

You prepare a table for me, O Lord



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CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

(While we are all 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, 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

July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 6

No Mass

Tuesday, July 7

Molly Jo May

Wednesday, July 8

1:00p.m...Funeral for Jack Cain (Private for Family only due to seating restrictions)

Thursday, July 9

5:30p.m...Jim Grady

Friday, July 10

George & Karleen Reidy

Saturday, July 11

5:00p.m...Russell & Delores Trant & Family

Sunday, July 12

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

10:30a.m...Phil Crouch

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR JULY:

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

LEAD ME, LORD

O God of right order and peace, do not allow us to offend justice, to let ignorance lead us astray, to let human sympathy bias us, or to let people or office influence us. Keep us intimately close to you with the gift of your grace.

--St. Isidore of Seville

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

PRAYER PETITION TO END RACISM:

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray: Bind us together, O God of love.

WEEKDAY MASS has resumed...on limited schedule. We will have one weekday Mass at each location as an easy back in. Wednesday will be at noon at St. John's and Thursday will be at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All weekend Mass guidelines remain in place for these two Masses. This Wednesday, however, there will be no weekday Mass due to the funeral Mass of Jack Cain.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will make a sacrifice that will make someone smile.

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 6: [St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr] Hos 2: 16, 17b-18; 21-22; Mt 9: 18-26

July 7: Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13; Mt 9: 32-38

July 8: Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10: 1-7

July 9: [St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, martyrs] Hos 11: 1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10: 7-15

July 10: Hos 14: 2-10; Mt 10: 16-23

July 11: [St. Benedict, abbot] Is 6: 1-8; Mt 10: 24-33

July 12: Is 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23; Mt 13: 1-23

WELCOME BACK, WE HAVE MISSED YOU!

“Please know the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until August 15. In particular, those who are experiencing any sickness, those whose health is in some way compromised, those who are fearful of the possible infection of COVID-19, and those over the age of 65 should consider staying home...”

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,216.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Seminarian Fund: \$290.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,718.00

Haiti: \$51.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Seminarian Fund: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

“Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You,” says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us.

QUOTE CORNER:

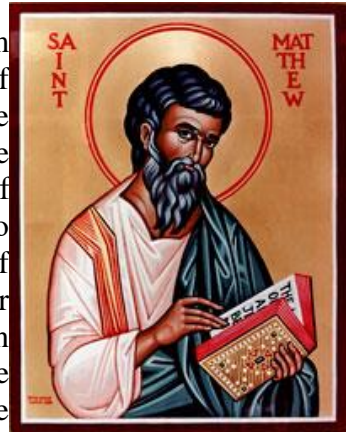
“Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. What you give out will return to you.”

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ZEC 9:9-10; PS 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.”



What does it mean to be a “little one”? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

Happy 4th Of July



Over the past three months our community has struggled amid a great pandemic, and now we carefully make our way toward re-opening the Church. There are many challenges and risks ahead. But as followers of Christ, we have faith and courage knowing He is with us until the end of time (Matthew 28,20).

In addition to navigating the choppy waters of a pandemic, our community has also been preparing for changes related to our diocesan *Uniting in Heart* initiative. *Uniting in Heart* is not merely a process to make organizational and personnel changes for a better future. It is about being *One Body in Christ*, through the power of the Spirit, in all of our various vocations.

In Baptism we have all been mystically united as *One Body* in Christ. Through His Church and the Holy Spirit, we receive a share in His priestly, prophetic and kingly offices (CCC 1267-68). Or as St. Peter said, “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession...” (1 Peter 29).

In addition to sharing in Christ’s Body and mission, we have also been given leaders to follow as “Christ the head”, guiding and serving us toward perfection in wisdom and truth. (Matthew 5, 13-16). All of us, no matter what our vocation in the Church, is called in this One Body to be like Him—holy, humble servants offering spiritual and corporal works of mercy to help lift up God’s people to heaven. (James 2, 14-26) May we always fulfill this divine mission entrusted to us, so that we can join the communion of saints, united as one with the Most Blessed Trinity, for all eternity.

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ZOOM! ZOOM!

We all are reeling from the effects of isolation since March. Many ways have surfaced that would allow groups of people to gather, at least through technology, to continue many of our various church activities. Would you be interested in participating in a ZOOM discussion related to many various church related topics?

What is Zoom?

Zoom is an app that allows multiple participants to gather and have discussions in a live setting without physically being in the same space together.

What do I need?

The computer, tablet, iPad, or smart phone that has a microphone and a camera. There is no charge. Contact Susan 512-627-6863 or the office ...or a grandchild for help or more information. No face masks required for Zoom meetings!

Please contact Susan or Diana if this is something you would be interested in and we will try to help you get set up. Also, please let us know your ZOOM MEETING Day and Time preferences. (Monday through Friday) (morning, afternoon or evening).

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

THE MORAL LIFE IN CHRIST

The pandemic has opened new doors that might not otherwise have been discovered. All are invited to a free online summer study course on morality and virtues. Just go to www.catholiconline.school and select courses.

You might wonder why studying morality and the virtues is important. What you believe and how you live has a radical effect on your life. In studying what it means to live the moral life in Christ and in applying what you’ve learned, your life will be pointed or ordered toward its proper end.

It will point you toward God.

Your every desire: total happiness, complete peace, permanent human fulfillment, is found in God alone.

Pursuing what is truly good through your free choices, helps to unite you to the Perfect Good who is God.



14TH 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.

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**St. John the Evangelist,
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Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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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