

## 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

December 29, 2019

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

##### Monday, December 30

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

##### Tuesday, December 31, Holyday Vigil

5:30 p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. Mary's)

##### Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m...All Souls (St. John's)

##### Thursday, January 2

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

##### Friday, January 3

12:00noon...Walter Jackson (St. John's)

##### Saturday, January 4

5:00 p.m...Lenz Family (St. John's)

##### Sunday, January 5

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

10:30 a.m...Don Martin (St. Mary's)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER:

### The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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

## SUNDAY REFLECTION:

By: Rev. Mark Suslenko

While we live in a very imperfect world, we must always strive for perfection. Christmas isn't over yet. It's just beginning. Light still shines in the darkness and the star still shines. God is hoping that we will allow that star to illuminate our steps and allow the light of His Son to bring light to our darkness. Be humble and be kind. Be patient and bear with one another. All we have to do is get out of our own way, be willing to be led, and learn to listen. May our families become the holy and sacred places they are meant to be! Peace.

**Heavenly Father,**  
**with our Holy Family as an example to follow, may I create for those I love a safe place to be, to learn to trust and discover themselves.**

**May our home be free of fear and judgment and always filled with an abundance of forgiveness and understanding.**

**May your holy name be always on our lips and your peace always reign within our walls.**

**May the love we cultivate in our home extend out to those who do not know such love so that the miracle of your birth be known in all corners of your world.**  
**Amen.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Dec. 30: 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40

Dec. 31: [St. Sylvester I, pope] 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Jan. 1: [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God] [World Day of Prayer for Peace] Nm 5: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

Jan. 2: [Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church] 1 Jn 2 22-28; Jn 1: 19-28

Jan. 3: [Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2: 29 – 3: 6; Jn 1: 29-34

Jan. 4: [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious] 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1: 35-42

Jan. 5: [Epiphany of the Lord] Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

## HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

**January 1 is the feast of The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This is a holyday of obligation.**

**Why not invite a friend or family member to share the joy of the season and begin the new year filled with the peace of Christ!**

### Holyday Vigil Mass

5:30pm at St. Mary's, Dunkirk

### Holyday Day Mass

10:00am at St. John's, Hartford City

## LECTIO EUCHARIST RESUMES JAN. 8

Our last session on Lectio Eucharist covers Revelation. We will meet **Wednesday, January 8 at 6 pm.** Light refreshments are available. *Childcare is available with prior notice to Diana 348-3889 by Monday.*

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 31, Solemnity Holyday Vigil 5:30pm at St. Mary's

Wednesday 1, Solemnity Holyday Mass 10:00am at St. John's

Friday 3, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am followed by Mass at noon.

Saturday 4, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's

## Something to see... Wilson Christmas Lights!

10437 W Division Road, Dunkirk, Dec 8 - Jan 1  
Lots of lights including a lighted nativity, birthday cake for Jesus and something new!  
Holiday Hours: Mon-Thur 5:30 - 10:30, Fri-Sun 5:30 - Midnight, All Are Welcome!

## SHOP THIS WEEK

### NEW-TO-YOU

Closed for holiday break Dec 22 until January 3.  
**WINTER HOURS:** This year we will be open on Saturdays only 11am-2pm during January and February.

Regular Hours resume March 5.

**\*We are in need of brown paper bags. If you have a surplus you would like to donate, please drop them off this week at the shop or anytime at the school. Thank you.**

## LECTION EUCHARIST DVD SERIES-SECOND SHOWING

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will begin on January 12 and run through March 15 on the Sundays when Religious Ed meets. We will meet after Mass in the school basement and dismiss at 10:30 am when the children are also dismissed. Everyone is invited to attend! If you missed one of the episodes during the fall/winter, you have an opportunity to see it this time. If you haven't seen the series yet, come! Or, perhaps you want to see it again, come! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

If, due to inclement weather, students Religious Ed and/or Mass is cancelled, we will also cancel the video that Sunday.

Questions? Call Diana Holsten at 348-3889 or Susan Lannoy at 512-627-6863.

If you would like a participant study guide for the Lectio Eucharist DVD series, by Dr. Brant Pitre, which has more in depth suggested readings and questions, they are available from Amazon and Franciscan University Publications. The cost is \$24. You may order one yourself or contact Diana to request a copy at the church office, 348-3889.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 1

Wednesday, 10a.m...Serena Merkel & Adam Aulbach

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 4 & 5

Saturday, 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Bryson Michael  
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Bethany Elkins & Jenna Payne



Missionary Discipleship is following Jesus Christ in and through His Church to share the Gospel message with our family and our neighbors, to the ends of the earth. Missionary discipleship involves getting all the baptized to understand that we are called to mission, not maintenance.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128: 1-5; COL 3:12-21 or COL 3:12-17; MT 2:13-15; 19-23](#)

Today, as we continue celebrating the Christmas season, we focus our attention on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of family life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to the family as the “domestic church,” so today’s feast is a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of the stewardship pillar of hospitality within the context of our own domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other, or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course, there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place to get recharged to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

This is not easy, but we can turn to the Holy Family for help. Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress; quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Herod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and ever obedient to the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families?



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 11:00am and end at 11:55am. Mass will follow at 12noon on First Fridays.*

*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. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: January 3.*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary’s

Collection: \$1,015.10

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John’s

Sunday Collection: \$3,778.00

Haiti: \$30.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Flowers: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**When he Joseph’s obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best us of my talents, too!**

## CASSOCK CLASSIC PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS

The Frassati Society Presents the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cassock Classic basketball game with our diocesan priests vs. our seminarians January 3, 2020, to be held at Guerin Catholic High School. Doors open at 5pm with tip-off at 6:15pm \$5/person or \$20/family. Purchase tickets at the door. All proceeds go to the Seminarian Fund.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for peace throughout the world beginning in our own hearts, shared with our family, friends, and neighbors.

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### 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.