

*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 26, 2020

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday, July 27**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 28**

Joe & Janet Smith

**Wednesday, July 29**

12:00noon...Bill & Pat Schantz

**Thursday, July 30**

5:30p.m...All Souls

**Friday, July 31**

Annie Whitacre

**Saturday, August 1**

5:00p.m...Sr. Jeannie Rogers

**Sunday, August 2**

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

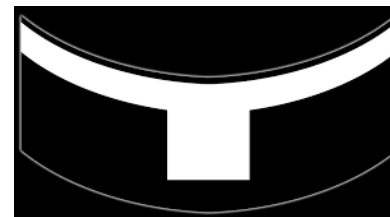
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

#### Weekly Prayer Corner:

#### DWELL IN ME

O my God, come into my heart; draw it to you by your power. Preserve me, O ineffable Love, from every evil thought; warm me, inflame me with your dear love, and every pain will seem light to me. Help me in all my actions.

--St. Catherine of Siena



#### 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 \$506.00

#### OFFERING OF SELF

Today, I will ask for strength to resist temptation.

#### A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.  
We place before you the disease present in our world.

We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.

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Amen.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$785.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,425.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Food Pantry: \$130.00

Seminarian Fund: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?**

#### CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Please be sure to return the update sheet from *The Good News Letter* requesting email and phone information so we can better communicate with you for special notices. If possible, please indicate if text messaging is available on your phone as well. Thank you!

#### MASK REQUIREMENTS ENHANCED

Per the orders of Governor Holcomb on July 22, due to the increase in cases of the COVID-19 virus, facial coverings will be REQUIRED in all our buildings at St. Mary's and St. John's beginning on Monday, July 27. We do still have a supply of face masks if you are still in need of one. (Thank you Terry) If you cannot wear a facial covering, are uncomfortable wearing a facial covering, or don't want to wear a facial covering please participate in the Mass from your home.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 27: Jer 13: 1-11; Mt 13: 31-35

July 28: Jer 14: 17-22; Mt 13: 36-43

July 29: [St. Martha] Jer 15: 10, 16-21; Jn 11: 19-27

July 30: [St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church] Jer 18: 1-6; Mt 13: 47-53

July 31: [St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest] Jer 26: 1-9; Mt 13: 54-58

Aug. 1: [St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church] Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Mt 14: 1-12

Aug. 2: Is 55: 1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21

#### 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..."**

GOSPEL  
REFLECTIONS:

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12;  
PS 119:57, 72, 76-  
77, 127-130; ROM  
8:28-30; MT  
13:44-52 OR  
13:44-46



The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.

In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.



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

We have reopened 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



**SACRAMENTS ABOUND NEXT WEEKEND**

St. John's will have a full weekend of Sacraments next weekend with a morning infant Baptism and an evening initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) on Saturday followed by First Holy Communion with seven second grade students on Sunday morning. Please pray for each involved that these sacraments will enrich and enliven each of them as they live and grow in their Catholic faith through the Holy Spirit to Jesus with God the Father.

**QUOTE CORNER:**

"If you help someone carry his or her cross, you will find out how light yours is. Your perspective will change." --Chris Stepien

**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.



**17<sup>TH</sup> 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