

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

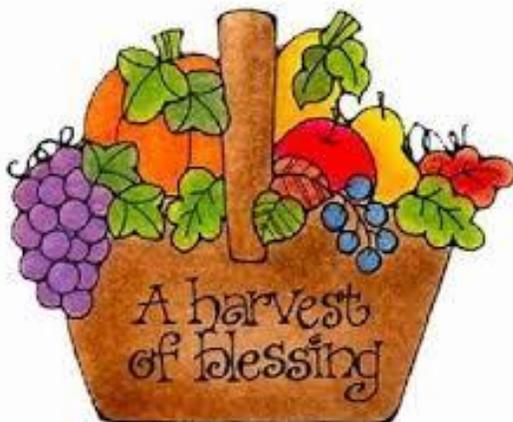
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WORKING ON THE MARGINS

More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the fund we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous, envelopes can be found in your packets.

Last fall St. John's applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from our diocese funded by CCHD from the 25% listed above. The largest portion of this money was used to support our local senior citizens center by purchasing two new computers. This equipment not only helped the center with their administrative needs, but was to provide educational and support opportunities for seniors as many things nowadays require online applications, documentation, or just simple communication. They were very grateful to receive this gift from St. John's which was a derivative of the CCHD collection. Thank You!

The remaining funds from the grant were used to enhance the microphone and speakers at church and to help with the food pantry.



FAMILY: THE FIRST SCHOOL OF FAITH

The *General Directory for Catechesis* (no. 226) reminds us that:

“The witness of Christian life given by parents in the family comes to children with tenderness and parental respect. Children thus perceive and joyously live the closeness of God and of Jesus made manifest by their parents in such a way that this first Christian experience frequently leaves decisive traces which last throughout life. This childhood religious awakening which takes place in the family is irreplaceable... Indeed, “family catechesis precedes...accompanies and enriches all forms of catechesis”.

Research such as that being done by Dr. Christian Smith at the University of Notre Dame is backing up the Church's teaching by demonstrating how central the impact of parents is on the faith life of their children. According to Dr. Smith, in contrast to the common perception that parental influence decreases as a child grows older and religious formation is best left to parochial programs, “the crucial location where youth's religious outcomes are largely decided is not the congregation or the parish, but the home.” They only help enhance what has been established.

With this said, the root of all training, education and disciple begins at home. Therefore, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6)

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

This month's topic to understanding the Mass covers Catholic Mass Intentions.

Offering the Mass for a particular intention is an ancient Catholic custom of directing the Church's most powerful form of prayer toward some good for which we earnestly pray. The Mass can be offered for the living or the dead, for peace or for other good intention that is pleasing to God. Anyone can request a Mass intention and the person for whom the intention is listed does not have to be Catholic. (Mass intentions in our diocese are \$10). When at Mass, we should each do our best to offer our own prayers for the same intention. That way the whole congregation, united in one powerful body by Holy Communion, will be offering the same prayers.

Christians know that death is not the end of life but the real beginning. Freed from the imperfections of earthly existence, the dead are *more* alive than we are. They are with us, and we still live with them. However, there is a purification after death as nothing unclean shall enter the heavenly kingdom. Therefore, by offering Masses for the dead we are helping to speed up that purification process for them. This is rooted in the Old Testament with Job who offered sacrifices for his sons *just in case*. (Job 1:1, 4-5).

As we approach All Saints and All Souls holydays on November 1 and November 2, we are called to mind of those who have gone before us. The Saints are a daily reminder of the life and love we are called to live as well as All Souls, all the dead including our deceased relatives and loved one, that have passed on. Mass intentions are commonly offered this time of year for those we wish to remember and to pray for as part of that "purification" process.

The holyday envelopes in our packets provide space on the back for you to list your intentions. These will be listed in the Mass intention book and scheduled in the bulletin so that as a faith community we can unite in prayer for our deceased loved ones.

--excerpted from *Understanding the Mass* by Mike Aquilina



FROM ANCESTOR WORSHIP TO THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

It took a long time for people of faith to come to believe in life after death. What made faith in life after death explode into conviction among Christians was what happened to Jesus himself. He died, was buried, and rose again! As Paul taught with such directness, those who identify with Jesus in his death and burial will also share his resurrection. Baptism is the effective sign of this identification. In our funeral rites, we make much of how a deceased person was coupled with Jesus through Baptism and therefore shares in the resurrection. All the promise of life everlasting made by Jesus are now fulfilled for this happy soul. And so, while we grieve at our loss, we celebrate with a sense of real joy.

God,

I cannot image the wonders of your desire to be one with me nor the sweet joy of your heavenly home.

I struggle to see your kingdom on earth in the presence of the sinners and saints, the poor and the rich, the beautiful and the wild ones of this human family.

Open me to discover you in the faces of my brothers and sisters:

*Those who are loving and lovable,
Those who are unacceptable and sinful—*

In order that I might be comfortable with all at the feast of love in your kingdom.

Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING FOR OUR DECEASED

As has become custom at St. John's Church, we will display our candle memorials beginning this week for All Saints and All Souls Holydays. These candles will remain throughout November until the weekend before Thanksgiving. May the candles' light be a reminder of those we have lost from our faith family during the past year.

Agnes Bowen, December 25, 2018

Leta Alice Morris, May 19, 2019

Christy Helm Robinson, June 11, 2019

Mae Pursley, June 13, 2019

Linda Phillips, June 14, 2019

Betty Cain, August 12, 2019

Let us continue to offer prayers for eternal rest and the repose of their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed. With God's mercy may they rest in peace. Amen.

FRUITFUL HARVEST THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

The 2019 Fruitful Harvest Campaign is roughly half way completed in timing. The current campaign runs through August, 2020. As of the report ending September 30, 2019, our parishes stand as follows towards completing our goals:

St. Mary's has paid 82% (\$11,245) of their goal of \$13,696. Their pledge total was \$15,270. Once \$2,451 has been paid, the balance to reach the goal, they will receive a 10% rebate from the diocese. Any amounts paid over the goal will return to the parish at the rate of 50%.

St. John's is not far behind with 78% of their goal paid. On pledges of \$49,995 toward a goal of \$44,717, as of September 30th, \$35,165 has been paid leaving a required balance of \$9,552 remaining.

Thank you to all for your prayers and commitments as we fulfill this need to help the greater local church, our diocese, walk together in the light of Christ. If you have any questions or concerns over your individual pledge, invoices, or balances, please contact Diana in the parish office for assistance.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK-NOV. 3-9

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. National Vocation Awareness Week is November 3-9. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

How Parents Can Nurture Vocations

Set an example. Model discipleship and a loving marriage to your children.

Seek role models. Befriend priests, sisters, and brothers and invite them to your home.

Look to scripture. Read and discuss the Bible stories of Mary's response to God (Luke 1:26-39), and Jesus calling the Apostles (Mt 4:18-22).

Pray for the future. Pray aloud that your children will follow Jesus and remain open to holy marriage, priesthood, and religious life.

If your child does express interest in the priesthood or religious life, be supportive. The best thing you can say is, "Whatever God wants for you, I want for you, too. Just keep praying to discover His will for your life."



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

7 Bob & Lucy Banser

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Janice Jackson

10 Lupie Dell

17 Noah Kitterman

25 Kellee Merkel

28 Ryder Trissel

30 Charles Montgomery

30 Veronique Coppock

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*.



ROSARY RALLY WARRIORS

The morning of Saturday, October 12 was cold and windy, not very enticing to standing outside for the Rosary Rally in Hartford City at the Blackford County Courthouse, but prayer warms the heart! The Rally was part of 20,000 rallies across the United States. We prayed the Luminous Mysteries Of The Rosary and asked Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our prayer intentions: reparation of sin in the United States; guidance and wisdom for our government from the county level to the national level; for the transition of clustered parishes to bring peace and joy; and, in memory of Agnes Bowen and her family.

Mark your 2020 calendar for the Saturday closest to October 13 and plan to join in the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Unlike a traditional diocese, the AMS has no geographical boundaries, no parishes or parish registries, and received NO financial support from the U.S. Military or the U.S. Government. The AMS relies solely on private donations for an operating budget of more than \$8.2 million.

The generosity of parishioners in your diocese will empower the ministries of the AMS to spread the light of Christ to service members, veterans, and their families, who hail from all 50 states and U.S. territories, and all U.S. dioceses.

- Catholics serving in any of the five branches of the U.S. Military Services
- Catholics enrolled in the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marie Academy.
- Catholic undergoing treatment at one of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Guam.

Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics. In 2018 alone, 1,996 baptisms, 1,587 first communions, 1,247 confirmations, and 314 weddings were celebrated by the AMS. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs.

This collection is only taken every three years. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER—ST. MARY'S

All Saints Holyday Vigil, Thursday, October 31, 5:30pm: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagel **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress

Nov. 3: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Ted Kolodka & Colleen Bicknell **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch

Nov. 10: **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Kevin & Wendy Stout Family **Communion Ministers:** Dan Watson & Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch

Nov. 17: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson Family **Communion Ministers:** Amy Grady & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress

Nov. 24: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagel & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER—ST. JOHN'S

All Saints Holyday, Friday, November 1, 12noon
Reader: Fred Hoffman **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Communion Ministers:** Sarah Montgomery, Anna Cimino, Tom Alfrey

Saturday 5:00 pm **Reader:** Fred Hoffman **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Announcements:** Lisa Rinker **Greeter:** **Communion Ministers:** Sr. Rita Musante, Barbara Houseman, Dale Cunningham

Sunday 8:30 am **Readers:** Religious Ed 3, Shea Aulbach 10, 17, Claire Aulbach 24 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 3, Karen & John Shields **Greeters:** **Announcements:** Bethany Elkins **Communion Ministers:** Kate & Alan Gordon, Becky Cain



ACCOMPANYING OTHERS TOWARDS JESUS

The Church is called to evangelize all people -- to meet them in the real world, to walk with them in their weakness, their joy, their sorrow, and their searching. But this isn't an aimless journey without a destination; the purpose is not just the accompaniment, but where it leads.

The third annual Missionary Discipleship Conference will be held on Saturday, November 9, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carmel. The Office of Catechesis, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life, will help participants explore how accompanying others in their journey of faith is an invaluable step in the process of evangelization and faith formation.

Our keynote speaker will be Jonathan Lewis, Assistant Secretary for Pastoral Ministry with the Archdiocese of Washington. Jonathan will speak on the art of accompaniment. Jonathan was a participant in the 2018 Synod of Bishops and is a graduate of Notre Dame's Echo program.

Registration is \$40 between October 22 and 30; and \$50 after October 30.

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November 15-17, 2019

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"Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...if you have not already done so, give yourself over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace..."

--St. John Paul II, *The Gospel Life*



WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

- Nov. 1-Pope Francis I
- Nov. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
- Nov. 3-Fr. Paul Hudson, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
- Nov. 4-Fr. Michael Bower Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
- Nov. 5-Fr. Phil Bowers, retired
- Nov. 6-Fr. David Buckles, Franciscan Health Lafayette
- Nov. 7-Fr. Pat Click, St. Louis de Monfort Fishers
- Nov. 8-Fr. Paul Cochran, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield & St. Cecilia, DeMotte
- Nov. 9-Fr. John Cummings St. Joseph, Reynolds & Sacred Heart, Remington
- Nov. 10-Fr. Cole Daily, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
- Nov. 11-Fr. Donald Davison, St. Augustine, Rensselaer
- Nov. 12-Fr. Christian DeCarlo, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
- Nov. 13-Fr. Andrew DeKeyser, Diocesan Chancery & Diocesan Tribunal, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Remington
- Nov. 14-Fr. James DeOreo, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville
- Nov. 15-Fr. Brian Doerr, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
- Nov. 16-Fr. Richard Doerr, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Carmel
- Nov. 17-Fr. Andrew Dudzinski, St. Mary Muncie
- Nov. 18-Fr. Brian Dudzinski, St. Patrick, Kokomo
- Nov. 19-Fr. Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General; Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
- Nov. 20-Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Alexandria
- Nov. 21-Fr. Stephen Duquaine, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
- Nov. 22-Fr. Cajetan Ebuziem, Emmaus House Lafayette
- Nov. 23-Fr. Dale Ehrman, Sacred Heart, Cicero
- Nov. 24-Fr. Dennis Faker, St. Cecilia, DeMotte
- Nov. 25-Fr. Michael Ford, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
- Nov. 26-Fr. Tom Fox, retired
- Nov. 27-Fr. Alan Funk, retired
- Nov. 28-Fr. Sam Futral, St. Joseph, Covington & St. Francis Xavier, Attica
- Nov. 29-Fr. Daniel Gartland, Holy Spirit, Fishers
- Nov. 30-Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

OCTOBER CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Gospel for Oct. 27, Lk 18:14)

We live in the age of the selfie, in what the writer David Brooks has called the culture of “the Big Me.” Such a culture constantly urges us to “exalt” ourselves, but as Christians we need to be radically different by striving for humility. This means coming to terms with our pride, our desire for “likes,” approval and recognition. As Mother Teresa put it, “It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent.” Surrounded by the message to exalt ourselves, may we instead seek to humble ourselves and demonstrate real love to others.

OCTOBER CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to kneel before a crucifix each morning and ask Christ to give you the gift of humility. I also challenge you, in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray the rosary (either as a council through the Faith in Action Rosary program or as an individual) for an increase in humility.

Questions for Reflection:

What are some ways you can grow in humility? How can you strengthen your resistance to the lure of others’ praise and the sting of their criticism? Did the act of humbling yourself before Christ on the cross teach you anything about how to be humble?

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Lord's Day Liturgy

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

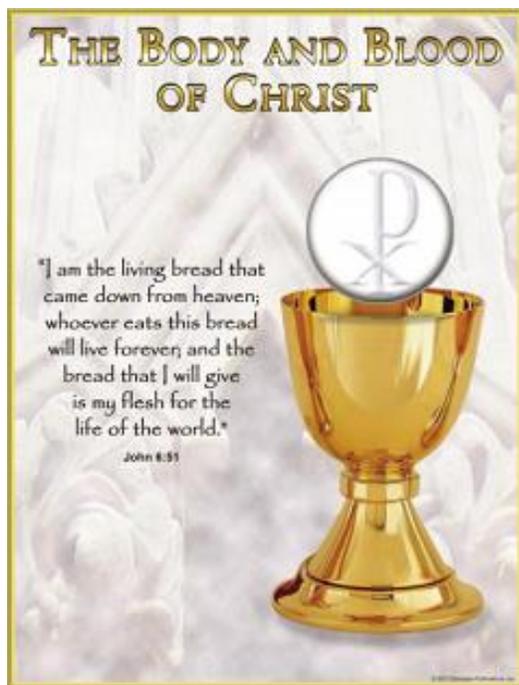
SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

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**THE EUCHARIST IS THE
CENTER-POINT OF THE MASS -
BUT WHY?**

Jesus said, "This is my Body" and, "This is my Blood." Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass—but why?

The answers are here. Renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of the Eucharist. With deep insight, Dr. Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist.



St. John's continues to host a ten-week program on the Eucharist each Wednesday evening, 6-7:15pm, in the parish hall. This is open to all St. John's and St. Mary's parishioners. If you wish to bring a friend that wants to know more about the Eucharist, they are welcome also.