



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Nov. 8 at St. John's
 10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 9
 0:00a.m....No Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 10 at St. John's
 8:00a.m....Joe & Janet Smith

Thursday, Nov. 11 at St. Mary's
 5:30p.m...Bill & Marilyn Blankenbaker

Friday, Nov. 12 at Holy Family
 9:00a.m...Diana Hall

Saturday, Nov. 13
 5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's,
 and Holy Family at St. Mary's
 6:30p.m...Charlie Montgomery at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 14
 9:00a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz at St. John's
 11:00a.m...Robert Moore at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

People Who Suffer from Depression
 We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Through the Old Testament, the planting of trees is often used to describe God's work of cultivating and restoring His people, Israel. Recall His promise through Ezekiel: "I the LORD have made the dry tree flourish." The prophets point us back further, to the very beginning, when God brings forth from the sterile ground "every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food." There, as God created the heavens and the earth, He was able to plant trees where the seas had previously covered. God, and only God, can plant trees in oceans, and bear fruit in deserts. And God, and only God, can do so in our feeble hearts: bringing perfection forth from weakness, fruitfulness from a timid fiat, and fidelity despite our own feeling of insufficiency. This week, Catholics around the world reflect on Christ's call to all of us—the vocation—and His words are a gentle reminder to each of us that fear or timidity has no place in a heart which relies on Him, and the task that He has crafted for us, no matter how impossible based on our own capacities or readiness, is one that He, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, can make possible in us by His grace. Our task is twofold: to humbly place our hearts before Him as they are—choosing to "seek him with sincerity of heart," not hiding our weaknesses or closing off our fears from God's grace—but also placing our hearts, broken as they are, in Christ's secure grasp. He opens His own heart to each of us at the Mass, entrusting to us His Body and Blood, let us not fear to boldly open our hearts to Him, and to His ever-sufficient love. So, let us continue to pray both for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to those already in those states.

In Christ,
 Fr. Hurley

Monday there will be no weekend Mass as Fr. Hurley will be out of town. Wednesday's Mass this week will be at 8am rather than noon as Fr. Hurley has an all-day priest meeting. Please join us for morning Mass that day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 8: Wis 1: 1-7; Lk 17: 1-6
 Nov. 9: [The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica] Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2: 13-22
 Nov. 10: [St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church] Wis 6: 1-11; Lk 17: 11-19
 Nov. 11: [St. Martin of Tours, bishop] (Veteran's Day) Wis 7: 22b-8:1; Lk 17: 20-25
 Nov. 12: [St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr] Wis 13: 1-9; Lk 17: 26-37
 Nov. 13: [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin] Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9; Lk 18: 1-8
 Nov. 14: Dn 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32



Through the month of November, we will have a candle display remembering those whom we have lost from our parishes from November 1, 2020-October 22, 2021. Also, on the stand at the back of our churches, there is a Book of the Dead. Feel free to include any deceased loved one's name(s) in this book that you wish prayed for throughout the month. This is a way we can honor and pray for all the holy souls and faithful departed, that through the mercy of God, they may rest in His peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes for All Souls' Day can be found in your envelope packets. These envelopes donations are added to our Mass Intention books for Masses to be offered throughout the coming year for our deceased loved ones.

If you would like to pray for a deceased loved one or the welfare of someone living, please enclose \$10 stipend in an envelope and indicate the name of the person and living or deceased and send it to the office via mail or basket.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation. It is an informational and prayer process of someone who wishes to know more about the Catholic faith (already Catholic or wishing to join the Catholic faith). Our group is meeting on Thursdays with private or computer study and in-person study. Contact the office or Fr. Hurley if you wish to know more about the RCIA process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Nov. 8: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
 Tuesday, Nov. 9: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
 Wednesday, Nov. 10: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
 Thursday, Nov. 11: Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
 Pastoral Council Meeting 6pm at St. John's
 Saturday, Nov. 13: Food Pantry at St. Mary's
 Sunday, Nov. 14: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
 Sunday Collection: \$575.00
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
 Sunday Collection: \$2,253.00
 Haiti: \$202.30
 Building Fund: \$100.00
 Food Pantry: \$140.00
 Missions: \$70.00
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
 Sunday Collection: \$2,045.00
 Sharing Cupboard: \$114.00
 Votive: \$35.00
 Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

St. Mary's Altar-Rosary meeting will be Monday, November 8 at 6:00pm. Please join us for the rosary, meeting and "good eats". All women of the parish welcome.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

1 KGS 17:10-16; PS 146:7-10; HEB 9:24-28; MK 12:38-44

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from

Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless

widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

We will NOT have NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER Carry-ins at Holy Family due to the busy holiday season. They will resume, weather permitting, in January 2022.



Pope Francis urges us to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

CMA STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP:

December 31st is the final date of this campaign for payments. If you would be willing to give towards this, please contact Fr. Hurley or Diana in the office at 765-348-3889.

Thank you to each who have offered a pledge and to those who have offered prayers for the Catholic Ministries Appeal success and the benefits it provides to us and our diocese as a whole.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

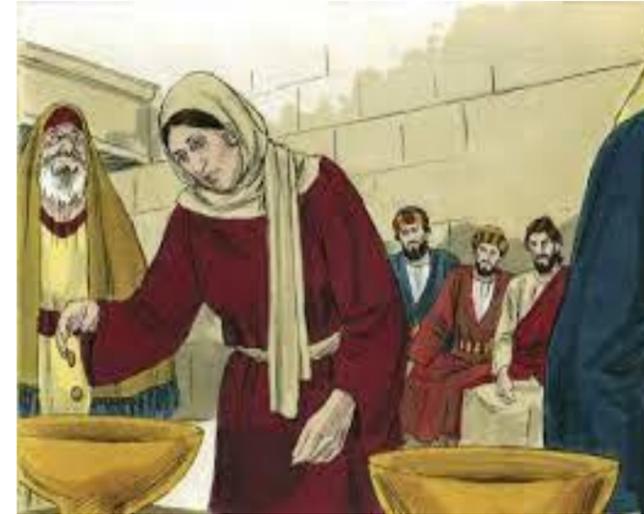
Can God Heal Human Divisions?

A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

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!

St. John's Altar & Rosary will participate in the Santa's Depot Craft Show this year with their annual **bake sale** on Saturday, November 20, 9-2pm at Blackford High School. Contacts will be made in the coming weeks for baked goods donations, candies, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated for this annual fundraiser.



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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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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