



This past week we were blessed to have many county fairs going on in our area. I was blessed to get to the Blackford County Fair, and I was very proud of our families, participants, and volunteers who worked hard and were part of this important event for our local community. I cannot say I became an expert on animal husbandry and the many facets that make up all the different areas that make up the fair, but I did grow in my knowledge to the best of my ability, and I got to see the hard work of so many of our parishioners—and got to eat some great food as well. It was also an honor to see the impact our parishes and parishioners are having in our cities and counties and the response of our brothers and sisters regarding your work and your faith. I got to meet many new people as well and was pleased by the hospitality shared and received.

It is a good reminder here as well, that there are many prayers in the Book of Blessings for animals, crops, harvesting, machines, and curses as well for those nasty pests that can afflict us. I am always happy to be available for blessings such as these both for general weather and the fruits of the earth, and for specific immediate needs too. The Church has faced so many situations over the years, so we typically have a prayer and blessing for whatever needs might come up in our daily spiritual and professional lives. Now, these are not magic, but rites in which persons or things are sanctified and Divine marks invoked upon them. God has always blessed His creation and continues to do so to this day. As I was blessed by the warmth and hospitality last week, God does so especially through the ministers of the Church. Let us continue to ask for the Holy Trinity to bless our parishes and especially bless all our farm and fair activities in the days to come.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

THANK YOU BETHANY!

“Bethany Kuhn, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will be leaving us the first of August to take a position in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at St. Mark the Evangelist. This is a great opportunity for her to advance her career in youth ministry. Although we are sad to see her leave, we wish her the best of luck in this endeavor and we thank her for her time here and her devotion to our high school students and young adults.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, July 20: Women’s Bible Study 9-11am at St. John’s
Wednesday, July 21: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
 Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John’s
Thursday, July 22: Adoration 5pm at St. Mary’s
 Finance Council 6:30pm at St. John’s
Sunday, July 25: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
 World Day for Grandparents

WORLD GRANDPARENT’S DAY

The Holy Father has announced the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated on July 25. To honor and celebrate the contribution of grandparents and elderly to our families and society, His Eminence encourages all parishes nationwide to dedicate one Sunday Mass to grandparents and elderly in advance of the liturgical memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne on July 26. Here in the United States, since July 25 is the start of Natural Family Planning Week (July 25-31, 2021), it is also appropriate to reflect upon the vital role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. Please invite your grandparent, biological or adopt one, to Mass next weekend. Fr. Hurley will have a special blessing for grandparents at each of the weekend Masses.

Our Pastorate has tentative plans for a grandparent’s day celebration in September to pair World Day for Grandparents and National Grandparents’ Day. Be watching upcoming bulletins and *The Good News Letter* for more details as they unfold.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Daniel Pearson, brother of Amy Payne, parishioner of St. John’s, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary’s
 Sunday Collection: \$1,278.00
 Food Pantry: \$47.00
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87
St. John’s
 Sunday Collection: \$5,480.00
 Building Fund: \$85.00
 Food Pantry: \$10.00
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
Holy Family
 Sunday Collection: \$3,852.00
 Sharing Cupboard: \$3855.00
 Votive: \$35.00
 Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

NEW-TO-YOU-\$5 BAG SALE

Summer is here and the New-To-You Shop is filled to the gills with summer bargains for all ages. Fill a bag for \$5.
Hours: Thursday 11-5, Friday and Saturday 11-2.

SUMMER INTENSIVE

The Summer Intensive is an evening school that provides a survey of the content offered in the first four quarters of the Encounter School of Ministry over a fast four-day period. This quick paced, jam-packed course is designed for those discerning enrollment in or desiring to attend the 2-Year Encounter School but may be unable to do so because of distance or schedule. This year’s Summer Intensive will be held from 6-9pm each night, July 26-29, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. Get more information or purchase tickets at EncounterSchool.org/Indianapolis

HOLY FAMILY MONTHLY CARRY-IN

This 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.

CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 19 at St. John’s

10:00a.m...Ilah Place

Tuesday, July 20

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, July 21 at St. John’s

12:00noon...Patricia McCammon

Thursday, July 22 at St. Mary’s

5:00p.m...Aaron Dirksen & Family

Friday, July 23 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Don & Mary Walz

Saturday, July 24

5:00p.m...Ron Watson at St. Mary’s

6:30p.m... Parishioners of St. Mary’s, St. John’s

and Holy Family at St. John’s

Sunday, July 25

9:00a.m...Jack Cain at St. John’s

11:00a.m...Lucille First 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.



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 19: Ex 14: 5-18; Mt 12: 38-42
 July 20: [St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr] Ex 14: 21 – 15: 1; Mt 12: 46-50
 July 21: [St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church] Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Mt 13: 1-9
 July 22: [St. Mary Magdalene] Sg 3: 1-4b; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
 July 23: [St. Bridget, religious] Ex 20: 1-17; Mt 13: 18-23
 July 24: [St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest] Ex 24: 3-8; Mt 13: 24-30
 July 25: 2 Kgs 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6: 1-15

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".



Sharing the Plan

The Pastorate Consultant and the OSV Coach will work closely with the Missionary Pastor and Vision Planning Team to ensure that the goals are specific, measurable, aligned with Uniting in Heart, realistic for the pastorate, and bound to the three-year time frame. This plan answers the question, "What does Uniting in Heart look like at our pastorate?"

Because the mission of Uniting in Heart encompasses all aspects of pastorate and faith life, there's something in the Pastorate Vision Plan for everyone to participate in. This might be leading a new ministry or attending a new opportunity to be formed as a missionary disciple. It could be meeting the needs of someone in the community or praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the people of the pastorate. Every person has a role to play in the future of the faith!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 23:1-6; PS 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; EPH 2:13-18; MK 6:30-34

Today's readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us.

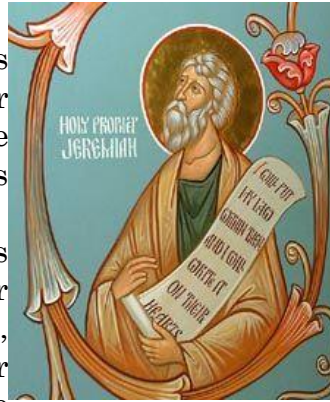
"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." Our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah addresses false prophets who had misled God's people away from the Lord. The Lord declares that He will restore His people by bringing back those who have gone astray and providing for them new shepherds so that they will "no longer fear and tremble."

This reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin — something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So, we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing — money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. — that could be leading you away from a full and happy relationship with God.

As Christian disciples, deep down we really know that our true happiness is God. So, what are we waiting for? Take the leap of faith and allow yourself to radically love God in return.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.



16th 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.

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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