



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday, August 30 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Paul Taylor

Tuesday, August 31

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at St. John's

12:00noon...Nathaniel Coffield

Thursday, Sept. 2 at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Matt Jutte

Friday, Sept. 3 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Robert Moore

Saturday, Sept. 4

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

6:30p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters at St. John's

Sunday, Sept. 5

9:00a.m...Larry Aulbach at St. John's

11:00a.m...Mark Koeberlein at Holy Family

**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.



As we resume different aspects of religious formation at our parishes, it is good to reflect on the work that our catechists do here. The actual word comes from the Greek *katechesis* that simply means instruction by word or mouth. I liked this fact since it implies that primarily teaching in a religious context involves a social exchange first versus actual subject material. That means that the first skill of a catechist is a willingness to share and to receive. Now, this does not mean that a catechist is encouraged to be ignorant of their subject, but their main job is to bring their experience of Christianity to those they are working with. I know that I can speak from personal experience that I may not remember every catechist who taught me, but I do recall the willingness of each teacher I had to be present and witness to their love of God and the Church to me, and that was as important as the things they taught me.

It certainly influenced me to become a catechist in my early twenties, even though I knew I was not an expert on every aspect of the faith. I always tried to focus on just having the courage to show up each Sunday and communicate the little I could and trust that God would take what I had to offer and do the rest. St. Augustine the great doctor of the Church famously remarked that "we must judge of our discourses not by their effect upon ourselves, but by their effect upon our hearers." At the end of the day, I always learned something new about God and myself, and the students I felt could say the same for themselves. It certainly helped me in discerning and living out my vocation, and I am always thankful for all our current and future catechists who say yes to this great and ancient ministry of the Church.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley



SPECIAL HAITI COLLECTION NEXT TWO WEEKENDS

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti, Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, sent a letter to all bishops asking them to consider taking up a voluntary special collection as soon as possible to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this disaster. Bishop Doherty agrees with the urgent need for assistance and has agreed to have our parishes do a voluntary special collection this weekend and next. Bishop Doherty has also decided to assist from the Chancery by contributing \$25,000 to Haiti from a restricted fund that was established for the sole purpose of assisting in Haiti. This fund was created via specific donations for Haiti and not from Fruitful Harvest or the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church and/or Catholic Relief Services/Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Contributions to this voluntary emergency collection will be used to assist in Haiti. However, if support to Haiti would become unnecessary, impractical, or impossible to fill, the USCCB may use the contributions for other emergency disaster relief where it is most needed as determined by the Committee on National Collections using its emergency response protocol. Extra baskets will be located at each of our parishes marked "Haiti". Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Calling all women of St. John's
Altar and Rosary Meets Again!

Thursday, September 2, at 6 pm

Ham Sandwiches and drinks will be available

Please bring your favorite side dish

Agenda includes: Defining our purpose

discussion (where have we been

and where are we going)

Yearly activities planning

Short "business" update

And the blessing of being together again!!!

Do you have a loved ones who have left the faith? Are you praying for the conversion of a family member?

Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics invites you to join them in the Adoration Chapel in prayer to Saint Monica for those who have strayed from the faith, just as she prayed for the conversion of her son, Saint Augustine. This service will take place this Sunday, August 29, beginning at 2pm.



Wednesday is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation as established by Pope Francis in 2015. He encourages each of us in the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Vaughn Small, father of Rita Coan and Marty Gretz, parishioners of Holy Family, and Marilynn Blankenbaker, parishioner of St. Mary's, who passed to eternal life this past week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 30: 1 Thes 4: 13-18; Lk 4: 16-30

Aug. 31: 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11; Lk 4: 31-37

Sept. 1: [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation] Col 1: 1-8; Lk 4: 38-44

Sept. 2: Col 1: 9-14; Lk 5: 1-11

Sept. 3: [St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church] Col 1: 15-20; Lk 5: 33-39

Sept. 4: Col 1: 21-23; Lk 6: 1-5

Sept. 5: Is 35: 4-7a; Jas 2: 1-5; Mk 7: 31-37

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Aug. 31: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Sept. 1: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Sept. 2: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Friday, Sept. 3: Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-9pm at Holy Family

Sunday, Aug. 29: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Father, I've received extraordinary graces from you. Help me show that grace to others.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, Sept. 3, following 9am morning Mass till 9pm at Holy Family. Come spend an hour with the Lord in Adoration.

WE NEED YOU!

The religious education team at Holy Family is still in need of a teacher for the **6th, 7th, & 8th grade class**. Just so you know Confirmation will take place in high school, so the junior high teacher(s) would not need to focus on Confirmation. All classes meet downstairs at Holy Family from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM before Sunday Mass. Helping the youth of our parish will encourage continued growth in our church. Thank You!

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join together in prayer with Mary and thousands of others around the world in solidarity with those in Haiti and Afghanistan for peace and stability.

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,785.00

Haiti Emergency: \$92.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,111.00

Building Fund: \$5.00

Haiti Emergency: \$1,262.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,720.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$31.00

Votive: \$12.00

Aid to Africa: \$21.00

Haiti Emergency: \$199.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

"Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

Holy Family Religious Education registration is this weekend. If you have a student in Pre3-12, it is our hope that they will be enrolled in religious education. Classes begin on September 12.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

DT 4:1-2, 6-8; PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27; MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus.

The Pharisees

questioned why Jesus' disciples did not

practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.'

Why do we remain faithful to God's commands?

Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we

participate in the sacraments? Why do we love

others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.



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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.

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