

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 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 13

No Mass

Tuesday, July 14

Agnes Bowen

Wednesday, July 15

12:00noon...Joe & Janet Smith

Thursday, July 16

5:30p.m...George Watson

Friday, July 17

Bill & Pat Schantz

Saturday, July 18

5:00p.m...Deceased of Gillis Family

Sunday, July 19

8:30a.m...Jack Cain

10:30a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

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: DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Protect O Lord, those who cry to you for help. Uphold us in our weakness, and cleanse us from our sins and in your mercy, deliver us from all evil, so that we may come at last to the perfection of all good.

--St. Leo the Great

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$305.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,420.00

Haiti: \$10.00

Building Fund: \$65.00

Food Pantry: \$255.00

Seminarian Fund: \$110.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold!

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will fast today and spend mealtimes meditating on Christ's sacrifice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 13: [St. Henry] Is 1: 10-17; Mt 10: 34 – 11: 1

July 14: [St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin] Is 7: 1-9; Mt 11: 20-24

July 15: [St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of the Church] Is 10: 5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11: 25-27

July 16: [Our Lady of Mount Carmel] Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11: 28-30

July 17: Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12: 1-8

July 18: [St. Camillus de Lellis, priest] Mi 2: 1-5; Mt 12: 14-21

July 19: Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mt 13: 24-43

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...”

SUMMERTIME

QUOTE CORNER:

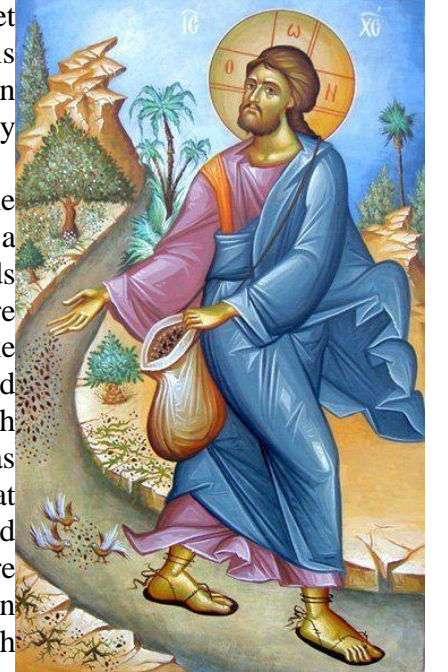
“We see the world not the way it is, but the way we are. How does it look to you?”

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 55:10-11; PS 65:10-14; ROM 8:18-23; MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke



the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong. Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare “good soil” needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the “rocks” of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the “thorns” of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.



But masks on.....!

Congratulations again to our graduates. They will have many memories from their final high school semester. We truly wish them the best and pray they continue to keep Jesus at the lead of their paths and follow in the way he leads them.

**Calli Stigleman from Jay County High School
And from Blackford High School:
Bethany Elkins, Kayli Henderson, Joey Payne,
Kiara Shields, and Cameron Rinker.**

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.

SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL

The annual Seminarian Fund Appeal will take place this weekend and next. Envelopes were in the June packets, but you can place your donation in a plain envelope as well and mark it as such.

Would you be willing to make an investment in the future of the diocese by helping support the men who will bring the sacraments, priestly presence and spiritual guidance to you, your children and grandchildren?

This year's expected costs for our 10 diocesan seminarians is well over \$400,000 which includes tuition, room and board, books, stipend, and insurance.

With your prayers and response to the Seminarian Fund Appeal, the affirmation of the people of God is invaluable to the training of the future priests of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Thank you for your support.



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



15TH 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.

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