

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

## MAY 26, 2018

### A FEW WORDS FROM FR. DAVE:

Continued thoughts and commentary on highlighted items in my prayer books.

#### **He was at ease in the company of the humble and the great alike.**

##### **From the life of St. Norbert**

I think we've all met egotistical people. You know, people who are legends in their own minds. All they can talk about is themselves and how great they think they are. They are always trying to impress others – (probably because they have a deep-seated lack of self-worth).

Pope Francis often talks of encountering one another. Basically, this is two people--heart to heart--meeting and learning about each other. And probably sharing where God is in their lives. The ego-maniacs of the world are probably unable to genuinely encounter anyone. In an encounter we treat the others as an equal.

In contrast, St. Norbert, was clearly humble enough and open enough to encounter those from all strands of society. How beautiful that must have been to see in action. St. Norbert must have been very comfortable "in his own skin." He must have known that he had great value and dignity as a human being...and so did everyone else.

Jesus also seemed to be comfortable dealing with all sorts of people. He talked with important people like Pilate and secular rulers. He talked with important religious leaders like Scribes, and Pharisees, and Sadducees. And he talked with important regular people like the woman at the well and the woman who "crashed" the Pharisees party.

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### FIVE TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL FROM OUR CLUSTER PARISHES

The end of the school year brings a new beginning for graduating seniors. This year St. Mary's has three graduates from Jay County High School: Trent Fullenkamp, Kelli Grady, and Cole Stigleman. St. John's graduates are Quinn Cunningham and Erica McVicker graduating from Blackford High School.

Our cluster parishes wish them only the best at whatever endeavors they pursue. May they continue to keep their faith in Christ Jesus first and foremost in their lives and let His light lead and guide them in all they do.

## PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.





## SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL 2018

As men from our diocese accept Our Lord's invitation to discern priesthood, we have to meet the challenge of providing for them financially. When they enter the seminary, they become our responsibility in the diocese. Just as they step forward in faith, we too must stand with them.

This special appeal for the benefit of the Seminarian Fund Appeal will take place at the Lord's Day Masses on June 9-10 in our cluster parishes. These dates will fall after the ordinations to the priesthood and transitory diaconate.

Each year we ask you, the people of the Local Church, to support our seminarians through this appeal. Whenever a person financially contributes to the education of a seminarian, they are investing in their own future, to have a priest in their home parish who will baptize their children and grandchildren, to minister to the sick, to have Mass and offer the Eucharist. The goal for this year is \$480,000. **St. Mary's parish goal is \$680 and St. John's parish goal is \$2,201.**

Without your generous gift now we cannot educate our future priests properly. Your gift to this appeal is used responsibly and with good stewardship for the education of our seminarians. We take your generosity seriously, and we are careful to use it properly.

The special collection will help cover the education and formation of the seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and the promotion of vocations. This year, we have 15 seminarians. Two young men will be ordained to the priesthood, with two being ordained into the transitional diaconate. The young men are answering God's call. Thank you for your generosity as you make your gift. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

Please help support our seminarians by supporting their calling.

## SUMMER MISSIONARY TO VISIT

Missionhurst – CICM has been assigned by Bishop Doherty as the missionary organization to travel our Diocese this summer. They will be visiting our cluster parishes the weekend of June 30/July 1 sharing their missionary message of Good News in the Gospels and work from around the world for the poorest, most neglected brothers and sisters in Christ.

Founded in 1862 by a Belgian priest for the evangelization of China, they have locations in many countries around the world and serve millions of people. In the United States, they are based out of Arlington, Virginia. There is a brochure contained in this edition of *The Good News Letter* for you to see more details of their work and travels.

Please welcome our missionary priest and be generous to his needs through your gifts of prayer and donations.

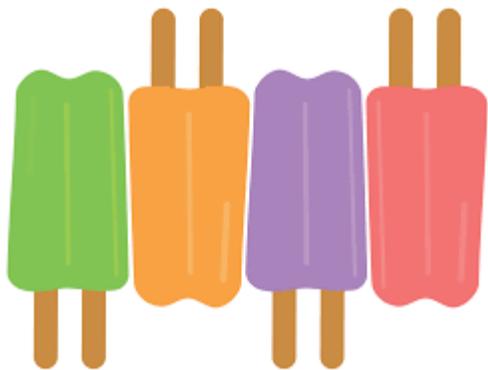


## MY CHOICES AND COMMITMENT

Lord, inspire me to live in such a way  
that my choices each day  
and my commitment to live in a  
positive way  
may transform the negative into  
something positive,  
and the ordinariness of daily life  
into something extraordinary. Amen.

## SISTERS TO HOST FORGIVENESS RETREAT

Come to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Saturday, June 2, and join the Sisters of Providence as they share with you the "Forgiveness Retreat," scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Providence Hall Community Room. Bring your need for forgiveness as well as your need to be free of the hurts in your life, and remember that the person who gains the most from forgiveness is the one who does the forgiving. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch, and the registration deadline is May 25. Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).



## FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE

As we get closer to the end of the current diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2016, "Stewards of Christ...Sharing Our Gifts", please remember if you have a current pledge balance that all gifts must be received and posted no later than September 1, 2018 in the Fruitful Harvest Office. St. John's is drawing closer to meeting their goal of \$45,240. They have paid pledges of \$41,515 as of the end of April. A 10% rebate of the goal amount will be returned to the parish once the goal is met and all overage payments will be returned at 50%.

St. Mary's has reached their goal and received their rebate check. They have paid pledges totaling \$14,578, so they will receive a 50% rebate check as well at the close of the current campaign for all payments over their goal of \$12,635.

Please continue to help support the Diocese and our local Church through payment of your pledges. Many thanks to all who are helping us reach our goals in this campaign.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARIES:

4 Steve & Donna Schuck  
12 Ryan & Lauren Holsten

### BIRTHDAYS:

2 Matthew Aulbach  
7 Ruth Ann Clawson  
11 Julie K. Fields  
19 Ryan Holsten  
22 Hope Fleming  
22 Karen Uggen  
23 Ryan John Trissel  
25 Mason Kitterman  
28 Mary Ford  
29 Jim Cale

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JUNE—ST. MARY'S

**June 3:** **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Laverne Watson & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**June 10:** **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle & Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Dan Watson **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**June 17:** **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Christa Stigleman **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

**June 24:** **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagle **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely



## MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH NEW FEAST DAY

“WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Catholic Church doesn't often add new celebrations to its pretty full liturgical calendar, but this year's new feast day, Mary, Mother of the Church on May 21, has Catholics gearing up to mark the day or at least think a little more about Mary.

“The new feast day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost, was announced in a March 3 decree by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The decree said the pope approved the celebration because he thought it might "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."

“Gaining a renewed and deeper understanding of Mary's nurturing and caring side is something he said the church, especially in today's climate, could certainly use...”

“Gloria Falcao Dodd, director of academic programs for the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton, Ohio, wrote a paper about this Marian title in 2006. Her research shows that a bishop in the 1100s called Mary, Mother of the Church and Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on the rosary said that Mary at Pentecost was "in very truth, the mother of the church, the teacher and queen of the apostles."

“And in 1981, the title "Mother of the Church" was given another boost when St. John Paul II had a mosaic commissioned for the outside wall of his papal apartment called "Mater Ecclesiae" ("Mother of the Church") in gratitude for his recovery after being shot in St. Peter's Square. Then, and other times, the pope spoke of Mary as a mediator, or someone who intercedes for us, said Dodd.

“That idea of Mary interceding for the church, as a mother does for her children, is important for Catholics to consider, especially as this new feast falls so soon after Mother's Day, said Dodd. She also said it is key to understand its placement right after Pentecost, noting that at the time of the original Pentecost, Mary "did what a mother would do -- she prayed with and for her children in the upper room." And at Jesus' crucifixion, when he publicly announced to the disciple John, "behold your mother" about Mary. John symbolizes all of us, the church, Dodd said.

“Auxiliary Bishop Gerard W. Battersby of Detroit said Mary's presence at the foot of the cross and with the early church at Pentecost, is an example of what it means to be a disciple.

“He said this image of a mother with her children "on this pilgrim journey" is important for the church today, especially as the pope is calling Catholics to a new evangelization and to unleash the Gospel message. "It's important for us to understand the church is Marian; this is not just a pleasant sentiment added on," he said, stressing that Mary is a guide for the church today.

“I think this is a time of special grace," the bishop told Catholic News Service May 2, noting that Mary's job has always been to point to Jesus...”

Exerts from [Catholic News Service](#) By Carol Zimmerman

## Nacho Average Father's Day Party



*Please Save the Date to come together to Celebrate the Not So Average Fathers in our Lives!!*

***Please RSVP for all "Nacho Average Men" in your family to come together and celebrate!***

***RSVP for our celebration of Father's Day by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served at 9:30am after Mass on Sunday June 17, 2018.***





## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JUNE—ST. JOHN'S

**Saturday 5:00 pm** **Readers:** Vince Cimino **Gifts:** Fran & Mike Eikenbary **Announcements:** Lisa Rinker **Communion Ministers:** Tina Johnson, Serena Merkel, Barbara Houseman, Ruth Ann Clawson, Dale Cunningham

**Sunday 8:30 am** **Reader:** Religious Ed 3, Claire Aulbach 10, 17, 24 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 3, Susan Lannoy 10, 17, 24 **Announcements:** Sr. Rita Musante **Greeters:** Jessica & Brian Kitterman Family **Communion Ministers:** Kate & Alan Gordon, Becky & Jack Cain, Eric Aulbach

## FAMILY SECTION— JOY FOR THE WORLD

### “Courageous” Movie Offers Powerful Message About Fatherhood

Are you looking for a new movie with a compelling message and action-packed police drama? Then check out “Courageous,” which opens around the country on September 30.

Sherwood Pictures produced the film, following up on the success of an earlier release, “Fireproof.” Unique among production companies, Sherwood Pictures is a ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. The actors are volunteers, drawn mostly from the church’s ministry. Most of them, especially the leads, turn in professional performances worthy of a mainstream production.

“Courageous” tells the story of four law enforcement officers who bravely face the worst the streets have to offer. At home, however, they’re falling short as dads. One nags his son and brushes off his daughter; another is divorced and hardly sees his child; a third fathered a daughter when he was young and then walked away. It takes a personal tragedy, and more, to help these men recognize and accept their responsibilities as Christian fathers.

Although set in an evangelical Christian context, the film’s message about the importance of fatherhood will resonate with people of all faiths.

## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

June 1-Pope Francis I  
June 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty  
June 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City  
June 4-Fr. Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General; Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette  
June 5-Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Alexandria  
June 6-Fr. Stephen Duquaine, St. Lawrence, Lafayette  
June 7-Fr. Cajetan Ebuziem, Emmaus House Lafayette  
June 8-Fr. Dale Ehrman, Sacred Heart, Cicero  
June 9-Fr. Dennis Faker, St. Cecilia, DeMotte  
June 10-Fr. Michael Ford, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette  
June 11-Fr. Tom Fox, retired  
June 12-Fr. Alan Funk, retired  
June 13-Fr. Sam Futral, St. Joseph, Covington & St. Francis Xavier, Attica  
June 14-Fr. Daniel Gartland, Holy Spirit, Fishers  
June 15-Fr. James Goodrum, retired  
June 16-Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton  
June 17-Fr. Joseph Grace, retired  
June 18-Fr. Paul Graf, Franciscan St. Elizabeth Healthcare Lafayette  
June 19-Fr. Don Gross, retired  
June 20-Fr. Kevin Haines, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield  
June 21-Fr. Thomas Haan, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, St. Theodore Guerin High School  
June 22-Fr. Phil Haslinger, retired  
June 23-Fr. David Hasser, Consultant in the Office of Divine Worship, Director of Vocations, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette  
June 24-Fr. Dave Hellmann, St. Lawrence, Muncie  
June 25-Bishop Emeritus William Higi, retired  
June 26-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel  
June 27-Fr. Patrick Hosey, retired  
June 28-Fr. Paul Hudson, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Remington  
June 29-Fr. David Huemmer, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, with ministry to the Monastery of the Poor Clares, Kokomo  
June 30-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



## PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

**Adam Aulbach** received first Holy Communion at St. John's on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Trent Fullenkamp** received several honors from Jay County High School including: Academic Honors Diploma, Delta Theta Tau-Redkey-Zeta Alpha Chapter Scholarship, Honor Section, National Honor Society, and Indiana University East Scholarship.

**Kellian Grady** received several honors from Jay County High School including: Academic Honors Diploma, Honor Section, and Delta Theta Tau-Wanda Miskinis Memorial Scholarship.

**Ashley Henderson** received first Holy Communion at St. John's on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Kyle Holsten** graduated from Trine University with a degree in Design Engineering Technology on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Isabelle Homan** received first Holy Communion at St. John's on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bryson Michael** received first Holy Communion at St. John's on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Cole Stigleman** received several honors from Jay County High School including: ACAC Academic All-Conference, Academic Honors Diploma, Athletic Letter Blanket, Delta Theta Tau-Redkey-Zeta Alpha Chapter Scholarship, Honor Section, Jay County Lions Club Scholarship, National Honor Society, Portland Foundation Scholarship, and Redkey Lions Club Scholarship.

**Luis Velasquez** received first Holy Communion at St. John's on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## SUMMER RETREATS AT DONALDSON

### DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE RETREAT

The sanctuary of one's soul in relationship to the intensity and integrity of one's prayer life as expressed and exemplified in the Prayer Life of Jesus and the early Community of Faith.

Retreat Director: Fr. Jerry Schweitzer

### A BRUSH WITH GOD ICON RETREAT

Icons are beautiful symbols, which draws the onlooker closer to God, enabling them to better contemplate and venerate the Word of God.

Retreat Director: Rev. Peter Pearson

**July 29-August 3**

We also have a Volunteer program for Single Women that takes place here in Donaldson on June 22-27, 2018. For more information on the retreats or to volunteer, contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC [cbach@poorhandmaids.org](mailto:cbach@poorhandmaids.org) 574-340-6409 or check the website at [www.phjcvolprogram.org](http://www.phjcvolprogram.org)

## WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

This year in this section of *The Good News Letter*, we will focus on Catholic furniture, fixtures, sacramentals and icons.

Colors within the church, especially vestments worn by the Priest, all have significant meaning and point to their function.

The colors of the vestments relate to the liturgical season or feast. There are four basic colors: green for Ordinary Time; violet for Advent and Lent; white/gold for Christmas, Easter, and certain solemnities and feasts; red for Pentecost, Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and feasts of martyrs. In addition, rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and Fourth Sunday of Lent while black may be used for funerals. The color blue, which is increasingly more popular for Advent and Marian feast days, is not an official liturgical color.

Often times these colors carry over to other aspects of the church such as banners, flowers, and other décor to celebrate that particular time of the liturgical church year.

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**Lord's Day Liturgy**

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: June 15, 2018**

**Editor: Diana Holsten**

**SUMMERTIME IS HERE**

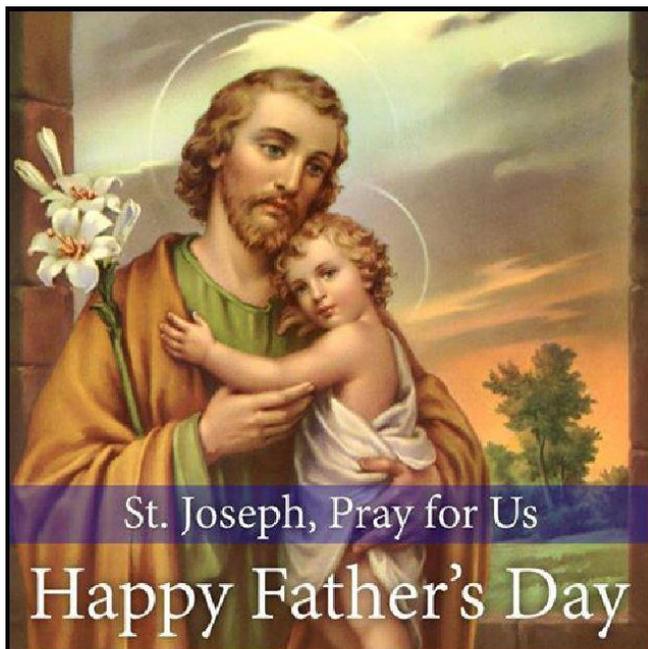
As the weather turns to summer and school is out and summer travel begins, don't forget your faith and church attendance. When you travel, take note of God's great beauty surrounding you and be awe struck at his creation. Also, take time to locate a church and pay a visit for Mass. They and you will be glad you did. Also, don't forget your home church for your contributions.

Have safe travels and always be on the lookout for children at play and bikes and motorcycles.

**FR. DAVE CELEBRATES 30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

Fr. Dave will celebrate 30 years of priesthood during the month of June. Help us celebrate over the weekend of June 23 & 24 as each of our cluster parishes gather to congratulate and thank him for his service to Jesus Christ and our parishes.

St. John's will gather for an evening meal after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, June 23 and St. Mary's will provide a noon meal beginning around 11:30 am following their Mass. Each of these celebrations will be provided by the parishes and if you cannot make it to one, join the other. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more details in the next few weeks, but mark your calendar now to celebrate with Fr. Dave.



St. Joseph, Pray for Us

Happy Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,

tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do,

protecting those who look to them,

as we look to You for love and salvation,

through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,

in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

*Prayerful*