



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
July 4, 2021
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 5 at St. John's
10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, July 6
:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, July 7 at St. John's
12:00noon...Jess Huggins, Jr.

Thursday, July 8 at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...George Watson

Friday, July 9 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Richard & Mary Rogers

Saturday, July 10
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. Mary's
6:30p.m...Don McConey at St. John's

Sunday, July 11
9:00a.m...Deceased of Lannoy Family at St. John's
11:00a.m...Deceased of Johanning & Halbur Families at Holy Family



Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE:

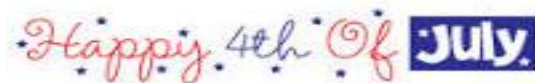
The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Fr. Luigi Giussani, founder of the Communion and Liberation movement, often discussed the profound freedom summer offered: "Vacation time is the noblest time of the year, because it is the moment when one becomes as involved as he likes in the value he recognizes as dominant for his life." Likewise, as we gather this Fourth of July weekend, we get to reestablish these values as individuals, as families, as parishes, and as a country. I hope and pray that this summer with Covid restrictions changing there has been a reestablishment of certain summer norms, but hopefully a realization and greater appreciation of the precious freedoms we possess both from our Catholic faith and our country.

One thing I encourage especially in the summertime is an increased awareness of how Catholics have served and helped our country grow over these many centuries and even the unique Catholic history of Indiana and Kentucky. We are just a few hours away from Bardstown, Kentucky, which was the second diocese of the United States, a great place to learn more about our Catholic roots and enjoy great sights as well. As we travel this weekend and the rest of summer and enjoy county fairs and the state fair, we can and should travel with our faith too that has enriched so many people here and throughout the world. I was encouraged by talking with parishioners, who on an upcoming trip are including religious sites and shrines as part of their vacation plans, and it is amazing how many places are here throughout the Americas. So, as we continue to travel in this life, the recognition of how God continually comes into our realities in big and small ways is quite humbling. Let us continue to pray for our country and each other as we develop our values as a family of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$580.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,645.00

Haiti: \$158.00

Building Fund: \$105.00

Food Pantry: \$105.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,185.50

Sharing Cupboard: \$90.00

Votive: \$42.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

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.

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."

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, July 5: No Mass, Office Closed for holiday

Tuesday, July 6: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, July 7: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, July 8: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Saturday, July 10: Food Pantry at St. Mary's

Sunday, July 11: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family



The following is an excerpt from the June 20 edition of *The Catholic Moment*

In 2017, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) launched its Parish Vision Planning solution with Katie Herzing serving as Parish Coach. Our vision planning model employed the use of a coach to guide and direct parish vision planning teams through the process and in the months following the presentation of a plan to ensure that it remained a living, breathing document relevant to parish life.

What is a Pastorate Vision Plan?

A Pastorate Vision Plan is a written, easy-to-read document that outlines how the pastorate intends to grow over the course of the next three years. This document will be focused on how each pastorate is living the three pillars of Uniting in Heart: Mission, Community, and Witness. Through a series of meetings with the Pastorate Consultant and OSV Coach, the team will discern their pastorate goals and milestones for the next three years.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 5: [St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal] Gn 28: 10-22a; Mt 9: 18-26

July 6: [St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr] Gn 32: 23-33; Mt 9: 32-38

July 7: Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10: 1-7

July 8: Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5; Mt 10: 7-15

July 9: [St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & Companions, martyrs] Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30; Mt 10: 16-23

July 10: Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a; Mt 10: 24-33

July 11: Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1: 3-14; Mk 6: 7-13

NEW-TO-YOU

Summer is here and the New-To-You Shop is filled to the gills with summer bargains for all ages. Swim suits, shorts, wedding attire, gifts, you name it. Come check out the huge selection of merchandise and see what bargains you can find!

Hours: Thursday 11-5, Friday and Saturday 11-2.



THANKS TO ALL!!

Our first pastorate picnic was deemed a huge success! We were hoping for good weather and attendance. The weather break was just at the right time and thanks to each of you we surpassed our anticipated attendance of 60-70 by reaching nearly 140.

The food was fabulous and enjoyed by all, especially the pork...thank you knights members.

A great ice cream sundae buffet provided a break from the heat...Thank you Loretta and Dean and St Mary's Altar & Rosary.

Rosary was lead by Marcia with many participants.

The free throw winners were Nicholas Christman, Aubrey Michael and Brentley Hoffman...Thanks Fred.

The cornhole drew many teams using four boards. The eventual champions were Chuck Griffin and Jess Carpenter with Brian & Mason Kitterman as runners-up...Thank You Cathy.

Raffle baskets were awarded to Colton Michael, Anya Uggen, Hope Fleming and Jacob Stout...Thanks St. John's Altar & Rosary and Linda, Karen and Shea.

Special thanks to Fred & Sonya & Aaron Hoffman and Jake Holsten for set-up and clean-up.

Of course, none of this would have been possible or enjoyable without each and everyone who attended.

THANK YOU St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family parishioners...a great time was had by all!

PRAY THE ROSARY

Mary, Mother of the Americas, hear our prayer through the Holy Rosary for our political leaders, our nation and our communities, that we may truly be "One Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for ALL".

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

EZ 2:2-5; PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 COR 12:7-10; MK 6:1-6

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

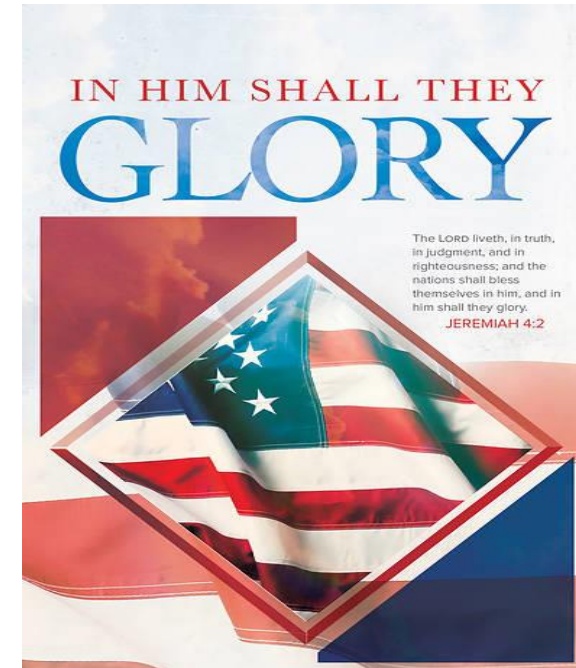
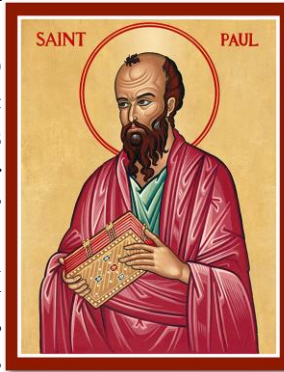
In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.



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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.

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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