



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
July 11, 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 12 at St. John's
10:00a.m...Jerry Trant

Tuesday, July 13
:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, July 14 at St. John's
12:00noon...Warren Family

Thursday, July 15 at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...Parents of Dean & Loretta Wilson

Friday, July 16 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Phyllis Whitaker

Saturday, July 17
5:00p.m...Living & Deceased of Landon Family at St. Mary's
6:30p.m...Marguerite Coyne at St. John's

Sunday, July 18
9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's
11:00a.m...Niccum Family at Holy Family



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY:

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



In two weeks as the universal Church we will celebrate a first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We do this to understand that all of us, young and old, grandparents and grandchildren, whether or not we belong to the same family, are “one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call.” This awareness comforts us and shapes us as a people as we gather around the altar on which the Lord multiplies the bread of life and the Word of our salvation. The elderly are important. Without them the body of the Church lacks something. That is why it is necessary for them to have their rightful place within each of our communities. It is crucial that we share in the lives of older people in the same way that the Lord, in giving us his Body and Blood, has made us sharers in his own.

That is why in 2 weeks we will have special prayers and blessings for all our grandparents and elderly at all our Masses in our pastorate. As Pope Francis quoting Jesus’ words from St. Matthew’s gospel speaks to us, “I am with you always.” Pope Francis especially asks young people to visit their grandparents, and especially the elderly who are alone, to give them the Holy Father’s message. This past year during Covid, I was unable to see many of our elderly parishioners, so it is appropriate now to show our support, concern, and love for them leading up to this weekend, and of the course in the days that follow. Let us continue to ask for the intercessors of grandparents, Joachim and Anne—Jesus’ grandparents—to pray for our grandparents and elderly as we continue to grow as a family of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

- St. Mary's**
Sunday Collection: \$460.00
Food Pantry: \$40.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**
Sunday Collection: \$3,081.00
Haiti: \$10.00
Building Fund: \$155.00
Food Pantry: \$195.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**
Sunday Collection: \$2,015.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$85.00
Votive: \$24.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Cheryl Baker, parishioner of Holy Family, and Jack Trees, father of Pam Trees, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

HOLY FAMILY MONTHLY CARRY-IN

Next Sunday, July 18, all are invited to the monthly carry-in luncheon following 11am Mass. This is a cook's choice carry-in. Bring a dish to share. All are invited from the pastorate. Reemmer Hall will be open prior to Mass for food drop-offs.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, July 13:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
- Wednesday, July 14:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
- Thursday, July 15:* Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
- Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's
- Sunday, July 18:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Carry-In Luncheon noon at Holy Family



Vacation Bible School: "Heroes of Old"
July 19 – 23, 6pm - 7:30pm at Holy Family!
Grades Pre3-6th

(7-12 grade students are invited to help.)

Free to attend!

Come for fun activities, crafts, songs, stories, and snacks! Our “Heroes of Old” are Esther, Noah, Jonah, and Joshua.

Knights of Columbus annual cookout will be held Sunday, August 15th at noon at the home of John & Karen Shields. All Knights, Prospective Knights, Knights Widows, and their families are invited. The Knights will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a well-filled covered dish to share.



Creating the Plan

The Pastoral Vision Planning process begins by soliciting the input of the parishioners of each pastorate. The intention of the survey is to give each member of the pastorate an opportunity to share their experience, provide feedback, indicate their future needs, and share a little about their faith life. These results are compiled by the team at OSV and presented to the Vision Planning Team at each pastorate.

The members of the Vision Planning Team review the results, read through all of the comments, and discuss the overarching areas where they want to focus the future plan. Then, the team holds a “Big Brainstorming Session” fueled by ideas, post-its, and conversation all centered on the major areas of focus decided on by the Vision Planning Team and the Missionary Pastor in consultation with the Pastorate Consultant. The team engages in a few rounds of brainstorming to write goals for each focus area and then outline potential milestones (concrete actions) to help the pastorate achieve those goals over the course of the next three years.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 12: Ex 1: 8-14, 22; Mt 10: 34-11: 1
July 13: [St. Henry] Ex 2: 1-15a; Mt 11: 20-24
July 14: [St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin] Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12; Mt 11: 25-27
July 15: [St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of the Church] Ex 3: 13-20; Mt 11: 28-30
July 16: [Our Lady of Mt. Carmel] Ex 11: 10 – 12: 14; Mt 12: 1-8
July 17: Ex 12: 37-42; Mt 12: 14-21
July 18: Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18; Mk 6: 30-34

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.

WEBSITE FEATURE: On the homepage of our website tune in to Bishop Baron and daily Holy Week reflections and Sunday Mass. Check it out at www.stmaryjohn.org.

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 Marcia at 674-2605.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**AM 7:12-15; PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; EPH 1:3-14
OR 1:3-10; MK 6:7-13**

Our readings today remind us to live our lives in total surrender to God's care. The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to begin their missionary work two by two. He encouraged them to take very little — a walking stick and sandals. If you can recall a time you packed for a trip, or even left the house for a day's travel, you might remember making a list or packing days in advance. We tend to pack so we know we will be comfortable.

If we extend this concept of "comfort" into other areas of our lives, we will most likely find a few instances where we ensure life is comfortable. It could be buying extra food at the grocery store, making sure we have the most updated technology, or even feeling safe in our bank accounts. It is not bad to have extra food in the pantry or a new phone. And it isn't bad to save money. These things can be good when used properly.

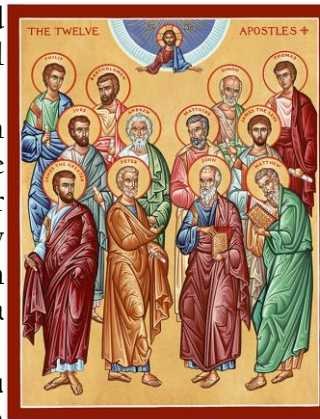
But what if we are looking to these things for comfort, security or even happiness? Imagine if Jesus approached you and said, "Go out and do my work, but you can only bring a walking stick and shoes." Would you be willing to surrender all the rest?

A key component of living out our call as Christian stewards is total surrender. It is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort and happiness. Reflect on the ways you might be looking for comfort in the things of this world. Tangibly find a way to become independent from that "thing" so that you can become more dependent on God.

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.



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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