



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
August 1, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 2 at St. John's
10:00a.m...David Sr. & Margaret Wilson

Tuesday, August 3
:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, August 4 at St. John's
12:00noon...Welfare of Marion & Ruth Ann Clawson

Thursday, August 5 at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Don Martin

Friday, August 6 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...No Mass

Saturday, August 7
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, August 8
9:00a.m...Thanksgiving of Tom & Claire Aulbach's 50th Anniversary at St. John's

11:00a.m...Edgar & Betty Poe at Holy Family



This past weekend at St. John's we were blessed to hear our Church bells in action again after a hiatus of some years. We thank especially the volunteers who made this happen with hard work and the generous gift of time and money for repairs. The history of bells and belfries in churches, towns, and monasteries is an old one, and it is an important communal principle of summoning people to pray, stopping for a break or ending a work shift, and calling to mind that there is a greater purpose to our work and lives than just what we simply perceive. Traditionally, bells were used to denote the times monks would pray the Liturgy of Hours, and there were separate bells developed as well in the towns for curfew purposes and Churches to pray the Angelus at 6am, 12pm, and 6pm in the evening. Bells are very much part of the echoes of our shared past with our parents and grandparents who worked hard to build and erect our parishes and campuses. When the bells ring to summon us to pray, we gather not just with those who are in the area living but with all our beloved families separated by distance and even death itself. We join the long line of people who hearing the bells were summoned from work and recreation to stop and reflect on our spiritual lives with each other and God. The bells at St. Meinrad where I studied for priesthood, always got my attention, and they were quite effective of calling us to gather for shared prayer and meals. I am pleased we can have the bells ringing in our pastorate, and I hope when they do ring, we pray for all our families living and deceased as we continue to deepen our faith lives each and every day.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

St. John's is looking for a **preschool volunteer teacher** for the coming school year. If you are interested in helping our youngsters learn about their faith, contact Diana or Claire Aulbach. Classes meet on Sunday following 9am Mass until 11am.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Aug. 3: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
Wednesday, Aug. 4: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Thursday, Aug. 5: Adoration 5pm at St. Mary's
Friday, Aug. 6: Adoration 9:30am-9pm at Holy Family
Sunday, Aug. 8: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
Sunday Collection: \$630.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
Sunday Collection: \$1,872.00
Haiti: \$130.00
Building Fund: \$150.00
Pantry: \$125.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
Sunday Collection: \$1,194.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$51.00
Votive: \$54.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

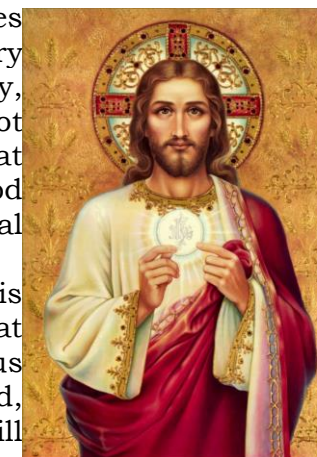
The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

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 or difficulty.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

EX 16:2-4, 12-15; PS 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; EPH 4:17, 20-24; JN 6:24-35

Often, we live our lives striving for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to "not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."



Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, 'then I will be happier.' Or maybe we don't even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." He is the One who fills our hearts.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are "working for food that perishes" by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

CMA Update: As a pastorate we have surpassed the 50% mark and are now at 51% of our required goal with the appeal ending in December. Please help as you are able.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

God's care for me eases my mind.

August 6, join us for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Family. Adoration begins at 9:30am and continues through 9pm. Call Marcia 765-674-2605 to sign up for an hour or just show up and spend time with the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 2: [St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest] Nm 11: 4b-15; Mt 14: 13-21

Aug. 3: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14: 22-36; Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14

Aug. 4: [St. John Vianney, priest] Nm 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15: 21-28

Aug. 5: [The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major] Nm 20: 1-13; Mt 16: 13-23

Aug. 6: [The Transfiguration of the Lord] Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14;; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Mk 9: 2-10

Aug. 7: [St. Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs; St. Cajetan, priest] Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17: 14-20

Aug. 8: 1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30-5: 2; Jn 6: 41-51



Vacation Bible School at Holy Family is completed and was a success! Many thanks and kudos to Christina Christman and her team of many helpers for this program to help our youth people grow in their Catholic Faith. They learned about Heroes of the Bible including Noah, Joshua, Ester and Jonah. Participants are pictured above with a Gas City officer who graciously lead their parade around the block on the final night. Refreshments and a song by each group were presented to the parents and grandparents.

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.

NEW-TO-YOU-\$5 BAG SALE

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

NEW TO OUR WEBSITE

- Hallow videos are 5-20 minute audio-guided meditations to help you build daily prayer habits. This module features new premium content every week, which is usually reserved for Hallow's paid subscribers, but we receive it free through our website: www.stmaryjohn.org.

This can be found on the website under the tab "About" across the top, then to the right under the "Faith" section. Scroll part way down for the video and click on the white arrow in red box to begin video.

- Just above the video is another new feature called @Home in Faith prepared directly from our diocese. These are short 5-8 minute faith formation videos generally covering topics of the upcoming Sunday scriptures. Click on the link and it will open a youtube video presentation. Also free.
- Just below the "Faith" section is a section entitled "ChrisTeens" which is for our Jr. and Sr. high youth. Located here is a "Life Teen Blog" and a "Church Pop" section with topics valuable to our youth formation.
- Our bulletins, newsletter, monthly calendar, Mass schedule and online payments are all available on the website.
- Of course, your church donations can be made through the website as well including regular Sunday collection and all the special collections. Just click the donate tab and scroll to the bottom of the page for the special collections. This is available for all three of our parishes.



18th 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