 765-348-3889. Please support our sponsors.

## THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 27, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's  
Thursday 28, Thanksgiving Mass 9am at St. John's  
Friday 29, Church Decorating for Advent 1pm at St. John's  
Sunday 1, First Sunday of Advent

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.) Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

## 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**

## PARISH OFFICES

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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.