



**CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**November 1, 2020**

**All Saints Day**

**Monday, November 2, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

10:00a.m...All Souls, at St. John’s  
12:00noon...Parishioners of St. Mary’s, St. John’s and Holy Family at St. Mary’s  
5:30p.m... at Holy Family

**Tuesday, November 3**

No Mass

**Wednesday, November 4, at St. John’s**

12:00noon...Robert Heiser

**Thursday, November 5, at St. Mary’s**

5:30p.m...Martha Kistler

**Friday, November 6, at Holy Family**

9:00a.m...

**Saturday, November 7, at St. Mary’s**

**5:30p.m...**Parishioners of St. Mary’s, St. John’s and Holy Family

**Sunday, November 8**

9:00a.m...Cheryle Meyer at St. John’s

11:00a.m... 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*

**OFFERING OF SELF**

I will make a special effort to examine preconceptions that may be holding me back.

A quick note as we prepare for our National Elections on the concept of conscience and forming them. As the Catechism succinctly states in paragraph 1785: “In the formation of conscience the word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord’s cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others, and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.” There are so many great resources on forming consciences, and if you need any additional help with this please let me know. Let us pray for our country and a safe and peaceful election.

**Addendum:** we will have a Book of Remembrance to write the names of our beloved dead from this past year [and years past as well] in all our parishes. Praying for our dearly departed and the poor souls in purgatory is one of the great works of mercy that we can do all year, but especially in the month of November when we honor them and all the Saints in Heaven. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

**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.

**Each of our three parishes has a Book of the Dead for our parishioners to inscribe names of their departed loved ones. We will pray for these people throughout the month of November. Please add your loved one’s name to our book located in the back of church.**

**UNITE OUR NATION ON ELECTION DAY**

Pray and fast on Monday 2 November—that’s where it all starts.

1. Spend an hour in prayer or Eucharistic Adoration on Monday and Tuesday for the conversion of hearts.
2. Implore the Blessed Mother’s intercession throughout the day—light a candle so that her light may shine on all.
3. Sprinkle Holy Water or Blessed Salt on your community’s streets and sidewalks.
4. Pray the Rosary together as a family on Monday and Tuesday

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for all of our departed loved ones, the poor souls in purgatory, for our nation, that through our works of mercy and our civil duty, we may help lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.

**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.

**“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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Nov. 2: [Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed]
- Nov. 3: [St. Martin de Porres, religious] Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
- Nov. 4: [St. Charles Borromeo, bishop] Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33
- Nov. 5: Phil 3: 3-8a; Lk 15: 1-10
- Nov. 6: Phil 3: 17 – 4: 1; Lk 16: 1-8
- Nov. 7: Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15
- Nov. 8: Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4: 13-18; Mt 25: 1-13



St Johns Youth Group took part in the community trunk or treat on Friday 10/23/2020. We would like to thank all of the parishioners for their donations supporting us in this activity.

**Today begins Vocation Awareness Week**

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today’s society will hear and respond to God’s call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

**One Vocation Leads to Another**

“Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations.” – Pope Benedict XV

**Your Unique Mission**

Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocations? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul. As St. John Henry Newman famously reflected: “God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I HAVE A MISSION.”

The Religious Education students will participate in the Safe and Sacred L.I.F.E. program at St. John’s on November 8. This diocesan-wide program teaches our youth about safety concerns of friendships, their body, the internet, and others. Please make sure your student is in attendance next week.



Picture from the Fatima Rosary Rally held at the courthouse in Hartford City in October. Thank you to those in attendance.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Nov. 2: All Souls Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Women's Bible Study resumes 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6pm Combined Parish/Finance Council meeting at St. John's

Thursday, Nov. 5, 5pm, Reconciliation & Adoration at St. Mary's

6-7:30pm: RCIA at St. John's

Friday, Nov. 6, 9:30am-9pm, Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Family

Saturday, Nov. 7, 3-4pm: Reconciliation at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 8, 10-10:50am: Religious Ed at St. John's; RCIA at Holy Family

#### 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.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$996.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,769.00

Haiti: \$78.00

Building: \$40.00

Food Pantry: \$40.00

World Missions: \$75.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!**

#### 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.

#### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

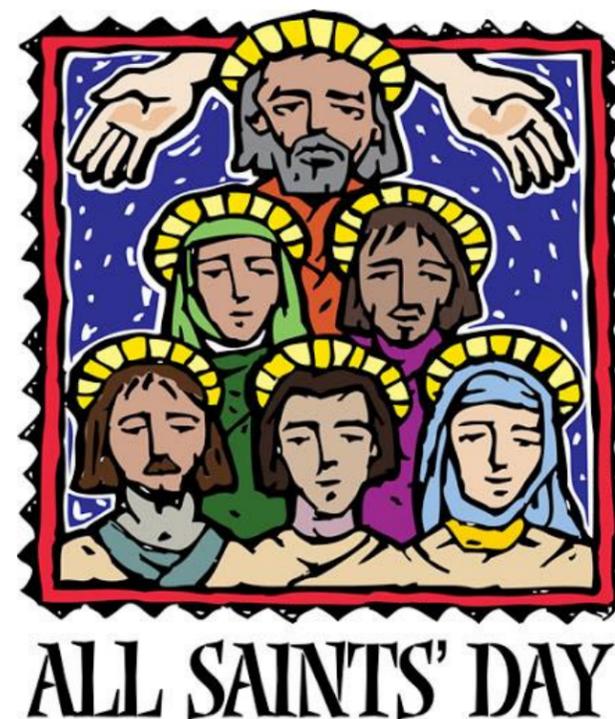
RV 7:2-4, 9-14; PS 24:1B-4B, 5-6; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12A

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship — in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, through the stewardship way of life, we can each discover our unique path to do just that.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reveals His Beatitudes. In them, our Lord lays out the characteristics that mark His disciples, His saints-in-the-making. As we examine, tweak, and update our commitments to the stewardship way of life, we must always keep these Beatitudes in mind as a measure of our progress towards saintliness.

The "blessed" that our Lord speaks of are not the different types of good people who get to go to Heaven. Rather, the "blessed" are the characteristics of the disciples of Christ. These characteristics — poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and insulted — can only be obtained with an abundance of grace. But we are children of God, so we have access to the infinite treasury of God's grace.

Armed with that grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and celebration of Heaven.



#### 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; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

#### 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

P.O. Box 286, Dunkirk, IN 47336

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

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##### 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