



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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**October 24, 2021**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, Oct. 25**  
10:00a.m...Tom & Claire Aulbach

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**  
:00a.m...No Mass

**Wednesday, Oct. 27 at St. John's**  
12:00noon...Deceased of Lenz Family

**Thursday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary's**  
5:30p.m...Raphael Carie

**Friday, Oct. 29 at Holy Family**  
9:00a.m...Bob & Jean Hentges

**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
5:00p.m...Chuck Rife at St. Mary's  
6:30p.m...Tony & Ginny Wesolowski at St. John's

**Sunday, Oct. 31**  
9:00a.m...Vera Johnson at St. John's  
11:00a.m...Mickey McPherson & Peggy McPherson at Holy Family

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for this year's celebration: *"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20). In his message to all Catholics about this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis said, "To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters." It is our yearly opportunity to honor our life as Catholics through the special call we received at Baptism to be missionaries. It also reminds us of the service offered by the Church's missionaries in bearing Christ's message of salvation to all people in all lands. The Gospel for this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time is wonderfully appropriate in revealing the life-changing joy that can come to us as followers of our Lord and Redeemer.

Bartimaeus rejoiced, not only in having his eyes opened, but also in his faith. Unlike many who believe, he did not hesitate to express his gratitude with exuberance. Let us willingly show our belief in the Christ who heals spiritual blindness as joyfully as Bartimaeus—for all the world to see. On this World Mission Sunday, let us also "speak" of our faith, through our prayers and financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Our generosity on this Sunday, combined with what is offered in churches and chapels around the globe, joins us to the efforts of missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and serve the poor. Let us pray for the ongoing missionary activity here in our local Church as well in the universal Church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

Holy Family now has a lending library in the front vestibule of church. Please take advantage of the religious reading materials.

Congratulations to Kaleb Moore and Alexandria Christman who received the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend at Holy Family Church. Let us offer prayers for a lifetime of happiness to the newlyweds.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Oct. 25: Rom 8: 12-17; Lk 13: 10-17
- Oct. 26: Rom 8: 18-25; Lk 13: 18-21
- Oct. 27: Rom 8: 26-30; Lk 13: 22-30
- Oct. 28: [Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles] Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16
- Oct. 29: Rom 8: 1-5; Lk 13: 1-6
- Oct. 30: Rom 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14: 1, 7-11
- Oct. 31: Dt 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28; Mk 12: 28b-24

**ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD**

*Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priest, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Tuesday, Oct. 26: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
- Wednesday, Oct. 27: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
- Saturday, Oct. 30: Haiti at St. John's  
Trick-or-Treating 7-8pm at Holy Family
- Sunday, Oct. 24: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
Haiti at St. John's  
All Saints Carry-in Party 11am at Holy Family

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!!

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

- St. Mary's**  
Sunday Collection: \$905.00  
Missions: \$185.00  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,352.00  
Food Pantry: \$50.00  
Missions: \$150.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**  
Sunday Collection: \$813.00  
Sharing Cupboard: \$20.00  
Votive: \$33.50  
Missions: \$25.00  
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.*



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

**PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF ALL LIFE**

*We pray for those nearing the end of life:*  
May they receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life.

**MUNCIE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, November 13**  
**8:30am-3:30pm**  
**Muncie Horizon Convention Center**

Join other Catholic Men for engaging talks, fraternity, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Timothy Doherty.  
Special Guests:  
Dr. Ray Guarendi, Sean Hussey, Joe Reitz, and Bishop Timothy Doherty





**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY'S  
PARISH COMMUNITY**



**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!

Wreath orders are due next Sunday for St. John's annual fundraiser. Drop order forms in the collection basket or send to the office. Thank you for your support.

**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 10:30am and 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).

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

**JER 31:7-9; PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; HEB 5:1-6;  
MK 10:46-52**

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need



healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ. There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

"The Gospel of Life is both a great gift of God and an exacting task for humanity....In giving life to man, God demands that he love, respect and promote life." (The Gospel of Life, 52)



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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**

**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