



**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**October 4, 2020**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, October 5, at St. John's**  
 10:00a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz

**Tuesday, October 6**  
 No Mass

**Wednesday, October 7, at St. John's**  
 12:00noon...Rollin & Helen Waters

**Thursday, October 8, at St. Mary's**  
 5:30p.m...Don Martin

**Friday, October 9, at Holy Family**  
 9:00a.m...Janet Gutzweiller

**Saturday, October 10, at St. Mary's**  
 5:00p.m...Justin Watson

**Sunday, October 11**  
 9:00a.m...George & Martha Fisher at St. John's  
 11:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at Holy Family

**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*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for all who labor and are burdened that they may find rest in the love of Jesus and that the fruits of our labor will benefit not only us, but our brothers and sisters.

This past week as a Church we have had some amazing saints and feasts to celebrate from the Japanese martyrs to the Archangels and Guardian Angels to Saint Therese the Little Flower. Each time we get to call to mind these particular feasts, it is always amazing to me they always speak to us in unique and specific ways: the right words at the right times. This, of course, does not mean everything is simply fated or on repeat, but that as we move forward in time, we move forward with everyone on heaven and earth and this especially includes all the great saints who intercede for us on a daily basis. As they exist outside of time, they continue to impact our daily lives and can bring succor and aid exactly when we or our friends and family need it. I hope and pray that all of us have had the experience of the profound help that our Guardian Angels have provided us or the Little Flower in inspiring us to love more greatly and simply in all aspects of our lives. Each day there is a saint on our Church calendar to learn about and ask for their help for ourselves or someone else. Additionally, there are many men and women—saints in the making—who are simply waiting on us to ask for their intercession for miracles in our time of need. Let us continue to seek their help in our daily lives and to learn more of these amazing men and women of faith, so that we someday too can join them in the heavenly homeland.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

**OFFERING OF SELF**

I will help feed the hungry.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6pm:* St. Mary's & St. John's joint Parish Council & Finance Council meeting 6pm at St. John's parish hall.
- Thursday, Oct. 8, 5pm:* Adoration & Reconciliation at St. Mary's.
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 3-4pm:* Reconciliation at St. John's

This weekend, the Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Sunday**, kicking off **Respect Life Month**. This week's bulletin, and each week in **October**, look for a short reflection on this year's theme, "**Live the Gospel of Life**".

**RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION**

For all Catholics: That on this Respect Life Sunday our resolve may be strengthened to uphold the dignity of every human life and to cherish and protect the gift of every human life.  
*We Pray to the Lord.*

**NEW TO YOU needs YOU!**

*If you would have just three hours a month to donate your time to our New-To-You Shop, we could use your help. We have safety protocols in place and the need is great to help our community. Please contact the office if interested. Thank you!!*

**ROSARY RALLY AT COURTHOUSE**

The Fatima Rosary Rally is Saturday, October 10 at Noon at the south-East corner of the Blackford County Court House. Everyone is encouraged to come pray one Rosary for the conversion of America to a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will start at Noon. Rosaries and prayer cards will be available. Bring a lawn chair if you will need to sit. It is a windy corner, but hopefully, not freezing! In case of heavy rain, we will gather at St John's in the parish hall at school.

**LIFECCHAIN AT 3 AND 26**

This year's LifeChain will take place Sunday, October 4, 2020 at the crossroads of State Roads 3 and 26, from 2:30-3:30. Signs and sign up will be available at 2:00 and participation can begin immediately. As in past years, each participant is invited to take a sign and spread out from the intersection 20 steps apart and, facing the direction of the traffic, praying for those lives affected by abortion. Please feel free to bring your own water for hydration and a lawn chair if desired.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

**Respect for the Planet's Resources**  
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

- St. Mary's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$745.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$2,145.00  
 Haiti: \$59.15  
 Food Pantry: \$5.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of steward are we?**

**RCIA TO BEGIN NEW YEAR**

RCIA at St. John's will be held each Thursday, in the parish hall. Our meetings will take place from 6-7:30pm. Holy Family will hold RCIA meetings on Sunday's from 10-10:50am prior to the start of Mass. If you know of someone who wishes to start the Catholic faith process, please share this information with them and invite them to our meetings.

**Weekly Prayer Corner: COME, HOLY SPIRIT**

O Consuming Fire, Spirit of love, descend within me and reproduce in me, as it were, an incarnation of the Word, that I may be to him another humanity wherein he renews his mystery.  
*--St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

*St. John's is planning to start their Sunday religious education preschool program in a couple of weeks. We are looking for students aged 3-pre kindergarten that would be interested. The class time follows Sunday Mass until 11am. Contact the office to register, no registration fee.*

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest) began in our parish September 19-20, 2020. The letter from Bishop Doherty explained the new appeal and the good works that it funds as well as the increase of transparency. There are extra envelopes at each church entrance.

We are asking those of you who have not yet made that commitment to do so today and help us reach our goal. Checks may be made out to Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 5:1-7; PS 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; PHIL 4:6-9; MT 21:33-43

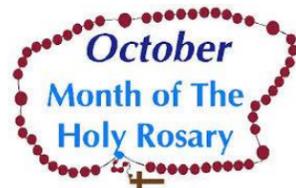
We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them



gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who “will give him the produce at the proper times.” By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now “tenants” called to work in the “vineyard” and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God’s glory.



Join together at St. John’s each Sunday in October at 8:30am prior to the start of Mass to pray the rosary. We will use a different mystery each week. October is the month of the Holy Rosary and all are invited to join in this crusade of this powerful prayer to Mary our Mother of our nation and all nations in support and solidarity for the many needs of our society as we turn to our Lady for prayer and intercession.



**St. John’s** meet and greet will take place on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be available as you mingle with one another and Fr. Hurley. Come and go as your afternoon allows.

**Gas City** is planning a welcome carry-in for Fr. Hurley on Sunday, October 18 after 11am Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend whichever event fits their schedule.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 5: [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest] Gal 1: 6-12; Lk 10: 25-37

Oct. 6: [St. Bruno, priest, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin] Gal 1: 13-24; Lk 10: 38-42

Oct. 7: [Our Lady of the Rosary] Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14; Lk 11: 1-4

Oct. 8: Gal 3: 1-5; Lk 11: 5-13

Oct. 9: [St. Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest] Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11: 15-26

Oct. 10: Gal 3: 22-29; Lk 11: 27-28

Oct. 11: Is 25: 6-10a; Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt 22: 1-14

## COFFEE & DONUTS

All are invited each Sunday of religious education to coffee & donuts in the parish hall at St. John’s. Visit with fellow parishioners and support the students and maybe even take in a **Sunday Morning Bible Study DVD session.**



## 27TH 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, 5-5:30pm each Thursday  
St. John, 3-4:00pm each Saturday  
Gas City, 12noon-1pm each Sunday

### 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  
The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Pastor, Fr. Kevin Hurley

### PARISH OFFICES

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### St. Mary, Dunkirk

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Parish Office: 765-348-3889  
Church Basement: 765-768-1283

### St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

213 S. Spring St., Hartford City, IN 47348  
Parish Office: 765-348-3889  
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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