

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 16, 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

12:00noon...Rollin & Helen Waters (St. John's)

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m...Jeanna Rogers (St. John's)

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m...George & Karleen Reidy (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 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.



Today, take a moment to express your love of God and neighbor by praying the Act of Love.

O my God,
I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good
and worthy of all my love.

I love my neighbor as myself
for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me
and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 18, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 19, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 22, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 23, Haiti at St. John's

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 17: [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Jas 1: 1-11; Mk 8: 11-13

Feb. 18: Jas 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21

Feb. 19: Jas 1: 19-27; Mk 8: 22-26

Feb. 20: Jas 2: 1-9; Mk 8: 27-33

Feb. 21: [St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church] Jas 2: 14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34 - 9: 1

Feb. 22: [The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle] 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Feb. 23: Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Mt 5: 38-48

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[SIR 15:15-20; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT](#)

[5:17-](#)

[37 or 5:20-](#)

[22A, 27-28,](#)

[33-34A, 37](#)

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship

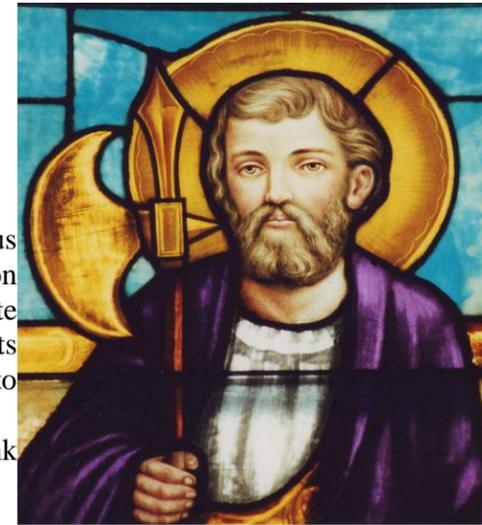
as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill...

But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.



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.

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.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 22 & 23

Saturday, 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Adam Aulbach
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Catalina Velasquez & Kayli Henderson

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. 9: \$1,005.00

Food Pantry: \$222.00

Catholic Moment: \$60.00

Propagation of Faith: \$5.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,689.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

Food Pantry: \$115.00

Catholic Moment: \$240.00

Propagation of Faith: \$60.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

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! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

This week's DVD:

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

Next week's DVD:

6. Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes

SUNDAY REFLECTION:

Allison Gingras

Jesus "did not come to abolish the law." Instead, he perfects and fulfills it. The scribe's and pharisee's mistake wasn't that they strove to keep the letter of the law. Most problematic was the spirit in which they kept the law.

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus poignantly prompts us to ponder our behavior and challenges us to make necessary changes in any of the areas where we lack or struggle to abide by the law. As Jesus speaks to us in Matthew's Gospel, this long passage incorporates many habits of thought and action we should examine carefully, making sure to keep the commandments as intended and not as we perceive.

The danger for the scribes and pharisees was getting too caught up in the minutia. But for modern-day Christians, perhaps it is the opposite. Maybe we are not paying *enough* attention to the details of our lives. We must ask ourselves, "How do we wish to be considered in heaven?" Jesus guides our understanding of the importance of keeping these laws.



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.

PARENT SESSIONS IN MUNCIE

In an effort to help support parents as the primary educators of their children in the faith, we're hosting a series for parents entitled, *Parenting with Grace: How to Raise Catholic Kids in the Modern World.*

This program is going to be held at various restaurants in the Muncie area, giving parents and guardians an opportunity for them to enjoy an evening out while discussing some of the biggest challenges and joys they experience in raising their kids. The sessions all begin at 6:15.

February 23: **How to Keep Your Kids Catholic**, at Mancino's, 4116 W. Bethel Ave, Muncie

There will be three more sessions: March 1, 8, and 15. See schedule in *The Good News Letter* next week.

The cost for this program is free. Attendees are responsible for the purchase of their own refreshments.

Since the space for this event is limited, I'm asking that people register online at <https://parentingwithgrace.eventbrite.com> or contact me, Susan Hoefer, at 765-421-1998 or shoefer@dol-in.org.



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"

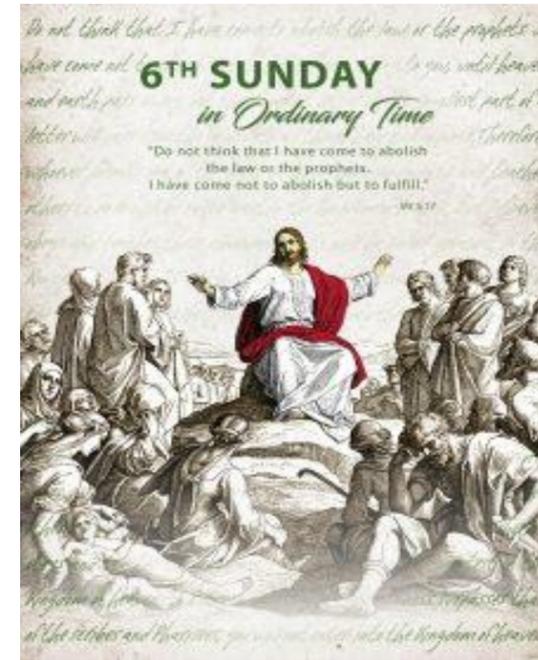
Saturday March 7 at St John's, 10-12:30:

"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.



6th 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.

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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.