



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

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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, May 3 at St. John's**  
10:00a.m...Jenny Wright  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
:00a.m...No Mass  
**Wednesday, May 5 at St. John's**  
12:00noon...Bonvillian Family  
**Thursday, May 6, at St. Mary's**  
5:30p.m...Don Martin  
**Friday, May 7, at Holy Family**  
9:00a.m...Mickey McPherson  
**Saturday, May 8**  
5:00p.m...Phillip Crouch at St. Mary's  
6:30p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's  
**Sunday, May 9**  
9:00a.m...Thom Helm at St. John's  
11:00a.m...Alice Fiely 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! This weekend and this week we get to celebrate sacraments of initiation with our First Communicants and Confirmands. We want to thank in a special way our parents, sponsors, and catechists who have worked hard to help our children to prepare for these special days. There is a great deal of preparation and paperwork that goes into these moments, but I also hope that for our families and pastorate we can also reflect on our own moments of receiving Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and the impact that has made on our lives and the lives of all those we have touched as well. I have always loved J.R.R. Tolkien's letter to his son about the Eucharist: "Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth."

It is through the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation that we can put all things that occur in our lives in a proper perspective. When things might seem complicated or chaotic, these sacraments enable us to draw closer to God, His Church, and each other and find the means to keep moving forward in our life and do so with peace, joy, and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These moments are quite profound and extend to not just our individual families but to all our families past and present. As a priest it is always quite moving and profound to see the names of so many people in our sacramental records and to reflect on how the Church continues to increase through the ages. Let us pray for all of recipients this week.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

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

**The World of Finance**  
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



**GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

St. John's will host Confirmation this year for the first time in over 20 years this Wednesday at 6pm. Six high school students from St. John's, one from St. Mary's, and seven students from St. Paul's, Marion, will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Doherty.

The student from St. Mary's is Abby Johnson, and students from St. John's are Nick Aulbach, Noah Kitterman, Lance Manley, Jenna Payne, Joey Payne, and Ammee Uggen.

Please pray for these students to continue to live and grow, through the grace of the Spirit, in their Catholic faith.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 7 THIS WEEKEND**

Seven students in our pastorate will receive Jesus for the first time this Sunday. St. John's will welcome Allison Meadows, Judah Shelton and Ryan Trissel to the table of the Lord at the 9am Mass and Holy Family will celebrate at 11am with Allison Holmes, Benjamin Soultz, Arianna Vaughn and Keegan Vaughn. Please continue to pray for these students to be fed by the Holy Eucharist and grow in their Catholic faith.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

May 3: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14  
May 4: Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a  
May 5: Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8  
May 6: Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11  
May 7: Acts 15: 22-31; Jn 15: 12-17  
May 8: Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21  
May 9: [Sixth Sunday of Easter][Mother's Day] Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17



**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

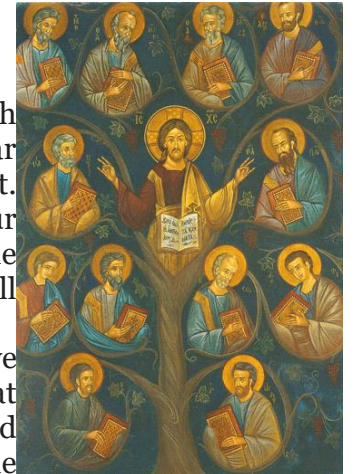
Please remember in your prayers Matt Jutte, parishioner of St. Mary's, who passed to eternal life last week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

Acts 9:26-31; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 JN 3:18-24; JN\_15:4A, 5B

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the



faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day-to-day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.



**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS** has returned to **St. John's**. Join us at **6:30pm** each Saturday. Spread the word that all are invited. The other weekend Mass times have not changed.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR:

*Tuesday, May 4:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

*Wednesday, May 5:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
Confirmation 6pm at St. John's

*Thursday, May 6:* Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

*Saturday, May 7:* Food Pantry at St. Mary's

*Sunday, May 8:* No Religious Ed at St. John's

Religious Ed last day & May Crowning at Holy Family

Mother's Day

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

May is devoted to our Holy Mother, Mary. Set aside time to pray the rosary during May in honor of her motherly love for each of us as she leads us to her son, Jesus.

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: \$519.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,116.00

Building Fund: \$300.00

Food Pantry: \$210.00

Rice Bowl: \$9.26

Haiti: \$90.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

##### Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,819.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$75.00

Rice Bowl: \$9.50

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it."*

#### ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY

*God speaks through His word when we take time to listen.*

Join us this Friday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family. We begin at 9am with weekday Mass. We need at least two people per hour through 9pm.

The Chapel at St. John's will be open from 8am to 4pm on Friday for private Adoration.

#### MAY BRUNCH

Holy Family will have a BRUNCH for our Carry-In on May 16, after 11:00 Mass.

Reemmer Hall will be open before Mass with ovens warmed and ready for your Family's favorite dishes. Please join us for Good fellowship, Bingo and Great food.

**St Mary's Altar Rosary** will have a Mother's Day carry-in at our next meeting, **Monday, May 10 at 6:00 PM.** Meat is provided, all ladies of the parish are invited, please bring a dish to share.

#### HELP FOR PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Please remember the Portland Pregnancy Care Center. A container is provided in the church entrance at St. Mary's. Needed items include diapers, baby lotion, shampoo, clothing, laundry soap, also adult shampoo deodorant, etc.

#### ROSARY DURING MAY

St. John's will pray the rosary a half hour before our 6:30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses throughout the month of May. If you would care to lead, please let Diana or Susan know. We encourage all to join us in prayer to our Lady.

**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.**



#### FIFTH 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