



CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
October 25, 2020
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 26, at St. John’s
10:00a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz

Tuesday, October 27
No Mass

Wednesday, October 28, at St. John’s
12:00noon...George & Karleen Reidy

Thursday, October 29, at St. Mary’s
5:30p.m...Welfare of Madison Wenk

Friday, October 30, at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Mary E. Walz

Saturday, October 31, at St. Mary’s
5:30p.m...Margaret Hull

Sunday, November 1
9:00a.m...Ilah Place 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.

In prepping for the November newsletter last week, I received some reminders that Advent and Christmas were not that far off. Now for some that is not always a comforting thought, which is understandable since it can remind them of difficult losses and painful memories: and this is compounded by a rather challenging 2020 year. The good news for us as Catholics is that we do not have to wait till January 1st for a new year to begin. Our life while yes temporal in nature is also religious too, and the new liturgical year for 2021 starts Saturday November 28th with the vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent. Whenever you might be reading this, it will be approximately 34 days—or less than—when 2020 religiously and spiritually is completely done. We will again have the opportunity to begin our life with Christ and start the beautiful journey to Bethlehem to adore the new King of the world.

Writing of new beginnings, I am also pleased to announce that our business manager of 26 years Diana Holsten has accepted a promotion to become the Director of Operations for St. John’s, St. Mary’s, and Holy Family. Diana has been an integral part of the life here at St. John’s and St. Mary’s and her skills will be a great asset in serving the parishioners of Holy Family as we continue to work together as a pastorate. Please let us congratulate Diana for her hard work and her ongoing service to our parishes and to the Diocese of Lafayette.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

OFFERING OF SELF

I will thank God for sending His Son to die for my sins.

MASS TIME SHIFT...ST. MARY’S

Saturday, **October 31st**, Mass at St. Mary’s will begin at **5:35pm** rather than 5pm for **this weekend only** as Fr. Hurley has a wedding out of town and needs extra travel time to return.

DISPENSATION AGAIN EXTENDED

This week, the Bishops across all five Indiana dioceses have extended the dispensation from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance until further notice.

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, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond 1 November 2020 until further notice.

“I expect the people of our diocese to continue to keep the Lord’s Day holy,” said Bishop Doherty. **“To be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not mean people should stay away from the Church. I continue to invite each of you prayerfully consider attending Mass to fully experience the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist and so you may share in the spiritual gifts of the Church with your parish family,”** he explained.

The diocese continues to strongly encourage proper social distancing and the use of face masks at Mass. Six-foot social distancing should be adhered to for those that are not related. It is important that parishioners contact their parish office with any questions about the protocols that have been put in place for their safety.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, Oct. 27:* Women’s Bible Study resumes 9-11am at St. John’s
- Thursday, Oct. 29, 6-7:30pm:* RCIA at St. John’s
- Saturday, Oct. 31, 3-4pm:* Reconciliation at St. John’s
- 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary’s
- 7-8pm Hall-o-ween Trick-or-Treating at Holy Family
- Sunday, Nov. 1, 10-10:50am:* RCIA at Holy Family
- 12noon All Saints Party and lunch carry-in at Holy Family

PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

Holy Family Church is in need of a piano/keyboard or guitar player for Sunday Mass at 11am. If interested, contact Rebecca McDonough at rmcdonough@parish.dol-in.org

MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope’s missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

October is Respect Life Month. Each week in October, there will be a short reflection on this year’s theme, “Live the Gospel of Life”.

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION

That the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts; May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health;
We Pray to the Lord.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

The Laity’s Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Oct. 26:* Eph 4: 32 – 5: 8; Lk 13: 10-17
- Oct. 27:* Eph 5: 21-33; Lk 13: 18-21
- Oct. 28:* [Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles] Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16
- Oct. 29:* Eph 6: 10-20; Lk 13: 31-35
- Oct. 30:* Phil 1: 1-11; Lk 14: 1-6
- Oct. 31:* Phil 1: 18b-26; Lk 14: 1, 7-11
- Nov. 1:* [All Saints] Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12a

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

Each of our three parishes will be able to celebrate All Souls’ Day Mass for their departed loved one, even though this is not an obligation day. The schedule for All Soul’s Day Masses is as follows:

- 10:00am at St. John’s
- 12:00noon at St. Mary’s
- 5:30pm at Holy Family

One of our Works of Mercy is to pray for the dead, please plan to join us in this effort.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$379.00

World Missions: \$65.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$870.00

Building: \$15.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

World Missions: \$155.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship - joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

CLEANSE ME, LORD

O Lord, I have consecrated my entire self to you but in my human frailty I have sinned both in word and deed many times against you, who alone are pure and without sin. Purify me so that I may draw nearer to you.

--St. Melania the Younger

OUR LOCAL CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest) is a 16-month appeal to help the greater local Church, our diocese. This will support the following **diocesan ministries**:

Clergy Support	Vocations
Permanent Diaconate	Catholic Schools
College Ministries	Pastoral Ministries
Hispanic Ministry	Retreat Center
Catechesis	Charities

Family Life

Also, it will support the following **parish ministries**:

Administration	Technology
Human Resources	Tribunal
Divine Worship	Stewardship
Planned Giving	Communication

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with this appeal and complete your pledge card and return it soon. To those that have already done so, Thank You!

HOLY FAMILY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, October 31, 7-8pm all are invited to either decorate a table and bring treats for Trick-or-Treaters or participate in the Trick-or-Treating.

Sunday, November 1, following 11am Mass, the RE program is hosting an All Saints Party for our pastorate. Come dressed as your favorite saint; prizes will be awarded, play games, and/or participate in the lunch carry-in.

All are invited to participate in these festivities at Holy Family Church in Gas City.

GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS:

EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

Today's readings are all about the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."



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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
Holy Family, 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

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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