



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
November 8, 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 9, at St. John's
 10:00a.m...Patricia McCammon

Tuesday, November 10
 No Mass

Wednesday, November 11, at St. John's
 12:00noon...Rollin & Helen Waters

Thursday, November 12, at St. Mary's
 5:30p.m...Jim Grady

Friday, November 13, at Holy Family
 9:00a.m...

Saturday, November 14, at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family

Sunday, November 15
 9:00a.m...Christy Robinson at St. John's
 11:00a.m... at Holy Family

The concept of vocations is quite deep and profound, whether as an individual, a couple, family, community, Church, or even a country. As of this writing, we were still awaiting election results for our country, which could potentially experience a shift in our vocational nature for some time. In my reflections on the nature of a vocation, it continues to evolve as I grow in my priesthood, especially now as a pastor. Things that seemed so simple are a bit more complicated and nuanced than I originally thought, but other aspects not as challenging as I thought now that I am in the "pastor's chair". I can say that my vocational life continues to become deeper and grow richer as the years pass, and God continually surprises me with new challenges and graces too; I hope that is the same for all of you as well.

As we reflect on vocations to the priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and married life, please know I am always ready to pray and assist anyone in their discernment on vocations and ongoing reflection on their current one too. God has so many different ways for us to discover how we can serve Him, the Church, and each other, and the more we are praying and supporting one another in our respective vocations, the greater His kingdom will spread and reach those who might not know their purpose and path yet. Let us continue to pray for our country, for our veterans—living and deceased—and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life this weekend and every day.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

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 each church.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will forgive those who have repeatedly offended me, just as Christ forgives me.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Cheryle Meyer, parishioner of St. John's, and Patricia McCammon, mother of Pam Hurley and Austin, and Vera Johnson, mother of Claire Aulbach, who passed to eternal life this week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

November is a good time to pray for our deceased loved ones as we celebrate All Souls' Day. As mentioned in last week's homily we can do this through visits to the cemetery as well as offering Mass intentions. In your envelope packets there is a special envelope for this purpose. Each Mass is \$10, write the name(s) you wish the Mass to be offered for on the back. St. Mary's is especially in need of Mass intentions. Let us pray for one another, our deceased loved ones, and the poor souls in purgatory.

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED

Community & Family Services in Hartford City is in great need of volunteers to help pass out produce to their clients. They usually get a truck in once a week, sometimes twice. Contact them at 348-0744 if you would be willing to help. This would not only bless others, but when you leave you are also blessed.

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

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. The diocese continues to strongly encourage proper social distancing and the use of face masks at Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 9: [Dedication of the Lateran Basilica] Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2: 13-22
Nov. 10: [St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church] Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14; Lk 17: 7-10
Nov. 11: [St. Martin of Tours, bishop] Ti 3: 1-7; Lk 17: 11-19
Nov. 12: [St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr] Phlm 7: 20; Lk 17: 20-25
Nov. 13: [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin] 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17: 26-37
Nov. 14: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18: 1-8
Nov. 15: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5: 1-6;; Mt 25: 14-30

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Nov. 9: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday, Nov. 10: Women's Bible Study resumes 9-11am at St. John's
Wednesday Nov. 11: Finance Council 6pm at St. John's
Thursday, Nov. 12, 5pm, Reconciliation & Adoration at St. Mary's
6-7:30pm: RCIA at St. John's
Friday, Nov. 13, 8:30am, Reconciliation at Holy Family
Saturday, Nov. 14, 3-4pm: Reconciliation at St. John's
 Food Pantry at St. Mary's
Sunday, Nov. 8, 10-10:50am: Religious Ed at St. John's; RCIA at Holy Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
 Sunday Collection: \$830.00
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
 Sunday Collection: \$2,788.00
 Haiti: \$100.00
 Building: \$115.00
 Food Pantry: \$180.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$50.00
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS
Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.
For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.
For those who are serving, give them courage.
For those who served, we offer our gratitude.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



“It takes a Village”- Vocations as a shared ministry, an excerpt from The Catholic Moment, Nov. 1, 2020

In order to foster a culture of vocations in our parishes, we must recognize that the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the religious life, the dedicated single life, and marriage lies beyond merely implementing programs. Building a culture of vocations involves building a mindset in which the pursuit of the universal call to holiness is translated into a pursuit of the particular way that God is calling each person to live that holiness in her/his life. This starts in the family but must also be reinforced and supported in the greater faith community. Parishes can develop this culture among the faithful through promoting prayer, inspiring activities, education, and encouraging support.

History has proven that young people are inspired through the witness of the vocations that they encounter. It is evident that priests who faithfully and joyfully live their priesthood are integral in inspiring young men to pursue the priesthood. This is evident for the other vocations, as well. The authentic witness of men and women who know and love their vocation is inevitably attractive and desirable for young people. Through regular encounters with those who are faithfully striving to live their vocation, a young person is moved to ask her/himself, “Could that be me?” This is why parishes must foster a relational approach to vocations ministry, promoting opportunities (formal and informal) for young people to encounter and interact with men and women of any vocation (priests and religious especially) to assist them in discerning God’s call.

The phase of discernment in which a young person seeks to know the vocation that God has for her/him is unique for each discernor. Therefore, this requires individual attention in order to apply effective resources for spiritual nourishment. This attention is what we mean when we say, “pastoral accompaniment”. Discerners often get stuck asking the question, “Am I really being called to this?” Having experienced mentors who can help name the signs of a true calling is indispensable and can give that discernor the courage to take the first step to pursue that call. Each of us can take part in this accompaniment by discerning the signs in our own lives and by fostering intentional efforts to “leave no young person behind” as they discover God’s call in their lives.

There’s an old saying that “it takes a village to raise a child”. By seeing vocations as a shared ministry and by working together to apply these three basic tenets, each of us can do our part to raise up holy vocations in our parishes. In doing so, our parishes will begin to

vibrate with new life. “Many hands make light work.” Let us each lend our hands, therefore, to the ministry of vocations as we make Uniting in Heart a reality. Father Dominic Petan was ordained a priest of the diocese in 2012 and currently serves as the Vicar for Clergy, Director of Vocations and Director of the Permanent Diaconate.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

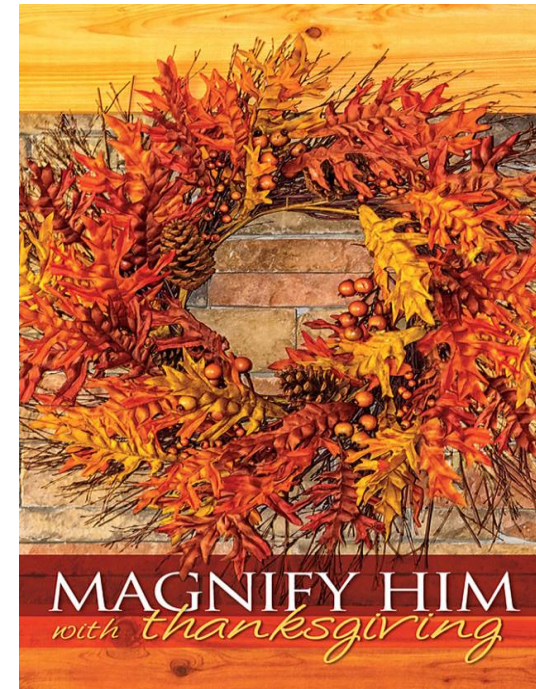
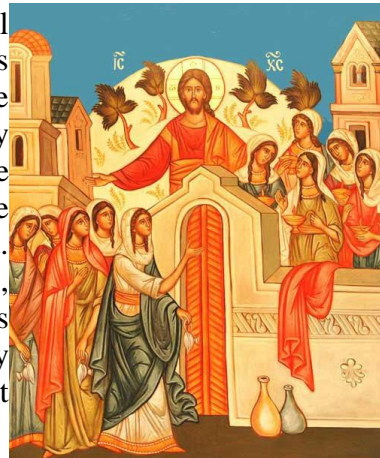
GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

WIS 6:12-16; PS 63:2-8; 1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14; MT 25:1-13

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the “oil” that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.



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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; 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

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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