

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 February 9, 2020 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

5:30 p.m...Agnes Bowen (St. John's)

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

5:30 p.m...Jim Grady (St. Mary's)

Friday, February 14

12:00noon...Paul & Helen Schuhmacher (St. John's)

Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m...Otis & Margaret Litton (St. John's)

Sunday, February 16

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 FEBRUARY:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is Catholic Press Month and time to promote our diocesan newspaper: *The Catholic Moment*. This is mailed weekly to every household in our diocese as a means for Catholic media. Our parishes pay for this cost to each of our households. Please help us defray this cost by contributing \$20 in the envelope found in your packets. Thank you.

SPRING GARDENING FOR THE SOUL

"Lent is coming - very soon! - and you are invited to do some serious "soul gardening" at our 2-session parish retreat,

"Spring Gardening for the Soul"

Saturday March 7 at St John's, 10-12:30:

"soil care and seeds"

Saturday March 14 at St Mary's, 10-12:30:

"weeding and commitment".

Come for both sessions if you can, but even one will be worthwhile for your Lenten "soul gardening." There will be Scripture for prayer and reflection, conversation and quiet reflection time. Light snack will be available. All are welcome, even if you know nothing - or everything! - about gardening!

Call the parish office (348-3889) or Sr Rita Musante (260-402-5034) to register and if you have any questions.

RCIA/GIFTS NEWS

We welcome you to come on Wednesdays to RCIA/GIFT. If you know someone who wishes to learn more of our Catholic faith, invite them as well. If you need childcare, please contact Diana in the school office, 348-3889. As we continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6-7:15/7:30pm, we are *growing in faith together, GIFTS.*

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 15 & 16

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

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2019 giving statement of contributions, please contact Diana at 765-348-3889 or stmaryjohn@att.net to request a statement.

As the flu season continues, we will continue to refrain from the cup at communion time. Also, if the sign of peace is offered, please refrain from shaking hands and instead give a simple head nod. You may have noticed that I have not been greeting people at the back of church following Mass or shaking hands which is for these same reasons. Once the flu season has ended, we hope things will get back to our normal greetings and gestures.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Feb. 2: \$768.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,176.55

Building Fund: \$155.00

Food Pantry: \$162.00

Catholic Moment: \$144.00

Propagation of Faith: \$163.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 11, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 12, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 15, Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's

Sunday 16, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 5 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 10: [St. Scholastica, virgin] 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56

Feb. 11: [Our Lady of Lourdes] 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7: 1-13

Feb. 12: 1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7: 14-23

Feb. 13: 2 Kgs 11: 4-13; Mk 7: 24-30

Feb. 14: [Sts. Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop] 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mk 7: 31-37

Feb. 15: 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8: 1-10

Feb. 16: Sir 15: 15-20; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS58: 7-10; PS 112:4-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16](#)

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

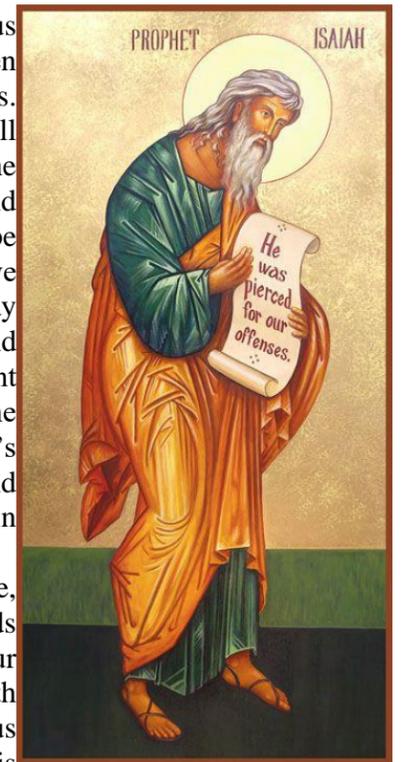
The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His

disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!



LECTIO EUCHARIST DVD SERIES-SECOND SHOWING

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will run Jan. 12-Mar. 22 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:

4. Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

Next week's DVD:

5. Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence



You may have noticed some uniformed gentlemen last Sunday at St. John's. These were our boy scouts serving at Mass as greeters, ushers and gift bearers. Thank you Max Uggen, Will Uggen, Josiah Aulbach, Jaiden Aulbach, and Ryan Trissel.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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.



They're back! The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries
February 28
March 13 & March 27
4:30 pm-7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall
Cost \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12
Includes: all you can eat fish, potatoes, coleslaw,
dessert, and a drink.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

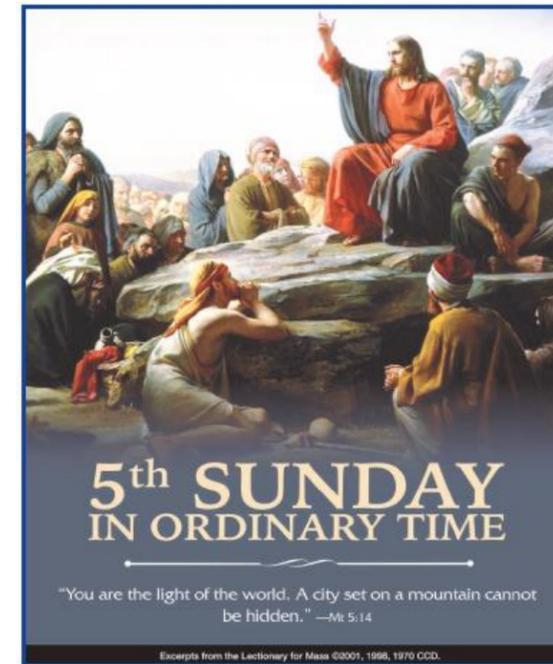
The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are invited to attend.



If each of us is to evangelize the world, our desire must come from opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit and sharing the unconditional love of our God with another. Sharing the Gospel with others is possible when we unconditionally love the people we encounter within our corner of the world. Pope Paul VI reminds us that searching is, "sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope," to receive the Good News.

In our last update, we spoke of the hope to bring the Good News to those dearest to us, our families, so that they might live in unity with the Church where they can encounter the word of salvation. We know that there are many in our families that we should be evangelizing. There are also many that, while not in our families, are in "our world" around us that we cannot ignore.

As we journey through the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan, God will open doors to us as we prayerfully focus on our call to discipleship and evangelization. Through the Holy Spirit we will be called to follow pathways that lead to our sharing of love and hope with others so that we may be instruments of unity. When we pray the Uniting in Heart prayer, we are asking God to "Show us the way to pass on His gifts to future generations". May our evangelization be fruitful so that in the years ahead we are blessed with growing faith communities, the richness of faith-filled families, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, religious and married life.



5th 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

St. Mary, Dunkirk

**St. John the Evangelist,
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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.