



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Sept. 13
8:00a.m...Tom & Claire Aulbach

Tuesday, Sept. 14
:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 15 at St. John's
12:00noon...Deceased of Oswalt Family

Thursday, Sept. 16 at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...George Watson

Friday, Sept. 17 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Johanning & Halbur Families

Saturday, Sept. 18
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. Mary's
6:30p.m...Mae Pursley at St. John's

Sunday, Sept. 19
9:00a.m...Nancy Schorey at St. John's
11:00a.m...Peggy McPherson at Holy Family

A few notes and observations for the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

- We want to continue to celebrate, honor, and pray for our Grandparents this weekend. I was blessed to be able to know and even live briefly with two of my grandparents. The insights they gave me for getting to know where I come from was immeasurable. To pray for them and to be able to get to help others in their relationships with their own is a great thing I get to do in my ministry. So, please pray for all grandparents this weekend, and if you can please spend time or call your grandparents this weekend especially.
- With Holy Family starting their religious education classes this weekend, we now have our Fall classes going in full effect. I am thankful for our catechists for offering their time to help our families in passing on and sharing the faith. Teaching the faith is not always an easy task, but it is a rewarding one. We are still working on some unique opportunities for our teenagers in the parish for our youth group, so please stay tuned to the bulletin and announcements for upcoming events.
- For our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) as we enter the fourth quarter, I want to thank all those who have pledged and given so far. We are making good progress overall to our goals both as individual parishes and as a pastorate. We are especially closing in our goals at Holy Family, which is great to see. For those who have not sent in their pledges yet, this is just a reminder for them and for those who have not yet pledged or given, there is still time to do so. If you have any questions on our CMA please let myself or Diana know; we are happy to answer and talk with you. Let us continue to pray for our parishes and our diocese in the days to come.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

**Uniting in Heart Vision
Mission Presentations (“Roadshows”)**

A “roadshow” is a form of accompaniment in which the Bishop’s staff present workshops to the pastorate leadership teams to facilitate development of 3-Year Pastoral Vision Plans. The roadshows elaborate on ministry strategies, methodology and resources to realize the objectives articulated in the Pastorate Guide. Roadshow topics include but are not limited to, evangelization, family life, liturgy, catechesis and Hispanic ministry and are intended to enable and equip pastorates to achieve the 3 Pillars of Uniting in Heart (Mission, Community, Witness). To learn more about these presentations and how they have been received at pastorates across our diocese, check out the recent article in our September 5 edition of The Catholic Moment.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers James Foote, father of Lisa Baker parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. And for Linda Grove, former parishioner of St. Mary’s. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

Photos Needed for St. Mary's 125th Anniversary Celebration

If you have any old or current photos of St. Mary's church, priests, sacraments, or activities and would like for them to be included in a video, please put in an envelope with your name on it and give to Sara Grady Kolodka. She will scan them and return them to you. If possible, please get them to Sara by the end of September.

We welcome all students back to religious education classes. E extend a huge thank you to our catechists as they volunteer their time and talent to education our youth in the Catholic faith. We are grateful to each of you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Sept. 13: [St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 7: 1-10
- Sept. 14: [The Exaltation of the Holy Cross] Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17
- Sept. 15: [Our Lady of Sorrows] 1 Tm 3: 14-16; Jn 19: 25-27
- Sept. 16: [Sts. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs] 1 Tm 4: 12-16; Lk 7: 36-50
- Sept. 17: [St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Tm 6: 2c-12; Lk 8: 1-3
- Sept. 18: 1 Tm 6: 13-16; Lk 8: 4-15
- Sept. 19: Wis 2: 12, 17-20; Jas 3: 16 – 4: 3; Mk 9: 30-37

St Mary's Altar and Rosary will meet Monday, September 13 at 6:00pm, all women of the parish are welcome. We will be discussing our parish's upcoming 125th anniversary. Hope to see you there.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

- St. Mary's**
Sunday Collection: \$765.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**
Sunday Collection: \$3,238.00
Building Fund: \$85.00
Pantry: \$148.00
Votive: \$149.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**
Sunday Collection: \$1,850.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$60.00
Votive: \$17.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER:

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Monday Mass is moved to 8am this week as Fr. Hurley has an all-day diocesan priest meeting in Tipton.

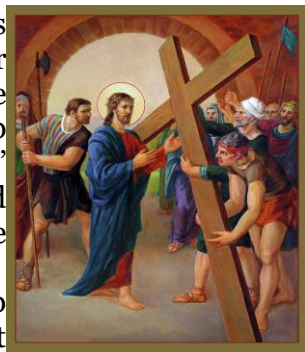
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Save the date of Sunday, October 3rd. We are planning a blessing of animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi feast day which is October 4. Any type of animal is welcome, but must be contained. Details will be forthcoming.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now. Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily. But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?



We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening. We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them. If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.



September 12 is National Grandparent's Day in the United States. In connection with Pope Francis World Day for Grandparents in July, our pastorate has planned a Grandparent's Day gathering to be held in the parish hall at St. John's on **Sunday, September 12th, 2-4pm**. Kids are invited to bring a grandparent (biological or adopted for the day) or grandparents bring a grandchild. Parents will be coordinating the day so grandparents and grandkids can enjoy together.

We will play bingo with prizes, have snack foods and drinks, and have memory sharing booklets available. **This is a pastorate sponsored event.** All in our pastorate are invited, no cost for the event, just come celebrate our grandparents and their heritage.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Sept. 13: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, Sept. 14: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Sunday, Sept. 19: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Carry-in Luncheon after 11am Mass at Holy Family

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination.



24th 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

A Pastorate of
The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Pastor, Fr. Kevin Hurley

PARISH OFFICES

Office e-mail: DHolsten@parish.dol-in.org

Fr. Hurley's email: fr.khurley@dol-in.org

Website: www.stmaryjohn.org

St. Mary, Dunkirk

P.O. Box 286, Dunkirk, IN 47336

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

Church Basement: 765-768-1283

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

213 S. Spring St., Hartford City, IN 47348

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

Fax: 765-348-4399

Holy Family, Gas City

325 E North A St, Gas City, IN 46933

Parish Office: 765-674-2605

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