

You prepare a table for me, O Lord



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 31, at St. John's

10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, September 1

No Mass

Wednesday, September 2, at St. John's

12:00noon...No Mass

Thursday, September 3, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...No Mass

Friday, September 4, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Matthew Christman

Saturday, September 5, at St. Mary's

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

Sunday, September 6

9:00a.m...Nat Coffield at St. John's

11:00a.m...Mark Koeberlein at Holy Family

Salutations from Arizona. Thanks so much for your prayers and support for myself and my family; we are making excellent progress out here and I will be home shortly. This weekend God asks us to think like He does and not as we do normally. Peter thinks that he understands God's plan better than Jesus does himself! How often do we all do this as well? I know for myself this past month has presented many different changes to my plans, but thankfully God has been there every step of the way to bring his succor and support in big and small ways, and I know that he has been doing this for so many of us too. I hope to hear more about your stories of how God has transformed your plans for the greater good when I get back home. We must trust that God is greater and wiser than we are, knows us and our circumstances better than we know ourselves, and is therefore quite capable of structuring every minute of our lives in the best way. Once again, I know that we will be united in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and I am praying for all of you.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **September 4, 2020**, begins after 9 AM Mass with closing at 9 PM to be held at Holy Family Church, Gas City.

The side chapel at St. John's will be open from 10am-2pm on Friday for private adoration.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

GO WITH US

Lord Jesus, who in the eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your word and proclaiming it in society.

--Pope St. John Paul II

WORD AMONG US ON BOOKSHELVES

The September edition of *The Word Among Us* is available on the bookshelves. The contain the daily readings including weekends along with the parts of the Mass. Pick yours up today. If you would like a Breaking Bread Missalette for your own keeping to bring to Mass with you, they are available at the side and back doors at church or contact the office. Please keep this and do not return it to the bookcases.

ALTAR & ROSARY AT ST. MARY'S

All women are invited to attend St. Mary's opening meeting of the new season on Monday, September 14, beginning at 6pm with the recitation of the rosary.

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,502.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,322.00

Food Pantry: \$5.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

Church in Africa: \$11.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 31: 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Lk 4: 16-30

Sept. 1: 1 Cor 2: 10b-16; Lk 4: 31-37

Sept. 2: 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Lk 4: 38-44

Sept. 3: [St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Lk 5: 1-11

Sept. 4: 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Lk 5: 33-39

Sept. 5: [St. Teresa of Calcutta] 1 Cor 4: 6b-15; Lk 6: 1-5

Sept. 6: Ez 33: 7-9; Rom 13: 8-10; Mt 18: 15-20



Managing Change Successfully

This week, we conclude our three-part series on William Bridge's transition model. As you'll recall, a "transition" is a three-phase psychological reorientation process that people go through when they are coming to terms with a "change." In a "transition" there is an ending, a neutral zone and a new beginning.

Only after going through each of the first two phases of transition can people deal successfully with the third phase: beginning over again, with new energy, a new sense of purpose, a new outlook, and a new image of themselves.

People and organizations cause great damage when they try to make a new beginning without seeing to it that they have first completed the other two phases of transition. Denial, anger and depression should be expected. Priests and dioceses will do well to pay close attention to and seek to understand the transition people will have to go through if the changes are to work!

The entrance into any new situation, therefore, be it a priest entering a new parish or a parish welcoming a new priest, calls for a new mind. Both should begin by accepting the fact that "if you don't get what you want, you *can* change your mind and want what you get." There are no perfect parishes and there are no perfect priests.

The Old Testament book of Exodus should be studied by anyone interested in learning how to lead and be led. The story of the Exodus runs through three books of the Old Testament, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. The bulk of the narrative is, however, in Exodus and is a shining example of a change (the exodus from Egypt) that leads a people into transition (the end of their slavery in Egypt, their journey through the "neutral zone" of the desert, and the new beginning in the Promised Land). For anyone on the journey to the "Promised Land" of heaven through the desert of earthly life, and especially for those for whom a change has upended a certain way of living, the Exodus story can provide both wisdom and witness to the transition that is needed to make any change successful and the hoped-for new beginning a reality.

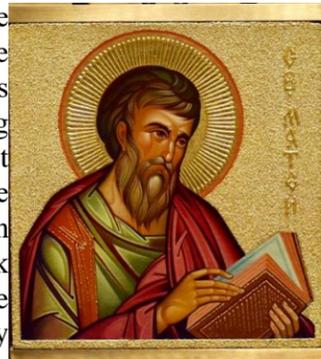
"Where there is no obedience there is no virtue, where there is no virtue there is no good, where there is no good there is no love, where there is no love, there is no God, and where there is no God there is no Paradise."

— St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.



Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

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

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 our faith communities, that they may not succumb to indifference or accept the status quo, but press on for fundamental change, we pray:
Bind us together, O God of love.

TRADITIONAL LATIN LOW MASS
Feast of The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday, September 12, at 6:30 PM ET
St. Paul's Catholic Church
1041 W. Kem Rd.
Marion, IN 46953-2098

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.

DISPENSATION EXTENDED TO NOV. 1

"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."

Sunday Morning Bible Study, September 13

Our students are in rel. ed. classes following 9 AM Mass. Adults will also meet on Sundays after Mass in the parish hall at the same time as our students. Adults will begin meeting on Sept 13. Coffee and donuts are available for everyone. Please pick up your refreshments and meet at the TV area on the west end of the hall. New members are always welcome to attend.

Our Catholic Book Club

New members are always welcome. Pick the Catholic author's book you want to read and get it ordered. One suggestion is CALLED by Kevin Cotter. This book is a five-week guide to *Becoming An Everyday Disciple in a Post-Christian World*.

Another suggestion is Praying For (and with) Your Spouse: The Way to Deeper Love By Dr. Greg Popcak. Both of these books are available online or call Diana to order either book.



22ND 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 at 4:00pm.
Gas City, by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley 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 K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

Holy Family, Gas City

A Pastorate of
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PARISH OFFICES

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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