

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 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

5:30 p.m...Protection of All Life—Unborn to Natural Death (St. John's)

Wednesday, January 22

12:00noon...Walter & Frances Schuhmacher (St. John's)

Thursday, January 23

5:30 p.m...Parents of Dean & Loretta Wilson (St. Mary's)

Friday, January 24

12:00noon...Annie Whitacre (St. John's)

Saturday, January 25

5:00 p.m...Living & Deceased of Fields Family (St. John's)

Sunday, January 26

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

10:30 a.m...Matt Pitman (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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In coming into the 21st century, one cannot pass by Pope Leo XIII chanting the Veni Creator Spiritus on January 1, 1901. I cannot help but think of how that prayer, recited in Rome, has taken root and blossomed in various ways throughout the world in the 1900s.

One hundred and nineteen years have passed since Pope Leo uttered that prayer, and flourishing still seems to be happening all around. And yet, there are still so many who have not yet tapped into the power of the Holy Spirit given to them at Baptism and Confirmation. The potential has been sacramentally distributed, yet remains dormant in most of the Catholic population.

I heard it said one time that the Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the world. So, what would it look like if we could learn to harness or access this power in our daily lives?

(Take a minute to look up the prayer and pray it today.)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Jan. 12: \$888.00

Food Pantry: \$209.00

Religious Retirement: \$260.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$5,665.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

Advent Tree: \$105.00

Religious Retirement: \$440.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 20: [St. Fabian, pope and martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr] 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22

Jan. 21: [St. Agnes, virgin & martyr] 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28

Jan. 22: [Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children] [St. Vincent; deacon & martyr] 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6

Jan. 23: [St. Marianne Cope, virgin] 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12

Jan. 24: [St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19

Jan. 25: [Conversion of St. Paul, apostle] Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18

Jan. 26: Is 8: 23-9:3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23

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. Registrations are still being accepted until January 27 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. Registrations were mailed or are available in the office.

So far 24 students are signed up between our 4 parishes: St. Mary's, St. John's, St. Paul's and Holy Family. Be part of this crowd, sign up today!

COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection. There is still time to give through the envelopes located in your packets.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21,

Finance Council 6pm at St. John's

Wednesday 22, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 25, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 26, Haiti at St. John's

Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 3 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

LECTIO 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.

This week's DVD:

2. In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice

Next week's DVD:

3. Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb

RCIA will meet 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. 25 & 26

Saturday, 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Catalina & Louis Velasquez

NEW-TO-YOU

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

Regular Hours resume March 5.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, February 29, from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm, we invite you to the Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference! It is the only conference of its kind! A small community feel with so much to offer! This is the 14th year for the conference. It's been called the "best kept secret" of our diocese. But we don't want it to be a secret - we want you to know about it and come experience it! We average 500-700 people each year - with 1/3 of those being children! Separate programming is planned for adults, HS, MS and children from age 3-11 years, and a nursery for 1-2 year old's.

VIGIL FOR LIFE

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, 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.ironis@gmail.com.

Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 49:3, 5-6; PS 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34](#)

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminder of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of

our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

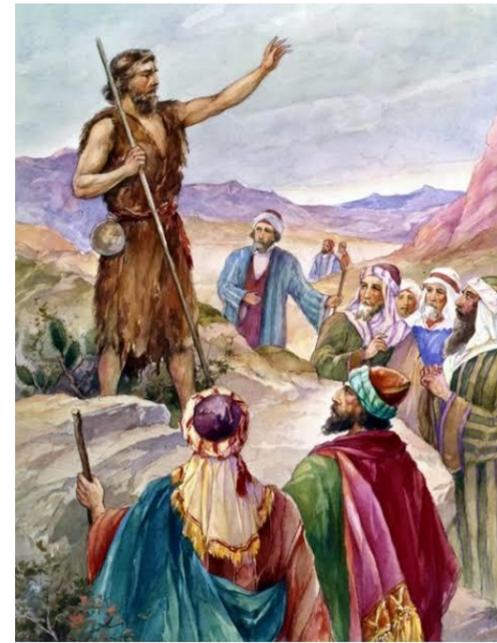
What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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



2nd 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

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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.