

## 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 23, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, February 24

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

#### Tuesday, February 25

5:30 p.m...Rick Charnley (St. John's)

#### Ash Wednesday, February 26

12:00noon...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. John's)

5:30pm...All Souls (St. Mary's)

#### Thursday, February 27

5:30 p.m...Don Martin (St. Mary's)

#### Friday, February 28

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

#### Saturday, February 29

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

#### Sunday, March 1

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

10:30 a.m...Ron Watson (St. Mary's)

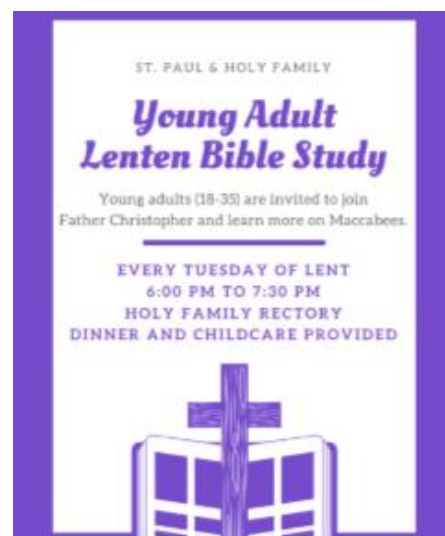
## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

### 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.

### NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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



St. Paul's Church, Marion, and Holy Family Church, Gas City is sponsoring a Young Adult Lenten Bible Study led by Fr. Christopher Roberts and St. Mary's and St. John's young adults have been invited to join the group. Sessions will be held at Holy Family Rectory.

All young adults ages 18-35 are invited to attend each week, or the weeks as able, to learn more on Maccabees. Program will begin Tuesday, February 25, 6-7:30pm and continue each Tuesday throughout Lent. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

What a great way to make new friends, meet that special someone, share common interests, grow in our Uniting in Heart pastorate, with meal and babysitting...all for free!

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Phil Crouch and Margaret Hull, both parishioners of St. Mary's, who passed to eternal life this week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

### THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 25, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 26, Ash Wednesday Mass 12noon at St. John's

5:30pm at St. Mary's

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Friday 28, Fish Fry 4:30-7pm at St. John's

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Sunday 1, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 6 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 24: Jas 3: 13-18; Mk 9: 14-29

Feb. 25: Jas 4: 1-10; Mk 9: 30-37

Feb. 26: [Ash Wednesday] Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20 – 6: 2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Feb. 27: Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25

Feb. 28: Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15

Feb. 29: Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32

Mar. 1: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7; Rom 5: 12-19; Mt 4: 1-11

### LEARN TO LIVE LIKE A SAINT

Lent is a time to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. The saints were a living example of how this can be accomplished. This Lent join us as St. John's will host a six session DVD series each Wednesday from 6-7:15pm in the parish hall on the lives of the saints presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of his Church's members. Each session is approximately 60 minutes. Q and A will follow and lite snacks will be served.

Look for the 40-day Lenten calendar in the Good News Letter as 40 saints show us the way to Jesus. Let their lives inspire you to courage, service, surrender and fidelity through your Lenten journey.

### LENTEN OBLIGATIONS:

1. All healthy Catholics between 18 and 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
2. Ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.
3. All are urged to receive the Sacrament of Penance during the Lenten season.

Fasting is a sacrifice in which we draw closer to God by depending on him to sustain us and it is a way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Only one full meal is allowed on these two days. Abstinence is where no meat is allowed on these days

### “GIVE AND TAKE” FOR LENT

St. John's will have a Lenten “give and take” table at the back of church. There will be two baskets: one to “give” and one to “take”.

Place in the “give” basket something you wish to give up during Lent that is holding you back from Jesus. There will be slips of paper to write your “give” on and place in the basket (No names please). It will be up to you to follow through on that ridding process.

The “take” basket will have different slips of paper in it for you to draw an action and act on it sometime during Lent. These will be centered around prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are not limited to one, feel free to take one each time you're at church. The basket will be refreshed each week with new action cards.

### HELP RESTORE THE CHURCH

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken on Ash Wednesday. The fall of communism occurred over 25 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after years of oppressive rule. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from the collection support reconstruction, education, education, and poverty outreach. See insert in *The Good News Letter*. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Thank you.

### NEW-TO-YOU

### LAST WEEK FOR BROWN BAG SALE

Fill a bag for \$5 this Saturday, Feb. 29.

Regular days and hours resume March 5.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will run Jan. 12-Mar. 22 on Sundays. Everyone is invited to attend! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

This week's DVD:

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

Next week's DVD:

**7. Bread of Life Discourse:** John 6 and the Real Presence



### 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,

**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! Meetings will be held upstairs, so use back parking lot.

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

### PARENT SESSIONS IN MUNCIE

The next *Parenting with Grace: How to Raise Catholic Kids in the Modern World* session:

March 1: **How to Talk to Your Kids about Sexuality, Part 1**, at *Puerto Vallarta*, 508 S. Tillotson Ave, Muncie

The cost for this program is free. Attendees are responsible for the purchase of their own refreshments. Please register online at <https://parentingwithgrace.eventbrite.com>

### 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

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

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**St. Mary's**

Feb. 9: \$630.00

Catholic Moment: \$200.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$2,294.00

Building Fund: \$45.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Catholic Moment: \$348.00

Votive: \$85.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that - to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.**



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.

**At our Deanery meeting this week, it was decided that as the flu season continues, we will continue to refrain from the cup at communion time until Holy Thursday. 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.**

### SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 29 & MAR. 1

Saturday, 5p.m...Madison Merkel & Kelli Rinker

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Jenna Payne & Louis Velasquez



### 7th 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,  
Hartford City**

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**Pastor, Fr. Paul Hudson**

#### PARISH OFFICES

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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.