

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:



(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

April 26, 2020

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Monday, April 27

No Mass

Tuesday, April 28

Annie Whitacre

Wednesday, April 29

Agnes Bowen

Thursday, April 30

All Souls

Friday, May 1

Rick Charnley

Saturday, May 2

Rollin & Helen Waters

Palm Sunday, May 3

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

JESUS, MY FRIEND

O Jesus! You are my true friend, my only friend. You listen to me with the greatest kindness when I relate my troubles to you, and you always have balm to pour on my wounds. I find you at all times; I find you everywhere; you never go away.

--St. Claude de la Colombiere

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Joe Smith and Margaret (Peg) Wilson, both parishioners of St. John's, who passed to eternal life recently. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Even when Mass is cancelled, God is still calling. When youth groups can't meet, God is still calling.

When Catholic schools are closed, God is still calling.

When college students are stuck at home, God is still calling.

During this pandemic, God is still calling young people to the priesthood and religious life.

How can you help them hear the call?

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is May 3rd. Please pray for vocations.

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

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/

EASTER...THE STORY STILL CONTINUES

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung.

The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the **Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.**

Let us continue our Alleluia!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$60.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,492.00

Food Pantry: \$190.00

Building Fund: \$95.00

Holyland: \$375.00

Rice Bowl: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

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.

Many thanks to all that have been mailing in contributions. Your continued efforts are greatly appreciated.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 27: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29

Apr. 28: [St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest] Acts 7: 51 – 8: 1a; Jn 6: 30-35

Apr. 29: [St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church] Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40

Apr. 30: [St. Pius V, Pope] Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51
May 1: [St. Joseph the Worker] Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59 or Gn 1: 26 – 2: 3; Mt 13: 54-58

May 2: [St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church] Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69

May 3: [Fourth Sunday of Easter] Acts 2: 14a; 36-41; 1 Pt 2: 20b-41; Jn 10: 1-10

PRAY THE ROSARY TO HELP NEW MOMS

Throughout the month of May, in honor of Mary and mother's everywhere, we are asking parishioners to pray the rosary and keep track of each one prayed. As we are not able to gather for Mother's Day celebrations this year, we will join in prayer through the holy rosary. Weekly, or at the end of the month contact Diana with the total number of times you prayed the rosary and a donation for each one will be made to the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier for St. John's and the Portland Pregnancy Care Center for St. Mary's. Just keep track of your numbers and let us pass the power of prayer along.

BLACKFORD COUNTY PRAYER WALK

St. John's will be participating in this year's Blackford County Prayer Walk which will be held on Saturday, May 9th. This year the Prayer Walk team is trying to ensure that every mile of our county is covered in prayer, which is needed now more than ever. We will be uniting with many other, if not all other churches from our county for this unique opportunity. Our assigned location is county road 800 North between 600 and 700 East beginning at 9am. Participants are being asked to walk this mile of road in prayer but in keeping with the social distance orders. Participants can also drive in prayer that day and are welcome to cover more roads than this mile. If preferred, participants can also pray from home beginning at 9am on May 9th. Please contact Diana in the office if you plan to walk 800 North on that day.



*"Praise to you, Lord,
through our Sister Mother Earth,
who helps and leads us,
and who produces various fruit
with colored flowers..."*

—St. Francis of Assisi, *Canticle of the Sun*

Earth Day fell on April 22, but you can still celebrate! We welcome you to acknowledge the earth's wonders and encourage you to conserve her resources.

Here are some ideas to help preserve the planet we share with all of God's creation:

- Plant a tree
- Use recyclable materials (and recycle them!)
- Reduce plastic consumption
- Eat more locally-sourced food
- Share a prayer of blessing for the earth with friends and family

However you celebrate the day, take a moment to step outside and enjoy all the earth has to offer.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Gracious Lord, remember in your mercy those who suffer today. Give strength and encouragement to those who minister to their needs.

Remember your promise not to let them be tested beyond what they are able to bear.

Above all, give them the reassurance that you are with them as they walk through this valley of the shadows of death.

And in your good time send healing of body and spirit to all affected by the coronavirus.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35](#)

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes

the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on journey towards heaven.



Now please join in praying the novena prayer to St. Joseph:

Oh, St. Joseph,
whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph,
do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph,
I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me and

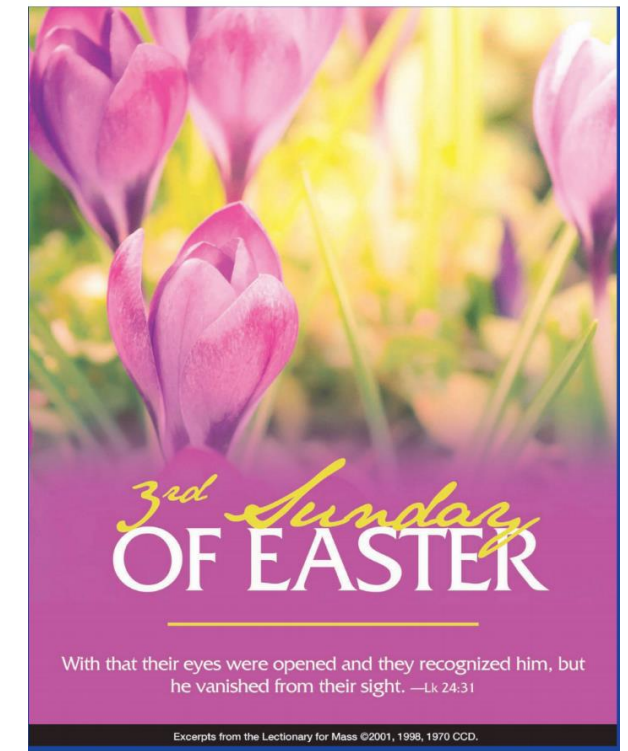
Ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls - pray for me.

Amen.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles, when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it, or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in any battle.

Say for nine mornings in a row for anything you may desire.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**The Clustered Parishes
Of**

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Hartford City**

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