



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord**

Monday, January 11 at St. John's
10:00a.m...Clinton Cizek
Tuesday, January 12
0:00a.m...No Mass
Wednesday, January 13, at St. John's
12:00noon...John Bonvillian
Thursday, January 14, at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Tyler Robins
Friday, January 15, at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Marie Ray
Saturday, January 16, at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family
Sunday, January 17
9:00a.m...Bob O'Rourke at St. John's
11:00a.m...Betty & Edgar Poe 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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

Three times over we wish to thank those who helped throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons to decorate our churches, help with the extra cleaning, activities and scheduling, cards and prayers. Our parishioners make the difference in our parish life!



We conclude our Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord a rather unique way to close these celebrations. As one of the Church Fathers, St. Maximus, once asked, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched." We all receive a last gift for Christmas, the great reminder that Jesus did not simply come to visit us but to dwell with us, and in order to do so He sanctifies water so we can always be remade clean in the saving waters of Baptism and the sacramental life that follows from it. So, we can follow after Him and bring so many others along the way.

In addition to Christmas gifts, I wanted to thank publically Tina Posten for her gift as serving as secretary at Holy Family Parish these past 13 and half years. On behalf of my brother pastors and parishioners, I want to honor her willingness to follow after Christ in her work in building up the kingdom in our community. She has earned a deserved rest and retirement and certainly our prayers for her and her family as well in the days, please continue to pray for her and her intentions as we continue to also follow after Christ to the best of our ability.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

HAPPY RETIREMENT TINA

Congratulations, thanks and well wishes for Tina Posten on her retirement. If anyone wishes to send a card, please mail it to Holy Family Church at 325 E North A St, Gas City, IN 46933 and we will get those to her.

Throughout the month of January Diana will be in the office at Holy Family from 1-4pm each week.

TAX SEASON

If you wish to receive a letter of your tax contributions given for 2020, please contact Diana by phone at 348-3889 or by email at stmaryjohn.org or DHolsten@parish.dol-in.org

Bulletin information should be submitted to Diana by Thursday 10am each week for that weekend's bulletin. Submit info. to stmaryjohn@att.net or dholsten@parish.dol-in.org or call 765-348-3889.

The Good News Letter is printed monthly January-November. The deadline for our next edition is January 22. If there is anything that needs included in it or the monthly calendar for February, please submit by the deadline.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education resumes this weekend, January 10th. St. John's and St. Mary's high school students especially need to make plans to attend each weekend as we prepare for Confirmation on May 5th. Likewise, second grade students are in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 11: Heb 1: 1-6; Mk 1: 14-20
Jan. 12: Heb 2: 5-12; Mk 1: 21-28
Jan. 13: [St. Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church] Heb 2: 14-18; Mk 1: 29-39
Jan. 14: Heb 3: 7-14; Mk 1: 40-45
Jan. 15: Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Mk 2: 1-12
Jan. 16: Heb 4: 12-16; Mk 2: 13-17
Jan. 17: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Please be generous. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

Join us for Sunday morning bible study at 10am with a special DVD. Grab your coffee & donut, and join us in the parish hall near the stage.

HOLY FAMILY CARRY-IN: January, 17 after Mass. We would like to keep our monthly carry-in going with Covid rules in mind. Join us in fellowship. Reemmer Hall will be open to drop off your dish. Ovens set on warm.

RCIA NEWS

Sessions **focused on Jesus Christ** will meet each Thursday in St. John's Parish Hall at 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. Holy Family RCIA sessions meet on Sunday mornings 10-10:50am. Let us share the Good News with each other and, especially, with those who don't know Jesus. God loves us enough to become one of us and to send His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John3:16)

We begin with light refreshments; meet & greet newcomers. Everyone is welcome to attend, so bring a friend. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines of wearing masks and social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact the Church office, Diana at 348-3889; or, contact Susan at 512-627-6863 or Pam Trees.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Paul Watson, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

Applications for the Holy Family Scholarship are now available and will be taken through the Grant County Community Foundation, 505 W 3rd Street, Marion (765-662-0065) until the end of **January 2021.** Apply online:

@:https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.givetogrant.org&c=E,1,25OhjTpmTfOTCyNeX_5HHCXw-az939vNGdVGEskQ8hjKvO26YTWroeE0Z7LofZLASU6c8Vue4CRplGcYhUHawG68QK-MJ0qB_XDybJdEYNHNinF_&typo=1

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Jan. 13: Finance Co 6pm at St. John's
Thursday, Jan. 14: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
Finance Co. 6pm at St. Mary's
RCIA 6:15-7:30pm at St. John's
Friday, Jan. 15: Reconciliation 8:30-8:55am at Holy Family
Saturday, Jan. 16: Reconciliation 3-4pm at St. John's
Sunday, Jan. 17: Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John's
Religious Ed & RCIA 10-10:50 at Holy Family
Reconciliation 11-12noon at Holy Family

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

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$918.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$6,794.00

Building: \$1,100.00

Food Pantry: \$260.00

Haiti: \$205.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$3,340.05

Sharing Cupboard: \$79.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB:

Find information about our three parishes including weekly bulletins, calendar and online contributions ability on the web at www.stmaryjohn.org.

Prayers and Instructions for House Blessing

Last week Fr. Hurley had the House Blessing listed in the bulletin. Be sure to take your chalk and holy water from the back of church. The House Blessing can be found on our website or contact the office.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us rejoice the birth of our Savior as we celebrate Christmas. During this Christmas Season, let us pray the rosary with thankful hearts as Mary unwrapped that first Christmas present to the world.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 42:1-4, 6-7 or IS 55:1-11; PS 1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or IS 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; ACTS 10:34-38 or 1 JN 5:1-9; MK 1:7-11

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, "Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?" We should ask ourselves, "Who is the king of our hearts?" As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION:

Christ is born, let us glorify him! Christ from heaven, let us go out to meet him! Christ on earth, let us exult him! Sing to the Lord all the whole earth. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, for him who is of heaven and then of earth: Christ in the flesh. Let us rejoice with trembling and with joy— with trembling because of our sins, with joy because of our hope. Amen. --St. Gregory Nazianzen



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

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

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please 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

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Holy Family, Gas City

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Parish Office: 765-674-2605

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