

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:



Our Lenten Worship Schedule

(While we are not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming with Bishop Doherty from the Cathedral (or many other churches offer live streaming of the Mass), on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

LITURGY SCHEDULE

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 30

No Mass

Tuesday, March 31

Jess Huggins, Jr.

Wednesday, April 1

Bill & Pat Schantz

Thursday, April 2

Don Martin

Friday, April 3

George & Karleen Reidy

Saturday, April 4

Molly Jo May

Palm Sunday, April 5

Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John'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:

CONSOLE US, LORD

Our Father, you would not willingly call on us to suffer. You say all things work together for your good if we are faithful to you. Therefore, through disappointment and poverty, sickness and pain, even shame and contempt and calumny, support us with the consolation of your grace.

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for all who are sick and for all who have died as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as for the safety of healthcare workers, the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes, and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety, fear or doubt during this health crisis.

Pray the rosary daily at 4pm live on facebook.com/AscensionPress/

WALK HOLY WEEK WITH JESUS

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics has a beautiful Stations of the Cross online at www.msshine.oucell.com scroll down to audio tour and scroll down to #30 to begin your walk with Jesus. Unite with Jesus through his journey to Calvary.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Joseph Smith, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

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.

Abstinence is where no meat is allowed on these days



Visit Ascension's Facebook page at facebook.com/AscensionPress/ for daily Mass, bible studies, daily rosary at 4pm, and many other live faith studies.

www.dynamiccatholic.com is offering for free 11 ways families: children, teens, adults, spouses, all can fill your days at home with Holy Moments. Check it out.

The Diocese of Lafayette has compiled a listing of free resources for each of us to practice at home during this time. Visit www.dol-in.org/homecatechesis for the complete list including free lesson plans, online pilgrimage to Christ, bible study, hymns, teen weekly lesson videos, and much, much more.

As a Domestic Church, families are called to gather in prayer, especially in the reading and contemplation of the Sacred Scriptures. As we continue to miss and pray for each of you, may you use these resources to stay connected to us and your faith while we are unable to gather as the Body of Christ

Follow Vatican news online for Eucharistic Adoration time with Pope Francis from his Friday special Urbi et Orbi blessing. The message: 'God turns everything to our good'. Pope Francis delivers an extraordinary blessing "To the City and to the World" on Friday to pray for an end to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. In his meditation, the Pope reflects on Jesus' words to His disciples: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Full text included online at vaticannews.va

Don't forget to check in with your neighbor and help those in need of food, meds, or just old-fashioned communication...and prayer!

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 30: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 23-62; Jn 8: 1-11
Mar. 31: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Apr. 1: Dn 3: 14-20, 01-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42
Apr. 2: [St. Francis of Paola, Hermit] Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59
Apr. 3: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42
Apr. 4: [St. Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church] Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56
Apr. 5: [Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord] Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mt 26: 14-27: 66

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.

MEET MARIA ANA:

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you/we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated?

PRAYER: For Maria Ana, whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl, and all those attending school to achieve their dreams, may they receive the proper nutrition needed to focus on their studies and have a brighter future.

That as a community we may recognize the importance of supporting students and their dreams, so that their communities can thrive.

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

If at all possible, please continue to keep your contributions up-to-date and mail them to the office both for St. Mary's or St. John's to:

St. John's Church

213 S. Spring St.

Hartford City, IN 47348

Diana will be able to distinguish which parish they belong to and appropriately post & deposit to that account. Thank you for your efforts to continue your financial support to the church.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[EZ 37:12-14](#); [PS 130:1-8](#); [ROM 8:8-11](#); [JN 11:1-45](#) or [JN 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45](#)

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.



In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MARCH 14 & 15

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection:
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,394.75
Building Fund: \$50.00
Food Pantry: \$25.00
Catholic Moment: \$44.00
Propagation of Faith: \$20.00
Flowers: \$35.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives - our gifts as well as our sufferings - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Praying Together As a Family
IN YOUR HOME

SPACE
Create a space for your family to pray. You might include a candle, crucifix, or icon, and a Bible. Make it someplace that encourages silence and limits distractions.

SIGN
Begin and end your prayer with the Sign of the Cross. If children are restless, encourage them to refocus, but don't expect perfection. By watching you pray, children will learn to pray.

SCRIPTURE
The daily readings can be found at usccb.org/Bible/readings. Have a family member read them aloud. Ask yourself: What word or phrase stands out to you?

SILENCE
Spend some time in silent contemplation of the readings. Be aware of God's presence and listen for how he is speaking to you today.

SHARE
Ask family members who or what they would like to pray for. Encourage them to be specific. Then, pray the Our Father together.

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St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist,
Hartford City

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Pastor, Fr. Paul Hudson

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.

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.