



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE	
October 10, 2021	
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday, Oct. 11	8:00a.m...Gerard Merkel, Sr.
Tuesday, Oct. 12	:00a.m...No Mass
Wednesday, Oct. 13 at St. John's	12:00noon...Patricia McCammon
Thursday, Oct. 14 at St. Mary's	5:30p.m...Jim Grady
Friday, Oct. 15 at Holy Family	9:00a.m...Robert Moore
	10:00a.m...Funeral for Jim Schorey at St. John's
Saturday, Oct. 16	5:00p.m...Phil Blakely at St. Mary's
	6:30p.m...Charlie Montgomery at St. John's
Sunday, Oct. 17	9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's
	11:00a.m...Mike Halbur & Bob Hentges at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

MONDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Fr. Hurley will celebrate Monday Mass at 8am so that he can head out for an all-day diocesan priest meeting. Please join us at 8am.



Being on retreat always gets me thinking and evaluating my prayer life on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. It forces me to always think on how well I may or may not be focused on God? In his letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 5:16-19), St. Paul encourages his people, "To pray without ceasing." This is certainly an inspiring phrase, but how does one do that? The Church, of course, has given us a myriad number of ways to pray and to keep a spirit of prayer throughout the day, especially found in the Liturgy of the Hours, Spiritual Communion, and the Holy Rosary. That said, there are some extraordinarily powerful prayers we can say that can take as long as one second to assist us in getting refocused and connected to God.

One of the best of these short prayers, is the prayer to the Holy Spirit. It takes just a few seconds to say, but can change one's heart for the rest of the day and even for one's life. It goes thusly: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Simple and to the point, but prayers to the Holy Spirit are so integral to our faith. As the Catechism reminds us (CCC 2670), "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." Other short prayers include the following: "Thy will be done; My God and my all; O heart of Jesus, all for Thee; O God have mercy on me a sinner; Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ"; and many more. Incorporating these short prayers into our faith lives, can be a great assist in making each day holier and better than the one before.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

Congratulations to **Ed & Sharon Delery** who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 15. May God continue to bless their marriage.

PASTORATE VISION PLAN

Thank you to all parishioners who filled out our survey. Our team is busy thoughtfully evaluating the results and will be working to develop a Parish Vision Plan. We will present this plan at all Masses in the near future. Once the Vision Plan is established, a copy will be mailed to all households and presented at Mass by a member of our Leadership Team. We are excited about the future of our parish!

PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF ALL LIFE

We pray that during this Respect Life Month our resolve will be strengthened to cherish and protect the gift of every human life from conception to natural death; and that the life of every person will be protected by our laws and cherished in our hearts;

MONTHLY CARRY-IN

Please join us at Holy Family after 11am Mass next Sunday, October 17th, for our monthly carry-in. We always have a good time and the more the merrier. Bring your favorite dishes to Reemmer Hall before Mass. We will have the ovens on warm and the refrigerators ready to chill.



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Theresa Rains and Jim Schorey, parishioners of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this past week. Also, Margaret Reidy Spradling, former parishioner of St. John's who was buried this week. May their families be comforted by your prayers.

"You change your life by changing your heart."

— St. Benedict of Nursia

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

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

SUPPORT OUR 125th 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!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
Sunday Collection: \$6290.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
Sunday Collection: \$6,674.00
Building Fund: \$395.00
Food Pantry: \$283.00
Missions: \$90.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
Sunday Collection: \$4,178.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$125.00
Votive: \$32.00
Missions: \$61.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 4:30-7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY
DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

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**.
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY— PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray for our pastoral 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. 11: [St. John XXIII, pope] Rom 1: 1-7; Lk 11: 29-32

Oct. 12: Rom 1: 16-25; Lk 11: 37-41

Oct. 13: Rom 2: 1-11; Lk 11: 42-46

Oct. 14: [St. Callistus I, pope & martyr] Rom 3: 21-30; Lk 11: 47-54

Oct. 15: [St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church] Rom 4: 1-8; Lk 12: 1-7

Oct. 16: [St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin] Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Lk 12: 8-12

Oct. 17: Is 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16; Mk 10: 35-45

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!!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

WIS 7:7-11; PS 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; HEB 4:12-13; MK 10:17-30 OR 10:17-27

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

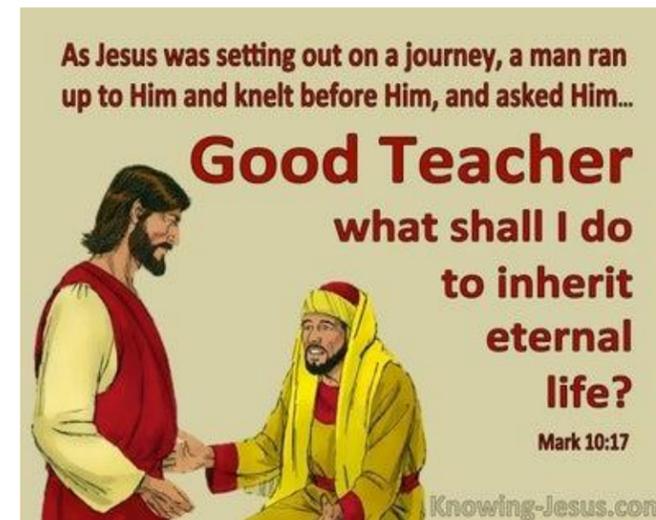
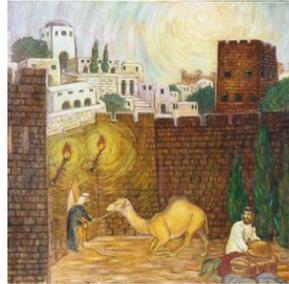
Jesus states that "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride, or control.

Jesus doesn't want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house, or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him.

It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.



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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