



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 25 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Ruth Irene Parker

Tuesday, January 26

0:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, January 27, at St. John's

12:00noon...Patricia McCammon

Thursday, January 28, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Special Intention

Friday, January 29, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Jackie Jenson

Saturday, January 30, at St. Mary's

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

Sunday, January 31

9:00a.m...Ilah Place at St. John's

11:00a.m...Paul Watson 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.

As we gather this Sunday during our Novena for Life as a country and Church, let us continue to pray and support life in all its different facets this weekend and this week. Let us continue to fast and do our part to stand up for life and pray for an end to abortion both here in America and throughout the world.

Let us pray: *Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

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.

Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, "*Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible,*" which has started and will continue each Sunday barring inclement weather. This is a great DVD series for newcomers and lifetime Catholics even if you have seen it once. Please join us! We meet in the school hall downstairs near the stage. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Social distancing and masks (after your snack) are needed. We will start the DVD at 9:55 am when the students have gone to their RE classes and will watch one session each week. Each session is about 55 minutes. We end the session shortly before the RE students are dismissed.

Jan 24- Session 2: In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice

Jan 31- Session 3: Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and The Passover Lamb

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 25: [Conversion of St. Paul, apostle] Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18

Jan. 26: [Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops] 2 Tim 1: 1-8; Mk 3: 31-35

Jan. 27: [St. Angela Merici, virgin & religious founder] Heb 10: 11-18; Mk 4: 1-20

Jan. 28: [St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church] Heb 10: 19-25; Mk 4: 21-25

Jan. 29: Heb 10: 32-39; Mk 4: 26-34

Jan. 30: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Mk 4: 35-41

Jan. 31: Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1: 21-28

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.

An online memorial service for Pearl Scott, former Hartford City resident and St. John's parishioner for more than 50 years, will be held Sunday, January 31, at 8 p.m Eastern time, via Zoom. Pearl passed away in April in California at the age of 96. To register for the Zoom service, click [here](#), or contact Joy Scott at joy@scottpublicrelations.com, 818-610-0270. Thank you St. John's parish and parishioners for many happy memories!

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Jan. 28: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Friday, Jan. 29: Reconciliation 8:30-8:55am at Holy Family

Saturday, Jan. 30: Reconciliation 3-4pm at St. John's

Sunday, Jan. 31: 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

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.

To St. Mary's Parishioners:

"Thank you for your generous donation to Project Friend Food Pantry."

Linda Bowdell

"Dear Sweet St. Mary's Ladies:

We at the Pregnancy Care Center appreciate your support so very much. Without folks like you we couldn't meet the needs of our moms and their little ones. An thy know it comes from donors. Please remember us in your prayers.

God Bless, Patty, Director, the board, and volunteers"



GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

Jon 3:1-5, 10; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 7:29-31; MK 1:14-20

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now. These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?



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

PRAY THE ROSARY

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$378.00
Religious Retirement: \$20.00
Food Pantry: \$20.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,035.00
Religious Retirement: \$130.00
Food Pantry: \$75.00
Building Fund: \$60.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,261.71
Religious Retirement: \$150.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$40.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?



3rd 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