



*Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.  
In Him we have eternal life. Alleluia!*

**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
April 18, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, April 19 at St. John's**  
10:00a.m...Ilah Place  
**Tuesday, April 20**  
:00a.m...No Mass  
**Wednesday, April 21 at St. John's**  
12:00noon...Jerry Trant  
**Thursday, April 22, at St. Mary's**  
5:30p.m...Phillip Crouch  
**Friday, April 23, at Holy Family**  
9:00a.m...Don & Mary Walz  
**Saturday, April 24, at St. Mary's**  
5:00p.m...Richard Voskuhl  
**Sunday, April 25**  
9:00a.m...Leisa Farling Maddox 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*



He is Risen! As we continue to celebrate Easter and the arrival of Spring, it is good to look forward to the many different activities available and to come in the months ahead. We of course continue to have our carry ins at Holy Family once a month as well as our First Fridays and devotions, bible studies and video series at St. John's, and altar rosary at St. Mary's too. Bethany will be asking for interest for a mission youth trip for the Summer. One new opportunity for the men of the parish to contact me about is starting an Exodus 90 program for all three parishes: this is a great prayer and spiritual renewal program. You can go to <https://exodus90.com/> for more info. on the program and feel free to contact me directly about any interest in it.

As an addendum to last week's announcement about a new pastorate Mass time at St. John's on Saturday nights, just a couple clarifying remarks. The diocese is giving us permission to try this Mass time in response to all of our parish and financial councils' request this past November to better reach out to all the parishioners at St. Mary's, St. John's, Holy Family, and the additional Catholics in Grant, Blackford, and Jay County. We have a lot of people to serve and to evangelize and the diocese in taking and processing our request has granted us an opportunity to do so. If there are questions or issues, please email me or call me and I am happy to talk with you about those. Just continue to know of my prayers for all in our parishes and pastorate as we continue to grow in our faith together.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

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

**Fundamental Rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Calling all Holy Family high school seniors. If you are graduating this spring or have a high school graduate please, call or text Christina Christman at (765)733-4026. Thank you!

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

This summer, high school students have the opportunity to go on a Mission Trip! The Mission Trip is through a program called Youth Works. Youth Works is a program that has been running for 27 years in numerous locations. We will be attending the St. Louis, MO location on July 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in the Mission Trip, please reach out to Bethany for more information. Please note that all spots will need to be reserved by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you are not a high school student, but would like to support our Mission Trip, please be on the lookout for an upcoming fundraiser that we will be doing!

You can contact Bethany at the email of [bkuhn@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bkuhn@parish.dol-in.org) or the number of (765) 664-6345 Ext. 106

**Pope Francis urges us to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."**

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

**SERVER TRAININGS**

Fr. Hurley is requesting our youth to consider the ministry of Altar Servers. All students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to participate. Please contact Fr. Hurley, Diana or your teacher to express your interest so we can set a training date. Training will be held at each location as duties are different for each of our parishes.



**RETIREMENT PARTY**

After 23 years of dedicated and honorable service, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Uggen is retiring from the Indiana National Guard. There will be an open house Saturday, May 1, 2021, 1-4pm at St. John's Parish Hall. All are invited, no gifts please.

**Diana is in the office at Holy Family each Monday from 1-4pm. Stop in and introduce yourself if in the area.**



As our high school youth prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, please continue to pray for them. They will hold a mini-retreat next Sunday, April 25, 2:30-5pm. Those planning to be Confirmed on May 5<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Doherty should plan to attend.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

*Apr. 19:* Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29  
*Apr. 20:* Acts 7: 51 -8: 1a; Jn 6: 30-35  
*Apr. 21:* [St. Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church] Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40  
*Apr. 22:* Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51  
*Apr. 23:* [St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop & martyr] Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59  
*Apr. 24:* [St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr] Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69  
*Apr. 25:* [Fourth Sunday of Easter] Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18



**The Holy Family RE is having a Bake Sale Sunday, April 18 following the 11am Mass in the Narthex. Thank You for your support!**

Also, a TACO Potato Bar for this month, scheduled for April 18 following 11am Mass.

We will have all the fixings for you to build your own specialty potato. We ask that you bring desserts. Good Fellowship, food and Bingo.

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

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

**There will be a Memorial Mass for Jim and Rosemary Matney at Holy Family on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. All are invited to attend.**



## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, April 20: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, April 21: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family Cemetery Board 6pm at St. John's

Thursday, April 22: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 25: Religious Ed 10am at St. John's & Holy Family & Bible Study 10am at St. John's

Confirmation Mini Retreat 2:30-5pm at St. John's

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Alleluia! HE is risen! Spend time in prayer with Mary to Jesus through the Holy Rosary.

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

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$583.00

Food Pantry: \$61.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,425.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Food Pantry: \$13.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

### Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$2,201.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$142.00

Votive: \$8.50

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.*

**PRAYER CHAIN:** To have someone prayed for or be one of those doing the praying, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521 or the office at 348-3889 or 674-2605.

**Please pray for all those parishioners and their families dealing with illness.**



St Mary's Parish is hosting a carry-in Saturday, April 24, after the 5:00 Mass. Ham and rolls will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; PS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 JN 2:1-5a; LK 24:35-48**

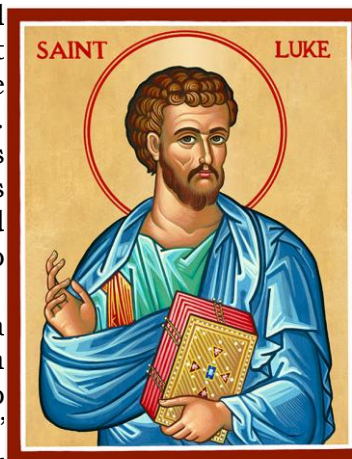
In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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