

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 MAY:

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

I TRUST IN YOU

O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in you, for I fear everything from my own wickedness and frailty, but I hope for all things from your goodness and bounty. Imprint your love so deeply on my heart that I shall never be able to forget or be separated from you.

--St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$200.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,872.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Building Fund: \$200.00

Holyland: \$20.00

Catholic Moment: \$22.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 4: Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 11-18

May 5: Acts 11: 12-26; Jn 10: 22-30

May 6: Acts 12: 24 – 13: 5a; Jn 12: 44-50

May 7: Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20

May 8: Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6

May 9: Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14

May 10: [Fifth Sunday of Easter] Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14: 1-12

From Fr. Petan for a Pilgrimage this

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM, Fr. Petan will be making a pilgrimage to the **Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine** in Delphi to pray for an end to this pandemic. All are invited to join him on this pilgrimage, physically or virtually. Beginning at 9:00am, Fr. Petan will have a Facebook Live introduction before he leaves for the Shrine. While traveling to the Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine, he will pray the Rosary and meditate on the Glorious Mysteries (not live streamed) and recommends that you do the same. Upon arrival at the Shrine (around 9:30am). Fr. Petan will begin his Facebook live stream again and pray the Litany of Loreto and the prayer to Mary for an end to the pandemic. For those who will attend virtually, please go to our website www.saintmarycathedral.org and check out the Facebook feed. The Litany of Loreto is available on our website

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.

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.

Wednesday, May 6 at 8 PM ET - Join Mark Hart

and Emily Wilson LIVE for a 4-Week Exploration of the Mass on Ascension's Facebook page

Public Masses have been cancelled in countries throughout the world.

We don't fully appreciate a gift until it is taken away from us.

In this case we've been separated from the most awesome gift of all, the Mass and the Eucharist.

Times of uncertainty and confusion can also create opportunities to step back and see things in a new light, to experience things in a new light.

Next Wednesday, May 6 at 8 PM ET we invite you to join us to explore and unpack the mystery of the Mass through a special LIVE four-week series with Mark Hart and Emily Wilson.

Each Wednesday in May, they'll be leading us in a brief thirty-minute experience of prayer, music, and discussion around the source and summit of our Faith: the Mass and the Eucharist.

We'll be coming together for a fun and engaging night for the whole family. So pop some popcorn and step away from Netflix. God's given us the gift of time. Let's use it to deepen our faith.

Be sure to tune in to Ascension's Facebook page to watch the first session!

P.S. The free Altaration Family Guide that goes along with the series will be available next Wednesday, May 6. Those without Facebook accounts can still watch by tuning into our Facebook page. No login is required!

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.

UPDATE FROM BISHOP DOHERTY ON UNITING IN HEART AND PRIESTS' MOVES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We think deeply about our Church these days. The distancing and the sheltering (or lack of it) raise thoughts about the Church as an institution. Let's remind ourselves that we did not make the institution, but that the Holy Spirit made and remakes it, the Church.

...In these days, we should wonder what the Spirit is trying to shake out, to prune away, so that in days to come we can first perceive, then act upon those divine impulses. The same Spirit prompts us to wonder who God wants us to be, so that we can wonder what our Church's mission requires of us. These sentiments should shape our plans for re-emerging from the disruption and suffering during this pandemic.

And plan we must, both for the sake of order as well as charity. Each day brings new information, further consultation and more recommendations. As I mentioned in my last letter, I know people are hungry to get back into church. The decisions that I will make about Masses and sacraments are complex and I am thankful for your continued patience. I'm regularly consulting with the Indiana Catholic bishops, attending to federal and local state (Indiana) pronouncements, and weighing the advice of healthcare officials.

Our main concern remains the pastoral care for souls in our diocese. After consultation, we have decided to postpone our original Uniting in Heart clergy transfer date that was scheduled for June 29,...until Wed., August 19, which will be the 'moving day.'...

In the meantime, we have decided that ordinations will be moved to Saturday, August 1st at the Cathedral. The reason for this is two-fold; I want the men to be able to share this momentous occasion with their families and friends and current restrictions would limit our congregation size. I also want our newly ordained to be able to go into ministry following their ordination and not have to shelter-in-place until current restrictions have let up...

State recommendations about groups no larger than ten persons will continue to apply to Masses, infant baptisms, weddings and funerals. Social distancing remains a requirement of such gatherings, in addition to any sanitizing that needs to happen before and after a gathering. Where the small group gathering is not a chosen option, sacraments will be performed when re-opening is prudently possible...

Please know that all of you remain in my prayers and your health and wellbeing is of utmost importance. I ask that each of you continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and that the Blessed Mother sustain us in our ministry. We seek her intercession and the kind attentions of Our Lord, Jesus.

In Christ's peace,
Most Reverend Timothy Doherty
Bishop of Lafayette-in-Indiana

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PS 23:1-3A, 3B4-6; 1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10](#)

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is



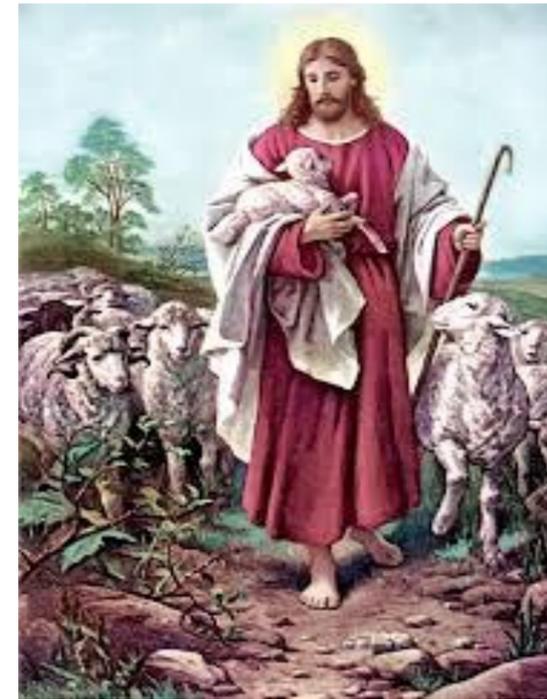
the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Clustered Parishes Of

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