



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
November 15, 2020
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 16, at St. John's
12:00noon...Clinton Cizek

Tuesday, November 17
11:00a.m...Funeral Mass for Charlie Montgomery

Wednesday, November 18, at St. John's
12:00noon...Deceased of Lenz Family

Thursday, November 19, at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Don Martin

Friday, November 20, at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Brenda Hughes

Saturday, November 21, at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...Phillip Crouch

Sunday, November 22
9:00a.m...Jesse, Sr. & Olive Huggins 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

Monday Mass will be held at 12noon due to Fr. Hurley having a committal ceremony at the Marion VA. Please join us at noon for Monday weekday Mass this week.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will thank Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice the law required and the prophets foretold.

This past week we had our first meeting as the East Deanery. It was a great opportunity to meet as pastors and priests and talk about pastoral and sacramental ministry for our local area Churches. One of the subjects was Advent Penance services, which is a great thing to have a discussion about since it belies a degree of some things returning to normal. We will be announcing that date for our pastorate shortly. On the subject of reconciliation, we are still working as a parish on our confession times and schedule to meet the needs of everyone; feedback to myself or Diana or any of the parish council members is always appreciated.

The sacrament itself is integral in growing in one's faith and relationships with God and family. As one of the Church Fathers, St. Basil the Great, once remarked. "Man is a creature which has received the command to become God." We cannot become like God unless we remove obstacles in the way to do so, and that is precisely what confession can and will do. It is one of the great gifts Jesus Christ gave to the Church on His Ascension, and it is one I take seriously as your pastor. I am always willing to hear confessions at any time and will continue to pray for us all as we work on becoming like the Holy Trinity and sharing the Gospel with everyone that we meet.

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.

THANK YOU

We deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy extended to us following the death of Claire's mother, Vera Johnson. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Tom & Claire Aulbach & Family

WORKING I THE MARGINS

Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Charlie Montgomery, parishioner of St. John's, Robert Moore and Marie Ray, parishioners of Holy Family, 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.

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.

Our Catholic Book Club & Sunday Morning Bible Study

Ready for a book study with an Advent book? There are so many books to choose. Here are a few suggestions:

- A. "The Infancy Narratives, Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI, is always a good choice even if you have read it once or twice already,
 - B. "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas 'a Kempis is very good, too.
 - C. John Paul II, "The Way to Christ," would be another good choice.
 - D. "30 Days with St. Therese" by Thomas J. Craughwell, 73 pages.
 - E. "Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis" by Francis Cleary covers 40 days.
 - F. "Field Hospital Catechesis, The Core Content for RCIA Formation" by Nick Wagner, pgs. 110.
- You can always pick one and read on your own; or, come as you can to a small group each Sunday during Religious Ed time from after Mass until the kids are dismissed.
Contact 765-348-3889 (Diana) or 512-627-6863 (Susan) for more information or to order a book. You can also order online.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Nov. 16: [St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin] Rv 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Lk 18: 35-43
- Nov. 17: [St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious] Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22; Lk 19: 1-10
- Nov. 18: [The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles; St. Rose Phillippine Duchesne, virgin] Rv 4: 1-11; Lk 19: 11-28
- Nov. 19: Rv 5: 1-10; Lk 19: 41-44
- Nov. 20: Rv 10: 8-11; Lk 19: 45-48
- Nov. 21: [The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Rv 11: 4-12; Lk 20: 27-40
- Nov. 22: [Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe] Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday Nov. 18: Finance Council 6pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5pm, Reconciliation & Adoration at St. Mary's

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

Friday, Nov. 20, 8:30am, Reconciliation at Holy Family

Saturday, Nov. 21, 3-4pm: Reconciliation at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 22, 10-10:50am: Religious Ed at St. John's; RCIA at Holy Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$558.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,949.00

Haiti: \$10.00

Building: \$135.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$30.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

Artificial Intelligence

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

A second round of letters will arrive in the next week with pledge cards for the CMA appeal. This replaces Fruitful Harvest. Our parishes are well below their goals and we ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to help the local Church, our diocese, as these funds are used for many ministries throughout our parishes. This campaign runs through December, 2021.

CONFESSION EACH SATURDAY

Fr. Hurley will be at St. John's from 3-4pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at Holy Family from noon-1pm on Sundays.

St. Mary's will hold Adoration and Reconciliation each Thursday from 5-5:25 prior to weekday Mass.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; PS 128:2-5; 1 THES 5:1-6; MT 25:14-30

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

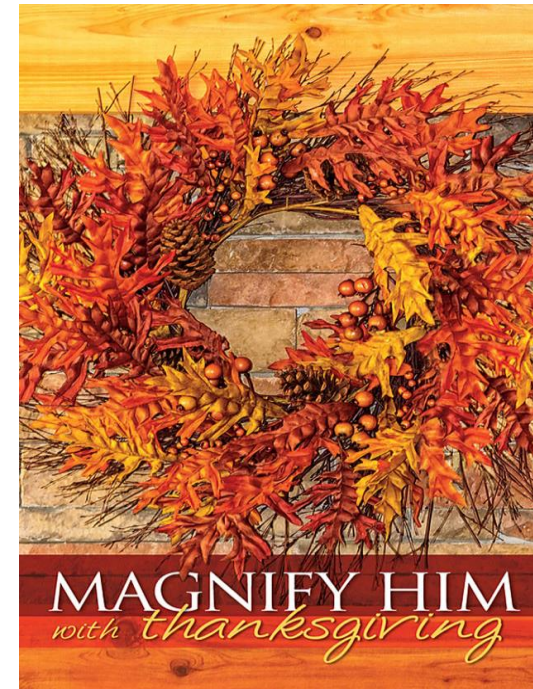
Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the story — commonly known as the Parable of the Talents — of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey.

Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to “entrust his possessions to them.”

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money (“talent”) commensurate with that servant's abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they “immediately” put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response! This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: “Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy.”



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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