

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 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 p.m...Leta Morris (St. John's)

Wednesday, January 15

12:00noon...Jess Huggins, Jr. (St. John's)

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

12:00noon...Rick Charnley (St. John's)

Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters (St. John's)

Sunday, January 19

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

10:30 a.m...Bill Blankenbaker (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.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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

As we draw a close to the Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who offered prayers, cards, well-wishes and gifts.

Also, thank you to the decorations committee and helpers (inside and outside the church) and to the music ministers. All efforts made the Christmas and Holyday season beautiful.

Fr. Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 13: [St. Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church]

1 Sm 1: 1-8; Mk 1: 14-20

Jan. 14: 1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28

Jan. 15: 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39

Jan. 16: 1 Sm 4: 1-11; Mk 1: 40-45

Jan. 17: [St. Anthony, abbot] 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12

Jan. 18: 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Mk 2: 13-17

Jan. 19: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins] Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1: 1-3; Jn 1: 29-34

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.

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.

COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Give in Thanksgiving, support aging religious. This weekend we remember our retired religious through the collection 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 through the envelopes located in your packets.

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.

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Boniface Church in Lafayette on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30pm for those who have lost a baby at any time during pregnancy, whether through ectopic loss, miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth, and to celebrate God's most precious gift – LIFE! For more information or to have a baby remembered at this Mass and receive a personalized Certificate of Life with your baby's name, please contact Elsa Zamora at 765-586-6687 or Cheri Irons at cheri.iron@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 13, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday 14, Parish Council 6pm at St. John's
Wednesday 15, RCIA 6pm at St. John's
Thursday 16, Parish Council & Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's
Saturday 18, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's
Sunday 19, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 2 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Dec. 29: \$947.00

Jan. 5: \$714.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$251.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,124.32

Solemnity of Mary: \$240.00

Building Fund: \$185.00

Food Pantry: \$158.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the church."

RCIA resumes this Wednesday and continues each Wednesday 6-7:15pm in the parish hall. Invite a friend to learn more about our Catholic faith.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S JAN. 18 & 19

Saturday, 5p.m...Joshua & Adam Aulbach

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Kayli & Madison Henderson

NEW-TO-YOU

WINTER HOURS: We will be open on Saturdays only 11am-2pm during January and February. Regular Hours resume March 5.

LECTION EUCHARIST DVD SERIES-SECOND SHOWING

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will run Jan. 12-Mar. 15 on the Sundays when Rel. Ed meets 9:30-10:30am in the school basement. 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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

By: Douglas Sousa, S.T. L

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Though sinless, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism of John the Baptist. He entered the waters of the Jordan River so that we could be baptized not just with water but with the Holy Spirit. Jesus humbled himself throughout his life on earth to bring us all the gifts of God's love. The first gift is baptism, which opens us up to faith, to the Holy Spirit, and to all the other sacraments that follow.

Our baptism is a commitment we make to share Jesus' concern for the lost and the broken. As Isaiah tells us in Sunday's first reading, Jesus came "to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners out of confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." If Jesus is willing to stoop down and live a life of service for the poor, we must be willing to do the same or we cannot call ourselves his followers.

We are all searching for God. If He has seemed distant and hard to find, it could be that we are looking in the wrong places. Until we are ready to get ourselves dirty, to risk our safety, and to give without counting the cost, God will remain elusive to us. However, if we can follow Jesus into the wet and murky places of our world, it could just be that we will be surprised by his marvelous light shining out from where we least expect it.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 42:1-4, 6-7; PS 29: 1-4, 9-10; ACTS 10:34-38; MT 3:13-17

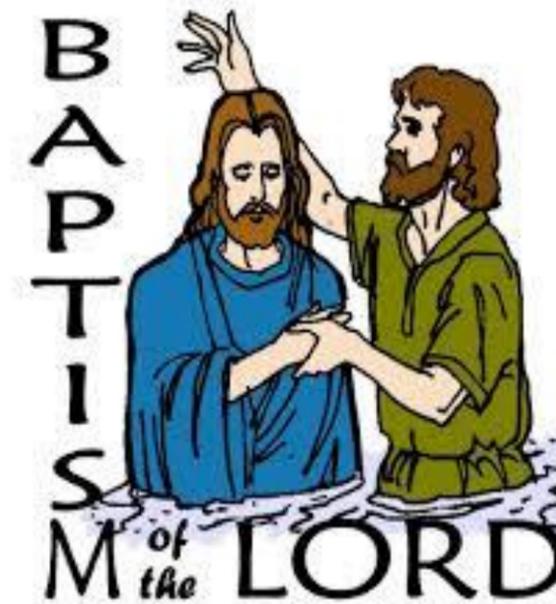
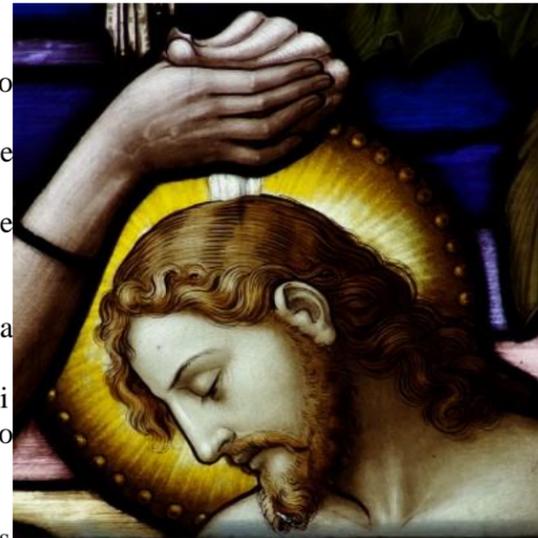
Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."



BAPTISM 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.

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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.