



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
February 14, 2021
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday, February 15 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Fields Family

Tuesday, February 16

0:00a.m...No Mass

Ash Wednesday, February 17

12:00noon...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters at St. John's

7:00p.m...Matthew Christman at Holy Family

Thursday, February 18, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Eugene & Lorena Rindler

Friday, February 19, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Robert Moore

Saturday, February 20, at St. Mary's

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

Sunday, February 21

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

11:00a.m...Richard & Mary Rogers 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 FEBRUARY:

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



With the readings this weekend focused on healing it is a great time to reflect on physical and spiritual healing. As Jesus speaks to the leper and us seeking healing, "I do will it. Be made clean." This week we start our Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday and begin a great forty-day journey to experience great spiritual healing in our individual, family, and Church lives. We will have great opportunities to partake of the many spiritual healing activities that the Church provides in this Holy Season. Now, in terms of physical sickness, we of course have the great sacrament of anointing of healing. I am thankful to our families and parishioners, who have reached out to me or the staff for anointing for themselves or their family members. With many nursing homes and medical facilities not fully available for easy access, it helps me a great deal to assist in reaching those in need with the healing sacraments.

That being said, we are always trying to be proactive in reaching out to those who need the sacraments to prepare for surgery or dealing with chronic illness and disease and ultimately prepare the soul for eternal life. I am always available especially after Mass for anointing. Also, certainly feel free to call the office for setting up a time that is most convenient for you, for your loved one, or for a friend or fellow parishioner. We take very seriously the ministry and outreach to the sick and the dying, and I want to be there to the best of my ability for those who need Jesus and His Church in these important moments. As always, recourse to the saints is important to, so let us all pray to St. Joseph for those who are sick and dying in our pastorate.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

CARRY-IN after Mass on February 21. 🍷🍷🍷

Please join us at Reemmer Hall for our monthly carry-in. Of course, we will follow Covid 19 rules.

If you are like us and need fellowship to help lighten your heart

Come join us in good food, good friends and BINGO.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that our hearts may be filled with the love of Christ and that we in turn may share that same love with all whom we encounter.

DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday: Fast and Abstinence

Fridays of Lent: Abstinence

Easter Duty: All the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Fast: Ages 18-60 are allowed one full meal. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but they should not together equal one full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence: Ages 14 and older are allowed no meat.

In addition, acts of penance are to be chosen by each person according to circumstances; including increased prayer life, greater effort in the pursuit of virtue and voluntary surrender of pleasures.

Parents are to see to it that minors are educated in an authentic sense of Penance.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

This week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. See the special insert in this bulletin for more details. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the shelves in the back of each of our churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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PASTORAL CONVERSION—UNITING IN HEART

A concept for ecclesiastical reflection, reorganization, and renewal to better position the Church to evangelize and to be responsive to the pastoral needs of society. The impetus for this concept stems from Vatican II and has grown with subsequent ecclesial documents and the Church's lived experience. It seeks to continue the Church's mandate to proclaim the Gospel by directing the Christian community to make a determined missionary decision, "transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." Mission is its guiding principle and it favors the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptized as a missionary of the Gospel. It may also include conversion of the parish community in a gradual process of a renewal of structures, to include parish groupings, in order to refocus on mission.

NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Hurley will be at St. Mary's from 4-4:30pm on Saturdays and 5-5:25 on Thursdays prior to Mass. Sundays he will hear confessions from 8-8:45am at St. John's.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at Holy Family from noon-1pm on Sundays and 8:30-8:55am on Fridays.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$397.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,330.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$5.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

RCIA NEWS

We 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.

Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, **“Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible,”** which will continue each Sunday barring inclement weather. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available.

Feb 14- Session 4: Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

Feb 21- Session 5: Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 15: Gn 4: 1-15, 25; Mk 8: 11-13

Feb. 16: Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21

Feb. 17: [Ash Wednesday] J1 2; 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Feb. 18: Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25

Feb. 19: Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15

Feb. 10: Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32

Feb. 21: Gn 9: 8-15; 1 Pt 3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15

On 2-27-2021 the **E6 Catholic Men's Conference** will be held at the All Saints Parish – St Joseph campus in St Leon Indiana starting at 8:50AM. COVID-Compliance limits caused all in-person tickets to sell out on the first day there is no limit of live-streaming of the conference. Consider registration for \$10 wherein individuals, families, friends, men's groups or entire parishes can witness and participate with a single enrollment. Feature speakers are [Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers](#), [Jason Evert](#) and [Patrick Coffin](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16: See Schedule for Masses

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Feb. 18: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Friday, Feb. 19: K of C Fish Fry 4:30-7pm at St. John's **Drive-Thru only**

Stations of the Cross 6pm at St. John's

(Stations will alternate locations during Lent.)

Sunday, Feb. 21: Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John's

Religious Ed 9:30-10:45am at Holy Family

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family



FISH FRIES ARE COMING....

The Knights of Columbus at St. John's will conduct their annual Lenten fish fries again—as drive thru only—beginning February 19th, 4:30-7pm

Fish, potatoes, applesauce and cookie

Adults - \$9; Under 12 - \$5.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 COR 10:31-11:1;

MK 1:40-45

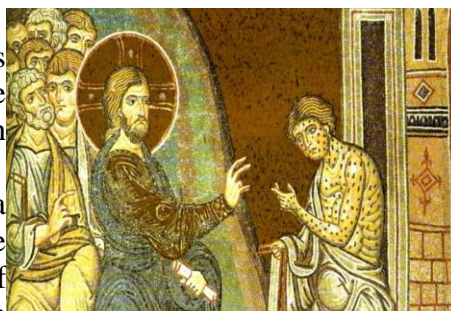
Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.



6th 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; 4-4:30pm each Saturday
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
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