



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 18 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Wanda Hoover

Tuesday, January 19

0:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, January 20, at St. John's

12:00noon...No Mass

Thursday, January 21, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Don Martin

Friday, January 22, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Mary Walz

Saturday, January 23, at St. Mary's

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family

Sunday, January 24

9:00a.m...Jerry Trant at St. John's

11:00a.m...Paulette Charles at Holy Family

Yesterday, we celebrated First Reconciliation at Holy Family for our first communicants' class, and we will have First Reconciliation for St. John's and St. Mary's on January 30th. The history of the sacrament of Reconciliation is a great one and we will have some talks on it in the future. It has certainly changed from the days of public confession and penances to the individual rite as it is now. I am truly honored as the minister of the sacrament to assist people in reconciling to God and the Church and helping penitents grow in their relationship to the Holy Trinity and with their friends, family, and communities. As the Catechism reminds us that Jesus Christ is the physician of our souls and bodies and has willed his Church to continue his work of healing and salvation.

To that end, we will be changing confession times at the start of February. We will continue to have confessions at St. Mary's on Thursdays during adoration 5-5:30pm and Holy Family Friday 8:30-9am and Sunday's after Mass until all are heard. At St. John's we will move confession to Sunday morning 8-8:45am, and we will have confessions Saturday night at St. Mary's 4-4:30pm. Please take advantage of these opportunities to grow closer to Jesus and each other.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Four students at Holy Family received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend for the first time. Please keep in your prayers Allison Holmes, Benjamin Soultz, Arianna Vaughn, and Keegan Vaughn as they continue to learn and grow in their faith in preparation to receive Jesus at their First Communion this Easter season.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Donald Walz, parishioner of Holy Family, and Sr. Marguerite Coyne, sister of Anna Cimino, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this past week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

Thank you, Holy Family parishioners, for your generosity. We collected and delivered 568 items for the We Care Christmas families. Thank You!

The family of Jerry Trant would like to thank our parish family for all the thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness we received during Jerry's short stay in the hospital and upon his death.

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 Monday.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 18: Heb 5: 1-10; Mk 2: 18-22

Jan. 19: Heb 6: 10-20; Mk 2: 23-28

Jan. 20: [St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr] Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mk 3: 1-6

Jan. 21: [St. Agnes, virgin & martyr] Heb 7: 25-8;6; Mk 3: 7-12

Jan. 22: [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children]

Jan. 23: [St. Marianne Cope, virgin; St. Vincent, deacon & martyr] Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14; Mk 3: 20-21

Jan. 24: Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1: 14-20

"THE MASS" series of DVDs will be shown again on Sunday mornings at St. John's 10-10:45am beginning this Sunday. If you have seen it, you will remember how good it was, but join us again for deeper learning! If you haven't seen it, do not miss it! Masks and social distancing in place. Grab your coffee & donut, and join us in the parish hall near the stage.

RCIA NEWS

St. John's and Holy Family RCIA sessions will be meeting on an as needed basis due to COVID and are therefore not currently meeting on the scheduled days and times. However, we do still encourage anyone wishing to inquire of the RCIA process to contact the Church office at 348-3889; Susan Lannoy at 512-627-6863 or Pam Trees at 674-8418.

Holy Hour and Memorial Mass for Babies and For a Restoration of the Right to Life

will be held at Saint Boniface Church in Lafayette on Thursday, January 21st. The Holy Hour will be held from 5:30pm-6:30pm, and Mass will begin at 6:30pm. The both are open to everyone as we remember and pray for those who have lost a baby at any time during pregnancy, whether through ectopic loss, miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth, and to celebrate God's most precious gift – LIFE! Prayers will also be offered for an end to abortion, for those suffering from the effects of abortion, and for a restoration of the right to life for all people. For more information or to have a baby remembered at this Mass and receive a personalized *Certificate of Life* with your baby's name, please contact Elsa Zamora at (765) 586-6687, or Cheri Irons at (765) 412-0937 or cheri.iron@gmail.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Jan. 20: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Jan. 21: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Friday, Jan. 22: Reconciliation 8:30-8:55am at Holy Family

Saturday, Jan. 23: Reconciliation 3-4pm at St. John's

Sunday, Jan. 24: Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John's

Religious Ed 10-10:50 at Holy Family

Reconciliation 11-12noon at Holy Family

Rosary 4pm 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

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.

DESTINATION JESUS—FEB. 13th

The Highschool Youth Group be participating in Destination Jesus. This year, it is an event that is hosted within each parish, with us tuning in virtually to some parts of the night. There will be a welcome from the Bishop, a dynamic speaker, a time of reflection, an opportunity to write letters for a time capsule, a holy hour with praise and worship music, and the opportunity for confession. The patron of this year's D.J. is St. John Paul II.

The doors to McCarthy Hall, at St. Paul's in Marion, will open at 5:45 and the night will start at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Snacks will be provided.

The cost of the event is \$20, but assistance is available if needed. Please contact Bethany at bkuhn@parish.dol-in.org or the office to sign up.

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:

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$682.00
Religious Retirement: \$75.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,059.00
Religious Retirement: \$255.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$3,270.00
Religious Retirement: \$189.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do you will."

PRAY THE ROSARY

As we move in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn children, let us turn to Mary through prayer of the rosary that all Christians can unite for the common good and for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

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

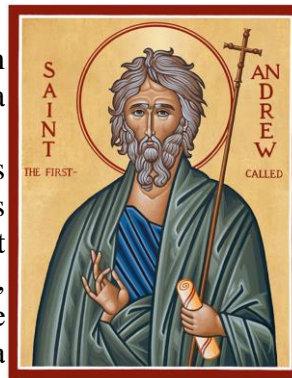
GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

1 SM 3:3b-10, 19; PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20; JN 1:35-42

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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