

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JULY 20, 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM FR. DAVE:

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

Happy the soul that longs for the food of righteousness...it would not seek such things if it had not already savored their delight.

St. Leo the Great

Spirituality, seeking God, walking with the Lord, our relationship with Jesus... These things do not simply help us become more aware of God in our lives. They also lead us to do the right things in life (or if not always actually do, then genuinely try to do the right things).

My point is: our relationship with God leads us to conversion in our lives. It's kind of like going to confession. Our sins are forgiven, and we are given grace to avoid sinning (or doing what is right) in the future. Being human, we sin again. Yet having felt the grace of reconciliation, we are drawn to it again. In other words, we would not seek God's grace and forgiveness, if we had not already experienced it before.

Perhaps another way of saying it is this: Our sense of love and connection with God makes us want to experience more deeply loving and connecting with God.

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ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP DOHERTY

All married couples of the diocese celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2018 are invited to attend a special Mass on Sunday, September 16, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette to celebrate their years of Christian marriage. During the liturgy, Bishop Doherty will offer a special anniversary blessing. The Anniversary Mass will begin at 2:30pm and will fulfill the Sunday obligation. Immediately following Mass, Bishop Doherty will greet couples at a reception of light refreshments.

To assist in preparation, please register with the Office of Divine Worship online at www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass or contact our parish office and Diana will help with your registration.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A group from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will be traveling to the Holy Land in November and is inviting anyone from our diocese to join their group.

November 7 - 17, 2018

\$3,999.00 per person including air from Indianapolis.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily are included.

Holy Mass daily at the Holy Sites.

For more detailed information please call

Cathie or Michael Milano
at 1-800-773-2660.

SEWING DAY FOR APRONS

St. John's Altar & Rosary has purchased material in two patterns to make new aprons for the parish hall. We will be holding a couple of sewing days for any volunteers that would be willing to assist in making these aprons: Thursday, August 9, 6-9pm and Thursday, August 16, 9-noon. These will take place in the parish hall. Bring your own sewing machine, scissors, and pins. The aprons will already be cut and ready to sew. Thread will be provided as well. We will have a couple of ironing boards and irons on site. Please join us for an exciting project.



DIRECTOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEEDED

Are you a joyful Catholic? Do you enjoy sharing your faith? Is God calling you to full-time ministry? If you think so, there is a need to fill the new position of Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence Parish in Muncie, Indiana – a growing and dynamic church.

This full-time position provides a competitive salary and benefits. The new Director will recruit and train a team to plan, implement, and evaluate the adult programs in the parish.

Build a sense of community as you reach out to a very diverse population and train parish missionaries – there are potential disciples in our pews every Sunday.

Take the next step:

1. Review the job description on the website: www.stlawrencemuncie.com

2. Send letter of interest and comprehensive resume to:
c/o Search Committee

St. Lawrence Parish
820 East Charles St.
Muncie IN 47305

To assure priority consideration, submit your application no later than August 15, 2018.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

3 Marion & Ruth Ann Clawson
3 John & Terry McVicker
6 Harold & Carolyn Schuhmacher
7 Tom & Claire Aulbach
8 Bill & Pat Eppard
12 Allen & Tina Johnson
17 Jim & Rhonda Cale
24 Stuart & Brionna Shields
26 Brian & Jessica Kitterman

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Loretta Daniel
5 Gary Elkins
11 Mike Williams
15 Joshua Aulbach
20 Bob Banser

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*.



CARSON DWIGHT MURRAY

June 6, 2018

7lbs. 7oz., 21"

Proud Parents: Lisa & Doug
Murray and older brother Tyler,
parishioners of St. Mary's
Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST—ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm **Reader:** Fred Hoffman **Gifts:** Lisa & Scott Hutson Family **Announcements:** Vince Cimino **Communion Ministers:** Tina Johnson, Mary Ford, Serena Merkel, Gerard Merkel, Jr., Dale Cunningham

Sunday 8:30 am **Reader:** Religious Ed 5, Susan Lannoy 12, 19, Bethany Elkins 26 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 5, Joey Payne 12, 19, 26 **Announcements:** Becky Cain **Greeters:** **Communion Ministers:** Lorna Manley, Claire & Tom Aulbach, Bernadette & Gary Elkins

Assumption of Mary Holyday Vigil, Tuesday, August 14: **Reader:** Vince Cimino **Gift Bearer:** Pat Dee **Communion Ministers:**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST—ST. MARY'S

August 5: **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Amy & Brad Grady Family **Communion Ministers:** Ted Kolodka & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

August 12: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Jeff & Lisa Geesaman Family **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Loretta Wilson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Dan Watson **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

Assumption of Mary Holyday, Wednesday, August 15: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle & Loretta Wilson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

August 19: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Communion Ministers:** Susan Louck & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Jane Crouch & Dan Watson **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

August 26: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Amy Grady **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

JULY CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’” Mk 6:30

If we are honest, we know that we are not that good at “coming away...to a deserted place” to “rest for a while.” In fact, over 80 percent of us check our smart phones even before brushing our teeth in the morning and spend time on them in the last hour before we go to sleep. Like the apostles, we focus on getting a lot done. But let’s imagine what would happen if we truly responded to the challenge of Jesus to “come away” to pray in solitude every morning, resting in His presence and holy Word. Jesus invites us to put first things first. Let’s take him at his word and make the changes we need to make.

JULY GOAL: This month, challenge yourself to “come away” to a quiet place by praying at least five minutes a day, first thing in the morning before you check your electronic devices or turn on the TV. In addition, challenge yourself to respond to Jesus’ invitation to “rest a while” by doing something truly restful on Sunday, the day of rest.

--Knights of Columbus.org

Let's
Pray!

CALL FORTH THE BEST FROM ME

(From 100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguet)

Loving God,

It was not enough for you to give me life, to call me from nothingness to joy.

It was not enough for you to bless me with dreams which my years could attain.

It was not enough to surround me with family and friends who call forth the best from me.

Beyond all these gifts, you give me yourself.

Allow me to live in union with you, Never divorcing myself from your presence. Amen.



PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Lane Chapman was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Trent Fullenkamp was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Wyatt Geesaman was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Kellian Grady was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Matthew Paquette was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Calli Stigleman was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

Cole Stigleman was on the fourth cycle honor roll at Jay County High School.

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.

What is a votive or vigil candle?

This month let's address these "lights of prayer". I am referring to those stands which have small banks of candles which people can light (usually within small glass containers, colored or not, and often called "vigil lights"). Often you can find them near a statue or icon of Mary. These are called **votive candles** and indicate that someone is praying about something particular, either for themselves or on behalf of someone else. The word "votive" can also refer to a promise to pray for someone, as well as a wish or desire for a certain outcome on behalf of someone, such as recovery of health. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered

Vigil Lights (from the Latin *vigilia*, which means "waiting" or "watching") are traditionally accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting. According to *A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals*, by Ann Ball (Our Sunday Visitor Books), the practice of lighting candles in order to obtain some favor probably has its origins in the custom of burning lights at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. The lights burned as a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth. Because the lights continually burned as a silent vigil, they became known as vigil lights and these are lit for the deceased.

In our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light has a special significance - Christ. Recall Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life" (Jn 8:12) and "I have come to the world as its light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark" (Jn 12:46). The light then is a symbol of faith, truth, wisdom, virtue, grace, the divine life, charity, the ardor of prayer and the sacred presence which flow from Christ Himself.

Votive/Vigil candles can also be lit before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

In all, the usage of votive candles is a pious practice which continues today in many Churches. The symbolism does remind us that prayer is a "coming into" the light of Christ, allowing our souls to be filled with His light, and letting that light burn on in our souls even though we may return to other activities.

--Catholic Education Resource Center

FAMILY SECTION— JOY FOR THE WORLD

Catholic Social Teaching: Human Dignity

Human dignity is more fundamental than such attributes as poise or titles or wealth or intellect. It is a quality shared by every human being. An emaciated Somali child in a refugee camp shares this dignity just as much as a member of the British royal family.

From the moment of conception, all of us have an intrinsic dignity by virtue of being created “in the image of God;” by being endowed with a soul, which, among other things, gives us the ability to reason and make free choices in life; and by having a destiny, if we choose to seek it, of living eternally in the presence of God.

Human Dignity and Human Rights

Human dignity implies human rights, a respect accorded to all human beings, whether rich or poor, young or old. In other words, human rights are shared in equal measure by all people.

The most basic human right is the **right to life**. It is enshrined in the Ten Commandments with the injunction: “Thou shalt not kill.” It is the first right mentioned in America’s Declaration of Independence. It implies more than mere survival. It means a life free from servitude and a life that includes whatever spiritual and material means are necessary for living a life of dignity. If living in luxury is not a sign of human dignity, neither is living in destitution conducive to it.

A second basic human right is the preservation of **family life**. The family is the original and fundamental unit in society. Within the family, wrote Pope John Paul II, young people receive their “first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and (learn) what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person.” The family is such a vital cell of society and so important for personal growth that one of the most powerful arguments against slavery in the 19th Century was the breakup of slave families.

A third fundamental right is the **right to own property**. Private property gives individuals and families some form of protection from the world outside, a sphere of self-determination that is necessary to be fully human. Property is also what workers earn from the fruits of their labor. To take

away their property is to steal from them what they rightfully earned.

A fourth basic human right is the **right of association**. People naturally associate with one another, whether in families, churches, political parties, social clubs or professional organizations. In such groups, people find others who share their interests and ideals, who help protect their freedoms and nurture their talents.

Personal Responsibility

Human rights are an essential part of human dignity. But human dignity also implies personal responsibility.

A free will is one of the key attributes of human dignity. In modern terms, freedom means the ability to do as you please. Catholic teaching has a more profound understanding of freedom. It’s based on the understanding that many of the things we do have a moral component; that is, they tend to be good or evil.

According to the Book of Genesis, write the authors of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, “the power to decide good and evil does not belong to man but to God alone.”

As the creator of the world and the people in it, God knows what leads to true happiness and what leads to misery. That knowledge has its expression in God’s moral law. People find their true fulfillment when they accept that law. And “by deviating from the moral law,” says the Church’s Catechism, “man violates his own freedom, becomes imprisoned within himself, disrupts neighborly fellowship and rebels against divine truth.”

Human dignity is the birthright of every man and woman. It is inalienable, meaning it cannot be taken away by any person or institution. But it is also a foundation that can be built upon.

--foryourmarriage.org

“Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign...you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth.”

--Mother Teresa of Calcutta

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

Aug. 1-Pope Francis I
Aug. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
Aug. 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
Aug. 4-Fr. Ted Rothrock, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Carmel
Aug. 5-Fr. Anthony Rowland, St. John Vianney, Fishers
Aug. 6-Fr. Martin Sandhage, St. Augusta, Lake Village
Aug. 7-Fr. Daniel Shine, St. Mary and St. Ambrose, Anderson
Aug. 8-Fr. Robert Sell, St. Ambrose and St. Mary, Anderson
Aug. 9-Fr. Chris Shocklee, St. Bernard, Crawfordsville, Wabash College Newman Apostolate
Aug. 10-Fr. Stephen Snoich OSB, St. Augusta Lake Village
Aug. 11-Fr. Travis Stephens, St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers
Aug. 12-Fr. Stanislaw Tabor, All Saints, Logansport
Aug. 13-Fr. Clayton Thompson, St. Joseph, Delphi
Aug. 14-Fr. Eric Underwood, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
Aug. 15-Fr. Pete Vanderkolk, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fowler & St. Mary, Dunnington
Aug. 16-Fr. Mark Walter, St. Boniface, Lafayette
Aug. 17-Fr. Dick Weisenberger, St. Joseph, Lebanon
Aug. 18-Fr. Paul White, retired
Aug. 19-Fr. Bob Williams, retired
Aug. 20-Fr. Dominic Young, St. Ann Lafayette
Aug. 21-Fr. Ambrose Ziegler, retired
Aug. 22-Fr. Derek Aaron, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
Aug. 23-Fr. Raymond Akeriwe, St. Patrick, Kokomo
Aug. 24-Fr. Raymond Alaneme, St. Mary Lafayette
Aug. 25-Fr. Tim Alkire, St. Boniface Lafayette
Aug. 26-Fr. Kenneth Alt, Holy Trinity, Trinity
Aug. 27-Fr. Matthew Arbuckle, St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo, Monastery of the Poor Clares
Aug. 28-Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
Aug. 29-Fr. Jim Bates, retired
Aug. 30-Fr. Joshua Bennett, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
Aug. 31-Fr. Robert Bernatos, St. Joseph Kentland, St. John the Baptist Earl Park, Sts. Peter and Paul Goodland

AUGUST RETREATS AT ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER



The Mission of the Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center is to offer hospitality for the disciple to encounter Jesus Christ in a sacred space and provide opportunities for growth and renewal in the Spirit.

The following retreats are being offered during August at the beautiful St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton, IN.

Men's Silent Retreat

6 pm, Friday, August 10 to 3 pm, Sunday, August 12, 2018. Cost: \$175, Register by Aug.3

Women's Silent Retreat

6 pm, Friday, August 24 to 3 pm, Sunday, August 26, 2018. Cost: \$175, Register by Aug.17

These retreats include Mass, Holy hour, conferences on prayer, and plenty of quiet time to reflect on the scriptures. Amenities include a comfortable, full-service room and six meals. These retreats are available for men/women age 19 and older.

Five Day Silent Retreat

6 pm, Monday, August 13 to 3 pm, Friday, August 17, 2018. Cost: \$350

The retreat includes Mass, Holy Hour, a conference on prayer, and plenty of quiet time to reflect on the scriptures. Amenities include a comfortable, full-service room and twelve meals. This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older. Register before August 6th.

Get Away for a Day Retreat

9 am to 4 pm, Tuesday, August 28. Cost: \$40, includes room and lunch. Register by August 21.

Tired of all the demands tugging at you? Do you feel like you could just use some space to just get away? Come to this retreat for a day of quiet and solitude. Enjoy the beautiful and peaceful grounds, visit the shrines, make the Way of the Cross, and spend time in one of our comfortable rooms on the full-service floor, or in the chapel for prayer with the Lord. Mass and Confession will also be available during the day. This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older.

To register for any of the above retreats contact SJRCC Director Samir Azer at (765) 551-9570 or email sazer@dol-in.org.

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St. John the Evangelist Parish**

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Lord's Day Liturgy

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

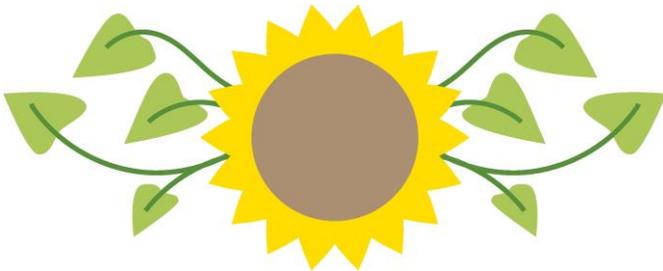
SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- **Weekday Liturgy:** Please consult inside the bulletin. -

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Aug. 17, 2018

Editor: Diana Holsten



**MARILYN SNYDER CELEBRATES
30 YEARS AT ST. JOHN'S**

St. John's Church wishes to thank and congratulate Marilyn Snyder for 30 years of dedication to our parish. She has been playing the organ for weekend Masses, Holyday Masses, funeral Masses, special occasions and any other need willingly and wholeheartedly since May of 1988. For those that know Marilyn, she plays organ or piano or keyboard for anyone or any occasion, even happy birthday phone calls, for love of the music. And, she decorates herself as vibrantly as the music, always decked out from her clothes, to her jewelry, to her hair to her smile.

Congratulations Marilyn and MANY THANK YOU's for your dedication and service to our celebrations of the Mass. We truly appreciate your time and enjoy given to your love of the music as we are the benefactors of that love.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMING
IN AUGUST**

St. John's Religious Education program will begin a new school year on Sunday, August 12th, 9:30-10:30am for all grades, preschool ages 3 & 4 through grade 12.

This year's teachers are: Megan Trissel-prek, Amy Henderson K-1, Lorna Manley 2-3, Bernadette Elkins 4-5, Eric Cale junior high, and Lisa Rinker high school, and our Director of Religious Ed is again Claire Aulbach.

A meet-and-greet with registration will take place on Sunday, August 5, after 8:30am Mass.

We look forward to an enlightening year of religious education and hope to see all youth involved in our program. Feel free to bring a friend to learn about your Catholic faith.



