



**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

LITURGY SCHEDULE	
October 3, 2021	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Monday, Oct. 4</b>	10:00a.m...Billy & Cheryle Meyer
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 5</b>	:00a.m...No Mass
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 6 at St. John's</b>	12:00noon...No Mass
<b>Thursday, Oct. 7 at St. Mary's</b>	5:30p.m...No Mass
<b>Friday, Oct. 8 at Holy Family</b>	9:00a.m...No Mass
<b>Saturday, Oct. 9</b>	5:00p.m...Linda Grove at St. Mary's 6:30p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's
<b>Sunday, Oct. 10</b>	9:00a.m...Raphael & Monica Carrie at St. John's 11:00a.m...Fr. Christopher Roberts at Holy Family

**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.

**RETREAT WEEK**

Fr. Hurley will be away on the annual priest retreat this week; therefore, there will be no weekday Mass Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Please pray for our priests and for vocations.



Each October is dedicated to Our Lady but it is also Respect Life month as well. As we finish up the year for St. Joseph it is good to be reminded that the infant Christ was born into our world in a state of great vulnerability and that He needed to be defended, protected, and raised by Joseph. As Pope Francis wrote last year, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child." Like, every other human family, the Holy Family had to deal with real and concrete challenges. Yet, in every situation, Joseph spoke his own *fiat*. His *yes* to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently decided to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him an intercessor, a friend, and a guide in times of trouble. Joseph is an example to us to say yes to life, despite our own fears, anxieties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true miracle by which God saves the child and his mother. May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life.

*Dear St. Joseph, you who were able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

**"We need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society." (The Gospel of Life, 80)**

**PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF ALL LIFE**

*We pray to the Lord for all Catholics:  
That on this Respect Life Sunday our resolve may be strengthened to uphold the dignity of every human life.*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

*Tuesday, Oct. 5:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's  
*Wednesday, Oct. 6:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
*Thursday, Oct. 7:* Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's  
*Sunday, Oct. 10:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

**LIFECCHAIN THIS SUNDAY**

Hartford City Life Chain will meet Sunday, October 3, 2021. Sign-in will begin at 2 PM at Dave's Car Corner, 1225 N. Walnut, Hartford City, and the Life Chain will finish at 3:30. All are invited to participate, rain or shine, in support of an end to abortion. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

**SUPPORT OUR 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary is taking orders for the 125th Christmas Ornaments and Vinyl Window Decals of the Church. These can be for your car, truck or windows at home. There will be samples and order sheets in the back of the church. Please Prepay, the cost is \$10 for the ornaments and \$5 for the window decals. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK ON FORMED:**

Read about St. Therese of the Child Jesus this week on FORMED. Her feast day was Friday October 1. There is a 30-minute podcast, an hour and a half movie, and a 10-minute kids video under Lucas Storyteller all teaching us more about this important saint.

Here are the Formed sign-up instructions for our parishioners:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St John the Evangelist** by parish name, be sure to put **Hartford City** or zip code of **47348**. (We could only set it up for one church location in our pastorate, but it is for all our parishioners.)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



St. John's Altar and Rosary Meeting  
Thursday October 7, 2021 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.  
We will discuss our Winter Wreath Fundraiser.  
Please join us for Fellowship and Sweet Treats.



*Our pastorate would like to congratulate and welcome Edith Anne Soultz, daughter of Jeremy and Anne Soultz, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at Holy Family Church. May her gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.*

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers Phil Blakely, husband of Amy Blakely, parishioner of St. Mary's, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

**Photos Needed for St. Mary's 125th Anniversary Celebration—please get them to Sara Grady Kolodka asap in an envelope with your name, she will scan them and get them back to you.**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**  
Sunday Collection: \$1,580.00  
Food Pantry: \$20.00  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87  
**St. John's**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,457.00  
Haiti: \$188.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23  
**Holy Family**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,063.00  
Sharing Cupboard: \$15.00  
Votive: \$36.00  
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"*

## PASTORATE VISION PLAN

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has already taken the time to fill out our survey! This is the last weekend that the electronic survey will be available on our website [www.stmaryjohn.org](http://www.stmaryjohn.org). The results of the survey will be used to determine the direction of our parishes as we continue to grow and thrive. You'll notice, the questions are about all aspects of parish life and our 3 churches. The survey is completely anonymous, so please share your thoughts and feelings about our parishes to help shape our future! Surveys will be accepted through this Wednesday, October 5.

## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY— PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray for our pastorate communities and one another as we grow stronger together and for the common good of one United Heart to Jesus.

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.

Throughout the month of October arrive one half hour early to Mass at St. John's to join in prayer of the Holy Rosary, both on Saturday and Sunday. If you are willing to lead, just call Diana with the date(s).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 4: [St. Francis of Assisi] Jon 1: 1 – 2: 2, 11; Lk 10: 25-37

Oct. 5: [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest] Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 10: 38-42

Oct. 6: [St. Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin] Jon 4: 1-11; Lk 11: 1-4

Oct. 7: [Our Lady of the Rosary] Mal 3: 13-20b; Lk 11: 5-13

Oct. 8: JI 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Lk 11: 15-26

Oct. 9: [St. Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest] JI 4: 12-21; Lk 11: 27-28

Oct. 10: Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30

It's Sock-tober time Holy Family parishioners!!! Please, bring new adult men and women socks for the residents of Twin City Healthcare. Place socks in the tote located in the Narthex by Sunday, October 24. Thank you!!

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

THIS Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, join us for 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 leashed or contained. This will take place in the vacant lot just east of St. Mary's at 2pm. All pets are invited...along with their owners.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**GN 2:18-24; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; HEB 2:9-11; MK 10:2-16 OR 10:2-12**

Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches — the little churches that we call our families.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman.

When Adam sees the woman he says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman.'"

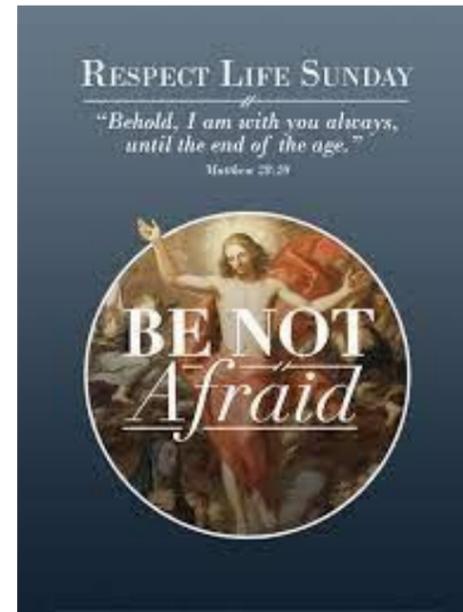
We can almost hear the longing, gratitude, and appreciation in Adam's voice when he meets Eve as he says, "at last." She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him.

This was before the fall of man, meaning sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love.

Our Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world — a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man's heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus' words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life--homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.



## 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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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