

*You prepare a table for me, O Lord*



### 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

August 9, 2020

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

**Monday, August 10**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 11**

Rick Charnley

**Wednesday, August 12**

12:00noon...Richard Lenz

**Thursday, August 13**

5:30p.m...No Mass

**Friday, August 14**

Joe & Janet Smith

**Saturday, August 15**

5:00p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz

**Sunday, August 16**

8:30a.m...Nancy Shorey

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

### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

#### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

#### Weekly Prayer Corner:

##### DRAW ME CLOSE

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Compassion, have mercy upon us, that we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy into your holy presence.

--St. Alcuin of York

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$414.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,626.00

Haiti: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$253.00

Building Fund: \$180.00

Church in Africa: \$36.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.**

#### ALERT:

*As if there aren't enough other things to worry about right now, we received notice again this week that spam email and text message is floating around. Some have received an email message from the bishop's office asking for discreet help and funds and to immediately reply. Another was received as a spam text from our pastor asking to reply to the text. These are known as phishing scams. PLEASE do not respond to these kinds of contacts. They are trying to gather information they do not need!*

#### SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL

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 has been met. Thank you.**

**St. John's goal is \$1,825. We are still nearly \$1,300 short of our needed amount.**

#### 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.

#### MASK REQUIREMENTS ENHANCED

Face coverings will be required in all our buildings at St. Mary's and St. John's beginning on Monday, July 27. If you are unable to wear a facial covering for any reason, please participate in the Mass from your home.

#### NEW-TO-YOU IS OPEN...BUT NEED YOUR HELP

We are open and filled to the brim with lots of good buys.

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 10: [St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr] 2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26

Aug. 11: [St. Clare, virgin] Ez 2: 8-3: 4; Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Aug. 12: [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious] Ez 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22; Mt 18: 15-20

Aug. 13: [Sts. Pontian, pope, & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs] Ez 12: 1-12; Mt 18: 21-19: 1

Aug. 14: [St. Maximillian Kolbe, priest & martyr] Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19: 3-12

Aug. 15: [The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15: 20-27

Aug. 16: Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28

#### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; PS 85:9-14; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-23**

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition of the simple fact that all we have is a gift from Him. Today's readings illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully invite God to take charge of our lives by embracing the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all we have is a gift from Him. We lose trust in the Lord and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

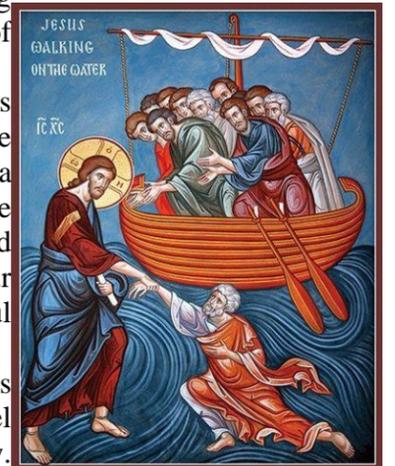
Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew.

Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks. But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have experienced walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

When we embrace the stewardship way of life — letting go of a tight hold over our money, time and talents — our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass intentions for both St. Mary's and St. John's. We are rotating a few people each week for our intentions, so you may have noticed the same names over again. If you would like to pray for a deceased loved one or the welfare of someone living, please enclose \$10 stipend in an envelope and indicate the name of the person and living or deceased and send it to the office via mail or basket.



**Statement on the Extension of the Dispensation from the Obligation of Sunday Mass Attendance August 3, 2020**

“Today, the Bishops across all five Indiana dioceses have extended the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance until Nov. 1, 2020. In a joint statement, the bishops of the Province of Indianapolis announced that the dispensation was extended from a previously set day of August 15, because of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Indiana.

The group released the following statement:

“While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligations of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise.”

In the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana our diocesan and parish staffs have gone to great lengths to implement policies and procedures to ensure safe worship spaces.

Bishop Timothy Doherty explained that he was confident local parishes would continue to practice social distancing and safety protocols so that public Mass and the sharing of the spiritual gifts of the Church may continue.

“To be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not mean people should stay away from Church or fail to keep holy the Lord’s Day. We continue to invite each of you to prayerfully consider attending Mass with your parish family. In this way you may more fully experience the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist and the life of grace.”

The diocese encourages those who have been away to contact their local parish to learn of the various protocols that have been put in place for their safety.”

From:

Office of Communications

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**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!**



“Change is an intrinsic part of the Christian life. Throughout our faith journey we undergo a series of changes – some sacramental, some vocational, some simply affecting our lives and relationships... The Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan calls for us to embrace necessary changes in our pastoral priorities and diocesan structures.”

Fr.Theodore Dudzinski

The Catholic Moment - May 24, 2020

**PASTORATE TRANSITION UPDATE:**

We each have anxiously been awaiting direction on our new Pastorate plan. The good news is we finally have been able to begin the process of transition. This past week a meeting was held at St. John’s with representations from the diocese and each of the three churches along with Fr. Hurley and Fr. Roberts in attendance. Good discussions were held regarding strengths and weaknesses of each parish so others could have a better feel for our future collaborations of parish life.

Of course, the pressing agenda item was a breakdown of weekend and weekday Mass times. Although the group came to an amicable and unanimous decision, these are not yet available for publication as they had to be submitted to the bishop’s office for final approval. The good news is, we now have direction going forward once Fr. Hurley lands in our neck of the woods.

Please communicate your best wishes and thanks to Fr. Paul Hudson for his time with us, albeit very short. And, also please extend your hospitality to Fr. Kevin Hurley as he joins us as pastor of our new Pastorate beginning August 19. Our new parish family will now include St. Mary, Dunkirk, St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City, and Holy Family, Gas City.

**OFFERING OF SELF**

I want to extend the same kindness and forgiveness to others as I want shown to me.



**19<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**

**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