



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

Mother's Day wishes from Fr. Hurley



A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.
Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.
Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

Mother's Everywhere

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!

- Author Unknown

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.

Monday, May 10, morning Mass this week only will be moved to 8am as Fr. Hurley has to leave by 9am for an all- day priest meeting.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Seven of our students received the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday. Please continue to pray for Abby Johnson from St. Mary's, and Nick Aulbach, Noah Kitterman, Lance Manley, Jenna Payne, Joey Payne, and Ammee Uggen, from St. John's as they live and grow, through the grace of the Spirit, in their Catholic faith.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer, 'Mary, mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." – Mother Teresa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 10: [St. Damien de Veuster, priest] Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26-16: 4a
May 11: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11
May 12: [Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr] Acts 17: 15, 22-18; Jn 16: 12-15
May 13: [Our Lady of Fatima] Acts 16: 1-8; Jn 16: 16-20
May 14: [St. Matthias, Apostle] Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17
May 15: [St. Isidore] Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28
May 16: [Ascension of the Lord] Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20

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.

THANK YOU

The Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Committee wishes to thank the St. Mary's parishioners who have contributed \$366.98 thus far towards this campaign. Some bottles are still out, so this number will yet grow. Your support has helped provide much needed items such as diapers, formula, wipes, etc., Thank You!

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 JN 4:7-10; JN 15:9-17

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless. We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.



There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 10 at St. John's

8:00a.m...Margaret Wilson

Tuesday, May 11

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, May 12 at St. John's

12:00noon...Linda Farling Phillips

Thursday, May 13, at St. Mary's

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

Friday, May 14, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Johanning & Halbur Families

Saturday, May 15

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

6:30p.m...Nedra Lips at St. John's

Sunday, May 16

9:00a.m...Larry Aulbach at St. John's

11:00a.m...Edgar & Betty Poe 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

ST. JOHN'S RECOGNITION BRUNCH

St. John's Religious Ed will hold their recognition end-of-year brunch next Sunday, May 16 at 11am (immediately following class). Breakfast casseroles, fruit, sweet rolls, and drinks will be provided. All are invited to celebrate with our students.

Many of the Holy Family envelopes and some newsletter have not yet been delivered. After checking with the post office and Our Sunday Visitor who mails the envelopes, the delay has been due to short staffing at the post office. These should arrive very soon. They apologize for the delays.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, May 10: Altar & Rosary Mother's Day Carry-in 6pm at St. Mary's

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

Wednesday, May 12: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family Finance Council 6pm at St. John's

Thursday, May 13: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, May 16: Last Day for Religious Ed at St. John's with Recognition Brunch to follow.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$803.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,837.00

Building Fund: \$200.00

Food Pantry: \$180.00

Rice Bowl: \$9.26

Haiti: \$90.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,934.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$20.00

Votive: \$46.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

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.

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.

You will find in this weekend's bulletin an insert on the Litany of Loretto. This can be added to the end of your prayer of the rosary during May honoring all the titles of Mary...of course with the greatest title being "Mother of God."

ROSARY REPAIR

If you have a rosary in need of repair or rosaries that you no longer are using, please contact Terry McVicker. She will repair broken rosaries. She uses the donated rosaries for repair pieces and/or makes new rosaries for donation to prisons, youth, or other places. Contact Terry at 765-348-3141 or through the church office.

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.



SIXTH 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