

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

August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 17

No Mass

Tuesday, August 18

No Mass

Wednesday, August 19

12:00noon...No Mass

Thursday, August 20

5:30p.m...No Mass

Friday, August 21

No Mass

Saturday, August 22

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family

Sunday, August 23

9:00a.m...Al Kreuz

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: YOUR WILL BE DONE

Govern all by your wisdom, O Lord, so that I may always be serving you as you desire and not as I choose. Do not punish me by granting what I wish or ask, if it offend your love. Let me die to myself that I may serve you. Let me live to you who in yourself are the true life.

--St. Teresa of Avila

Please pray for all our priests in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana this week as they begin new Pastorate assignments, especially for Fr. Paul as he moves to Portland and Fr. Kevin Hurley as he leaves Carmel to come to Hartford City.

Thanks to everyone who said prayers and expressed condolences at the death of Jack Cain.

The Family of Jack Cain

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 17: Ez 24: 15-24; Mt 19: 16-22

Aug. 18: Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30

Aug. 19: [St. John Eudes, priest] Ez 34: 1-11; Mt 20: 1-16

Aug. 20: [St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church] Ez 36: 23-28; Mt 22: 1-14

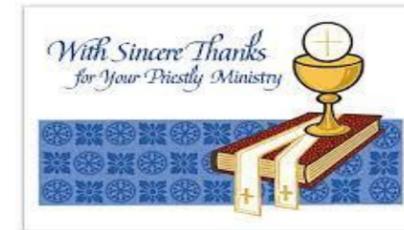
Aug. 21: [St. Pius X, pope] Ez 37: 1-14; Mt 22: 34-40

Aug. 22: [The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Ez 43: 1-7ab; Mt 23: 1-12

Aug. 23: Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20

Sunday Morning Bible Study planning for autumn

The DVD series by Bishop Barron on The Pivotal Players will be our first endeavor. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks in the bulletin. The bulletin is available at Church and online at www.stmaryjohn.org



PRAYER FOR FR. PAUL

Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh, from the beginning of creation you named and claimed us for yourself. Look with kindness upon your servant, Fr. Paul Hudson, who leaves this community, marked by your cross, fed by your word, filled with our care, and sent to be your presence to all he meets. Guide him on the way in his new assignment, and bless him with your wisdom, that he may be a word of hope for a world in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. And may the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Our Catholic Book Club

There are so many good Catholic books available, it's difficult to pick one!

Matthew Kelly, a best-selling author, has I Heard God Laugh, A Practical Guide To Life's Essential Daily Habit, coming out in the fall. A saint's biography would also be a good choice. Think it over and if you have a suggestion or a strong preference for a certain topic, let me know! 512-627-6863; or email: susanlannoy4@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$573.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,865.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

Church in Africa: \$155.00

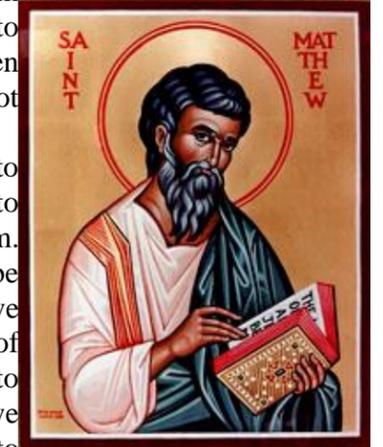
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 56: 1, 6-7; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; ROM II: 13-15, 29-32; MT 15: 21-28

Our Gospel today, from Matthew, reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers. God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to



transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us.

Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it.

MASK REQUIREMENTS ENHANCED

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



Effective August 19, we join together as a new Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana consisting of St. Mary, Dunkirk, St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City, and Holy Family, Gas City. We welcome Fr. Kevin Hurley who begins his pastoral duties on the 19th.

Weekend Mass Schedule as of August 22/23:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm at St. Mary's, Dunkirk

Sunday Mass 9:00am at St. John's, Hartford City

Sunday Mass 11:00am at Holy Family, Gas City

The Weekday Mass Schedule beginning

August 24 will be as follows:

Monday 10:00am at St. John's

Tuesday No Masses

Wednesday 12:00noon at St. John's

Thursday 5:30pm at St. Mary's

Friday 9:00am at Holy Family (First Friday Adoration will follow morning Mass each month)

As has been the practice over the past 15 or so years with the cluster of St. Mary's and St. John's, if you participate in Mass at one of our three pastorate locations, your collection envelopes will be delivered to your home parish for processing.

Please continue to pray for our diocesan leadership, our priests, and each of us as parishioners as we embark on this Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastorate Plan. May we truly unite in hearts to share the Gospels and the love of Christ Jesus.

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.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will reconcile with someone I've had a disagreement with.

DISPENSATION EXTENDED TO NOV. 1

The Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligations of Sunday Mass attendance until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise."

Bishop 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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SET TO BEGIN

This weekend is St. John's registration immediately after morning Mass in the parish hall (school basement). Next weekend following morning Mass (at our new 9am Mass time), we begin classes. Classes will run from roughly 10-11am. Coffee and donuts will be available. All are invited to stop over after Mass to welcome back the kids and teachers as well as catch-up on our parish camaraderie...we might even get a chance to greet Fr. Hurley.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

We are excited to introduce Bethany Kuhn as the Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Youth Group Director. We will share Bethany with Gas City and Marion. Her duties for now include youth and young adult ministries from freshmen to 35 year olds.

All high school students and their families are invited to a kickoff night at St. Paul's this Sunday, August 16, following 5pm Mass till 7pm. BBQ, yard games, & a family competition with prizes are slated.

We are planning a local meet-and-greet with Bethany at the Kitterman's with a bonfire and hotdogs and s'mores. All youth and their families are invited. Date to be announced.



20TH 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

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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