

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 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 20

No Mass

Tuesday, July 21

Margaret Wilson

Wednesday, July 22

12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming

Thursday, July 23

5:30p.m...Martha Kistler

Friday, July 24

Richard Lenz

Saturday, July 25

5:00p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters

Sunday, July 26

8:30a.m...Don Martin

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:

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

Jesus Christ, the love that gives love. You are higher than the highest star; you are deeper than the deepest sea; you cherish us as our own family; you embrace us as your own spouse; you rule over us as your own subjects; you welcome us as your dearest friends. Let all the world worship you!

--St. Hildegard of Bingen

PRAYER PETITION TO END RACISM:

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism may be eradicated from our society, we pray: Bind us together, O God of love.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$856.00

Food Pantry: \$40.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,959.00

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Building Fund: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$213.00

Seminarian Fund: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

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

OFFERING OF SELF

I will find a way to minister to the outcasts in my own community.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 20: [St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr] Mi 6: 1-4, 6-8; Mt 12: 38-42

July 21: [St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church] Mi 7: 14-15; 18-20; Mt 12: 46-50

July 22: [St. Mary Magdalene] Sg 3: 1-4b; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

July 23: [St. Bridget, religious] Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13: 10-17

July 24: [St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest] Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13: 18-23

July 25: [St. James, apostle] 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28

July 26: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52

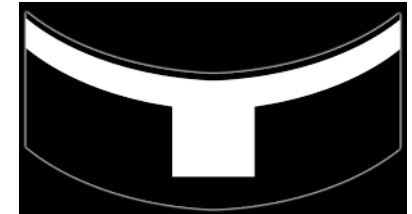
WELCOME BACK, WE HAVE MISSED YOU!

"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..."

NEW-TO-YOU SET TO REOPEN...BUT NEED YOUR HELP

We are planning to reopen the New-To-You Shop this week.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to work at the NTY, we are recruiting your services. We need people to work during open hours. Shifts are for three hours on Thur, Fri, and Sat as often as you want to work. Contact Karen Uggen with questions: 499-1494



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.

St. Mary's goal for this appeal is \$559 and St. John's goal is \$1,825. Presently, we are at \$340 for St. Mary's and \$406.00

SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL PRAYER:

Father in heaven,

You sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth.

Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call.

Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that vocations may flourish.

Bless our seminarians and priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ.

Help them to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom.

Lord, invite more men to your service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

QUOTE CORNER:

"The stronger our connection with God, the more easily we recognize his presence in every moment of every day." --Matthew Kelly

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

WIS 12:13, 16-19; PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; ROM 8:26-27; MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into



the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So, it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God. Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.



Passion Driven Stewardship

How many times in the bible do we read, "Fear not", "Be not afraid", and "Take Courage"? We are not called to be frightened, but to be strong, confident and joyful. Yes, I said joyful! We are called to be joyful even in the midst of crisis and struggles. Even in times when we are physically separated from our families, and our spiritual brothers and sisters. Like true love, true joy is more than a feeling. It is a commitment. It is how we think. It is our mindset, and it is our actions, even when we do not feel joyful.

In the midst of the current crisis, your parishes have made joyful noise in your local communities. They are working hard to help you stay connected to your parish, your fellow parishioners and to continue to serve those in need.

How about making some joyful noise of your own? Your passion is what speaks to your individual heart and motivates your action. We are all called to passionately steward the gifts of our time, talent and treasure across each of the four quadrants of stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service, as we bring the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to others. What is God placing on your heart?

- Lead a virtual group of prayer-warriors who pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet of Mercy or the Liturgy of the Hours
- Offer to help your parish set up technology to keep connected with parishioners
- Utilize your talents to help virtually teach youth or adult religious education
- Make calls to families that joined your parish in the last few months to make sure they feel connected and part of your Church community

In addition to your time and skills, your parish also needs your financial help to maintain all their good works. Please keep in mind that your parishes have not been receiving the Offertory Gifts that they typically received at Mass each week due to the quarantine. Perhaps you can mail in your offering, or transition to a recurring on-line gift. You may also be in a position to help make up the difference for your fellow parishioners who have been impacted financially during this recent crisis.

I know you need your local parish. Please know that they need you too. This not a time to be fearful, but a time to make joyful noise.

Mike MacNulty is the director of stewardship and development for the diocese.



16TH 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

St. Mary, Dunkirk

**St. John the Evangelist,
Hartford City**

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Pastor, Fr. Paul Hudson

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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