

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

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

5:30 p.m...George & Karleen Reidy (St. John's)

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 a.m...Sharon Newton (St. John's)

Thursday, January 9

5:30 p.m...Ron Watson (St. Mary's)

Friday, January 10

12:00noon...Agnes Bowen (St. John's)

Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m...Russell & Delores Trant Family (St. John's)

Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m...All Souls (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 JANUARY:

PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 6: [St. Andre Bessette, religious] 1 Jn 3: 22 – 4: 6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Jan. 7: [St. Raymond of Penafort, priest] 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44
Jan. 8: 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52
Jan. 9: 1 Jn 4: 19 – 5: 4; Lk 4: 14-22
Jan. 10: 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
Jan. 11: 1 Jn 5: 14 – 2; Jn 3: 22-30
Jan. 12: [Baptism of the Lord] Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34 – 3; Mt 3: 13-17

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.*



Session 10: Revelation

The book of Revelation, with all of its apocalyptic imagery and focus on the end of time, has a great deal to teach us about liturgy and worship. Dr. Pitre brings our study of the Eucharist to a powerful conclusion.

COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Give in Thanksgiving, support aging religious. Our second collection next week is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift in thanksgiving of those who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need, helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please give generously.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 11 & 12

Saturday, 5p.m...Kelli Rinker & Helen Whitesell
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Matthew Aulbach

VIGIL FOR LIFE

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, a parish **Vigil For Life** will be held to pray for all life from conception to natural death from 5-7 pm in St. John's Church. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to join in the vigil for a few minutes or any portion of the 2 hours. The schedule is as follows:
5 pm - The Rosary
5:30 - Holy Mass
Following Mass:
*Meditation Music/personal prayer time
6:15 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
*followed by Meditation Music/personal prayer time
6:59 - closing: The Saint Michael the Archangel prayer.

On Wednesday, January 22, at 12noon all are invited to participate with Bishop Doherty and Archbishop Thompson in the **Indiana March for Life** events: Mass at 10:30am at St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W Georgia St., Indianapolis, 12noon March for Life, 12:45 Rally at south steps of Indiana State House.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 8, Lectio Eucharist DVD 6-7:15pm at St. John's
Friday 10, Mass at noon at St. John's
Sunday 12, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 1 9:30-10:30am at St. John's
Food Pantry at St. Mary's

FRIDAY MASS CHANGES

Through the winter flu season we have suspended Mass at the nursing homes for the benefit of the residents and the attendees. We hope to resume the normal Friday schedule in March or April. Be sure to check the bulletin for change of schedule as we get closer to spring. In the meantime, Friday Mass will take place each week at St. John's at noon. Please join us!

DESTINATION JESUS – HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

All high school students are invited and encouraged to attend DESTINATION JESUS retreat to be held February 14-16 at Guerin Catholic High School. Early registration is due by January 17 with \$75 registration fee. (Scholarships are available). We are partnering with Holy Family and St. Paul's in Marion for this event. Contact Jessica Kitterman or the office for more details and look for your registration packet in the mail this week.

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.

NEW-TO-YOU

WINTER HOURS: 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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

By: Allison Gingras

"The magi came to adore the newborn king. When was the last time you sought to spend time adoring Christ? Jesus humbly waits for us to come and adore him... The star trying to illuminate our way comes from that restless place St. Augustine speaks about, the place that knows no rest until it finds the One it seeks.

"The magi opened their earthly treasures, but their greatest gift was offering Jesus their time. For a short while, they left the responsibilities of their lives to make time to be with Jesus. They recognized the importance, regardless of work, family, or long to-do lists, to seek time to be with the Lord."

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the



great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God. Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary’s

Christmas: \$574.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John’s

Sunday Collection: \$5,748.00

Christmas: \$1,741.00

Haiti: \$243.01

Building Fund: \$80.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

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.

INTERESTED IN A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE?

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel is leading 2 pilgrimages next year.

In April 2020 to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona and

In September 2020 to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany.

Catholic Pilgrimages with daily Mass to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona April 21 - May 3, 2020, \$3699 per person and to Oberammergau for the Passion Play performed only every 10 years with Switzerland and Austria September 8 - 19, 2020, \$5299 per person. Pilgrimages include airfare, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily.

For more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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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.