



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 24 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz

Tuesday, May 25

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, May 26 at St. John's

12:00noon...Robert Heiser

Thursday, May 27, at St. Mary's

5:00p.m...Welfare of Wilma Swingley

Friday, May 28, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Michael Atkinson

Saturday, May 29

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

6:30p.m...Margaret Litton at St. John's

Sunday, May 30

9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's

11:00a.m...Matthew Christman 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! The Easter season ends this Sunday night, and I am very thankful for having celebrated these sacred liturgies with all of you these past two months. The Holy Spirit has been truly alive and has brought innumerable blessings upon our parishes and parishioners, and hopefully we are looking for ever more graces for this summer as we return to ordinary time. I do hope that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit continue to encourage us all for deeper discernment and reflection on how we can grow in our relationship to the Holy Trinity in the days to come. We are always looking for new ways we can serve and utilize the manifold gifts of the Spirit both in our daily lives and in our parish ministries too. I hope and pray that we can reflect on how we might be called to help with our youth minister Bethany as she serves our youth and young adults, or Susan and Pam as we look forward to RCIA this coming year among just the areas of outreach and catechesis. Please know whatever I can do to help individual discernment I am always available.

As an example of the Holy Spirit's movements, I want to thank an anonymous donor from Holy Family who made a generous contribution to St. John's for liturgical purposes this past week. Such gifts are quite special, and as we continue to grow as a pastorate, the mutual sharing and charity between our parishes will truly help us all in our work in building up the kingdom of God. Please know of my prayers for this donor and all our families too who with their prayers and financial support continue to help us in sharing the Gospel of the Lord.

Veni Sanctus Spiritu,
Come Holy Spirit!
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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 24: [The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church] Gn 3: 9-15, 29; Acts 1: 12-14

May 25: [St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church, St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdelene de' Pazzi, virgin] Sir 35: 1-12; Mk 10: 28-31

May 26: [St. Philip Neri, preist] Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10: 32-45

May 27: [St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop] Sir 42: 15-25; Mk 10: 46-52

May 28: Sir 44: 1, 9-13; Mk 11: 11-26

May 29: [St. Paul VI, pope] Sir 51: 12cd-20; Mk 11: 27-33

May 30: [The Most Holy Trinity] Dt 4: 32; 34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17; Mt 28: 16-20

Pope Francis has asked all the faithful during the month of May to unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary and to ask for an end to the pandemic.

Join Bishop Barron, the Word on Fire team, and millions of Catholics around the world in praying the Rosary this month at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/rosary> or on our website at www.stmaryjohn.org

VBS HELP NEEDED

Vacation Bible School, "Heroes of Old" will be at Holy Family July 19 - July 23 from 6pm - 7:30pm. Please, contact Christina Christman at (765)733-4026 if you are interested in helping in any way!! Thank you!

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.

Thursday Mass at St. Mary's will move to 5pm this week only to allow our Pastoral Council to meet for a training session later that evening. Please join us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Graduation is upon us and we would like to extend congratulations and prayers to our seniors:

St. John's—Lance Manley and Helen Whitesell
Holy Family—Colin McHarry, Ryan Slater, and Anthony Stanley.

Go out and proclaim the good news of Christ!

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, May 25: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, May 26: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, May 27: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John's

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$508.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,943.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$55.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,713.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$162.00

Votive: \$49.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

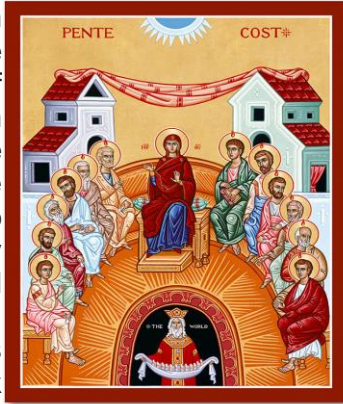
COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

As nursing homes are beginning to allow visitors back into their facilities, we are planning to return Communion to our shut-in and homebound parishioners. If you are a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and would like to be part of this team, please contact either Fr. Hurley or Diana. If you know someone who is homebound or shut-in that would benefit from a visit, also please let us know. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.



The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.

Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.

We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious – we just might be blind to it, or it might be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit's wondrous works.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

There will be a Day of Reflection for people who have been through a divorce or annulment held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carmel, on Saturday June 5, 8:30am-3pm. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch and a light breakfast. If interested contact Dora Tobar in the Office for Family Life and Hispanic Ministry at the Diocese.

KUDOS TO OUR RE STAFF

We're extending a huge "Thank You" to the Religious Education teachers, Lisa Rinker, Eric Cale, Bernadette Elkins, Amy Henderson, Kayli Henderson, and Corey Hardesty for another successful year. And Jessica Kitterman for teaching the First Communicants. Your selflessness and dedication are greatly appreciated! Best Wishes to Bernadette, who is resigning after 10 years of service. Thanks, also to Jim and Rhonda Cale for taking care of the donuts and coffee. We are also grateful to the students who attended classes to learn more about their faith. Without you, none of it would happen. Enjoy your summer.



Thank you, Holy Family, for the awesome response to the RE Bake Sale!! Make sure you check out the beautiful flowers planted around our church grounds made possible by your generosity!!

LET THE LIGHT SHINE

St. John's is requesting anyone who wishes to set a luminary in our center garden to bring those in this week or next. These can be in memory or in honor of a loved one, or celebration of our faith.

A Memorial Day Mass for our Pastorate will be held next Monday, May 31st at the Montpelier Catholic Cemetery at 9am. Bring your own lawnchair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will move to St. John's to begin at 9:30am. Remember our deceased loved ones and armed forces members through prayer.

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.

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.



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**

**A Pastorate of
The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana**

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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