

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



Our Lenten Worship Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

5:30 p.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, March 4

12:00noon...Christy Robinson (*St. John's*)

Thursday, March 5

5:30 p.m...Phil Crouch (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

5:00 p.m...Paul & Helen Schuhmacher (*St. John's*)

Sunday, March 8

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

10:30 a.m...Margaret Hull (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lenten Weekly Prayer Corner:

RENEW US LORD

O Jesus, come and awaken us from our apathy and renew in us your gift of hope. Bring me into your presence, that I may listen to your voice, which is the source of all wisdom, and watch your face forever.
--St. Bede

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday. Adoration will begin at 11:00am and end at 11:55am. Stations of the Cross will begin at noon with Mass immediately following Stations. Come for the trifacta as we begin this first full week of Lenten conversion. All are invited to participate.

St. John's Altar and Rosary will be having the March meeting this coming week, Thursday, March 5 at 6pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the pitch-in that was frozen out last month. Come in your green and bring a dish to pass and enjoy a fun evening out.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 3, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 4, Pivotal Players DVD series on the Saints 6-7:15pm at St. John's

Thursday 5, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Friday 6, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am at St. John's

Stations of the Cross 12noon immediately followed by Mass at St. John's

Saturday 7, "Spring Gardening for the Soul" Lenten Retreat 10am-1pm at St. John's

Reconciliation 4pm at St. John's

Sunday 8, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 7 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

"GIVE AND TAKE" FOR LENT

St. John's will have a Lenten "give and take" table at the back of church.

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).

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.

Fr. Paul will be away at a diocesan meeting Tuesday; therefore, no weekday Mass.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 2: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46

Mar. 3: [*St. Katherine Drexel, virgin*] Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15

Mar. 4: [*St. Casimir*] Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

Mar. 5: Est C: 12, 14-16, 22-25; Mt 7: 7-12

Mar. 6: [*World Day of Prayer*] Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26

Mar. 7: [*Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs*] Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48

Mar. 8: Gn 12: 1-4a; 2 Tm 1: 8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9

NEW-TO-YOU

Spring is around the corner and the New-To-You Shop is ready with their winter clear-outs and spring move-ins. Come check out the huge selection of merchandise and see what bargains you can find!

Regular hours resume this week:

Thursday 11-5, Friday and Saturday 11-2.

HELP RESTORE THE CHURCH

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe was taken on Ash Wednesday. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. See insert in *The Good News Letter*. Envelopes can be found in your packets if you still wish to contribute. Thank you.

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



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. This is a free retreat. Bring a friend!

PLANTING YOUR GARDEN

Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

A garden must also have thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. You will reap what you have sown.

BRING LENT TO LIFE

We are called—Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the bookcases and back tables at either St. Mary's or St. John's. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD:

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community?"

PRAYER: For our brothers and sisters who struggle to put food on the table, that they may find the resources to care and provide for their families and for our community, that we may be thankful for the gifts we have and realize that by sharing them they are multiplied to feed the needs of our global family.

PARENT SESSIONS IN MUNCIE

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

March 8: **How to Talk to Your Kids about Sexuality, Part 2**, at *Pizza King, 1911 S. Tiger Dr., Yorktown*

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>

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:

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

Next week's DVD:

8. The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ

SERVICES FOR ST. JOHN'S MAR. 7 & 8

Saturday, 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Mason Merkel
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Brianna Elkins & Madison Henderson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Feb. 23: \$921.00

Catholic Moment: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,940.00

Haiti: \$420.00

Catholic Moment: \$132.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$160.00

Flowers: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!



They're back! The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

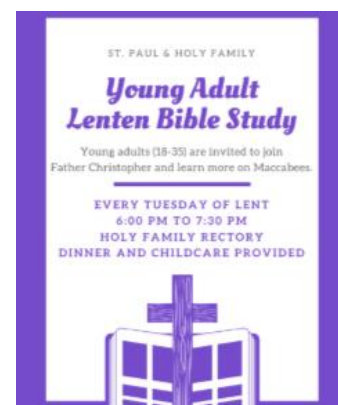
March 13 & March 27

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.



St. Paul's Church, Marion, and Holy Family Church, Gas City is sponsoring a Young Adult (ages 18-35) 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 each Tuesday 6-7:30pm throughout Lent. Dinner and childcare will be provided.



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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**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.