

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JUNE 21, 2019

THANK YOU, FR. DAVE

THANK YOU

For the early Sunday mornings and
the Saturday nights

THANK YOU

For the seeds you plant and
disciples you nurture.

THANK YOU

For the sermons you preach and
the prayers you lift up.

THANK YOU

For the wise counsel and the
words of encouragement.

THANK YOU

For the sacrifice and service.



HELP ME TO RECOGNIZE YOUR PRESENCE LORD

Luke's Gospel about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus gets me thinking about hearts that burn. It is a consoling thought to have the heart of Jesus burn when he thinks of his love for us men and women with all our strangeness.

Lord Jesus,

Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus,
I often journey in confusion and disbelief,
acting as if you were gone forever
from my sight.

Help me, Lord Jesus,
to recognize you in those who journey
with me along the way, to recognize your
presence in the Word of Scripture,
to deepen my love for you in the breaking
of the bread, May I always know and
experience your presence in my life. Amen.

SEMINARIAN FUND ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Seminarian Fund Appeal runs through the end of June. The overall diocesan goal is set for \$485,000. St. Mary's portion is \$678.00 and St. John's goal is \$2,213. St. John's has collected \$925 towards their goal with St. Mary's having met their goal.

All gifts will go exclusively toward Seminarian educational and living costs, which is budgeted to be >\$500,000 in 2019. We've set up the accounting structure to ensure that all funds are utilized specifically for these purposes.

Offertory envelopes can be found in your envelope packets and on the bookcases. You can also find information about all of our seminarians here: <https://dol-in.org/meet-our-seminarians>.

Please prayerfully consider a payment toward protecting our future through the education of our seminarians. Thank you for your support of this appeal and your commitment to our seminarians!

Father's Day fishing expedition was a success!!



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 Wanda Pfeffer
4 Damien Shields
8 Rhonda Cale
8 Ryan Trissel
12 Lucas Hardesty
16 Claire Aulbach
17 Jacob Hardesty
21 Laurel McVicker

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*.

FRASSATI SUMMER FEST

Fellow parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette, on July 26-28th we will again be hosting The Frassati Society for Young Adult's Summer Fest 2019. This is a weekend for young adults for spiritual renewal, fellowship, food and fun. Registration is now open. There will be Ziplining, Adoration, Skeet Shooting, Camping, Boating, Swimming, Adoration, Mass, and much more. Music will be provided by Bzdok & O'Connor. All young adults are invited! Register at Frassati.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, August 8, 2019; 9:30am-3pm
St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center

This year Michael Gormley (coordinator of evangelization at St. Anthony of Padua in Houston, Texas, and co-host of Ascension Press' Every Knee Shall Bow podcast) will help you recognize your parish's unique charisms and challenges and then focus on developing specific ideas and goals for adult faith formation in your parish. This year's symposium will:

- Further unpack the connection between adult faith formation and youth formation, parent involvement, volunteerism, stewardship, evangelization, outreach, and other parish goals;
- Develop cost-conscious, local strategies for adult faith formation;
- Explore applications of adult faith formation in both rural and suburban settings.

Early registration is \$30; after July 22 the cost is \$40. Contact Office of Catechesis at dol-in.org for registration or more information.

A SERVANT WITH A SONG

Mark Vice has been involved in music ministry for over thirty years. Mark has an outstanding voice and brings an uplifting and inspiring presentation to each venue. He plays a variety of instruments and incorporates many of them into each service including guitar, banjo, dobro, harmonica, and fiddle. As well, he sings songs that will bring joy and laughter to your heart.

Mark will be in concert at the Jay County Fairgrounds Thursday, July 4th, at 2pm.

IS OUR FOCUS IN LIFE OUT OF WHACK?

We were designed to live like kids.....

Children are vulnerable and courageous.

Children make friends, disagree, forgive and move on.

Children are huggers and resolve things.

But we adults sometimes have a harder time. We sometimes feel the desire to let unresolved feelings fester in our gut and minds. Science shows that 90% of our physical issues are manifestations of our feelings.

Research shows a proper deep hug, where the hearts are pressing together can build trust and a sense of safety. This helps with open and honest communication and has proven to increase serotonin levels, and instantly boost oxytocin levels, which heal feelings of loneliness, isolation, and anger.

This month try to focus on letting go of old things and try feeling all of what is good, true and lovely.



NOURISHING FAITH THROUGH THE LAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

By Mary Regina Morrell

Many years ago, I facilitated a mini-retreat entitled “Summer Shepherds” for those who work with or care for children. It provided them with a summertime opportunity to reflect on their roles as both shepherds of youth and sheep in the flock of Jesus. I always included on each table a centerpiece that reflected the retreat theme. This particular retreat theme, however, had me stumped until I made an impromptu visit to the local Christian bookstore. There, relaxing on a display shelf, were small white, rag doll sheep, wearing felt sunglasses and sandals, with small beach towels draped over their shoulders. I couldn’t believe my eyes! Needless to say, the sheep were a hit at the retreat and provided a visible reminder of our ongoing role of nurturing the faith of children and families, even when on summer vacation.

Our discussions led to a number of suggestions for summer faith building, beginning with the need for shepherds to care for their own faith. Other suggestions included:

- Making a trip to the library for children’s books that teach important Christian values, and inviting children to be the storytellers around the s’mores fire
- Encouraging children to collect bits of nature for a scrapbook and choosing Scripture quotes to use as titles for each
- Using mealtime as an opportunity for talking about God and for inviting honest sharing—including the sharing of doubts and fears
- Tending a Mary garden together in order to learn more about the Blessed Mother and to mentor children in becoming good stewards of creation
- Offering a prayer for a safe trip and for all travelers before starting the car
- Most importantly, going to Mass—even when on vacation—so that children come to understand that the Eucharist is too important to miss, even when away from home

GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

OVERNIGHT RETREAT

JULY 8-9, 2019

CHECK-IN: 8:30 A.M. EDT
COST: \$100

INCLUDES MEALS AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

LED BY:
SR. BARBARA JEAN FRANKLIN, ASC

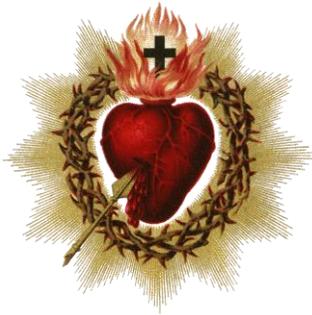
These two days of prayer are an invitation to live out of the logic of abundance instead of the logic of scarcity, to open ourselves to God’s great love without any assumptions or presumptive expectations, to accept as gift all that God so generously offers. Such openness and trust in God invites us to share the spirit of Thomas Merton who writes: “To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything God has given us—and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of grace, for it brings with it immense graces from God.”

Life can be difficult at times, it is in those difficult times that we rely on the joy and gratitude of our deeply rooted prayer life that we find God closest to us; to give thanks to God in all circumstances.



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A NUN WITH A VISION

June is the month we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every year, 19 days after Pentecost, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But where did that tradition originate?

Devotion to the wounded heart of Jesus has its origins in the eleventh century, when pious Christians meditated on the Five Wounds of Christ. There grew up among the faithful prayers to the Sacred Heart, private devotions which helped Christians to focus on the passion and death of Christ, and thus to grow in love for our Savior who had suffered and died for us.

It was not until 1670, however, that a French priest, Fr. Jean Eudes, celebrated the first Feast of the Sacred Heart. Around the same time, a pious sister by the name of Margaret Mary Alacoque began to report visions of Jesus. In one of those visions, she said Jesus gave her 12 promises to those who venerated the Sacred Heart.

They include the promise to give them graces they would need in life, bring peace to their families, comfort them in their trials, give them a secure refuge during life and in death, bless their undertakings, bring mercy to sinners, make lukewarm souls more fervent, allow fervent souls to grow in holiness and perfection, bless every place where the image of Sacred Heart is shown, and give priests the gift of influencing hardened hearts, honor in the Sacred Heart those who honor it, and provide eternal happiness.

Not everybody believed her, and Margaret Mary endured a lot of skepticism, which is somewhat understandable. Some of the other nuns were hostile to her, theologians who came to visit suggested she was delusional, but she stuck to her guns and eventually they came around.

Today, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated throughout the world on the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi, this year on June 28th.

JUNE CHALLENGE BY K OF C

Jesus said to his disciples, “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (Gospel of June 9, Pentecost Sunday, Jn. 14:23B-26)

Try putting yourself in the disciples’ shoes at hearing these words at the Last Supper. They probably felt frustrated, anxious, and confused. Perhaps they even sensed that their days with Jesus in his earthly body were drawing to an end. This month, we celebrate Pentecost and train our focus on this promise which Jesus made to each one of us: that He would never leave us; that He would send the Holy Spirit as our guide, advocate, and helper. Your body is in fact a temple of this same Holy Spirit. As disciples of Jesus and beloved sons of the Heavenly Father, let us be known as men and women who are constantly drawing closer to the Holy Spirit and unlocking the Spirit’s power in our lives.

JUNE CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit by praying the words “Come, Holy Spirit” as you begin your daily time of prayer, your workday, or an activity at home. Secondly, I challenge you to invite a friend or family member (who is not active in their faith) to join you at Mass or at Adoration.

--Knights of Columbus.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY—ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm **Readers:** Sarah Montgomery
Gifts: Fran & Mike Eikenbary **Announcements:** Barbara Houseman **Communion Ministers:** Kellee Merkel, Diana Holsten, Ruth Ann Clawson, Scott Hutson, Dale Cunningham

Sunday 8:30 am **Readers:** Mason Kitterman 7, Sr. Rita Musante 14, 21, Bethany Elkins 28 **Gifts:** Jessica & Brian Kitterman Family 7, Terry & John McVicker 14, 21, 28 **Announcements:** Eric Cale 7, Bernadette Elkins 14, 21, 28 **Communion Ministers:** Megan Trissel, Karen Shields, Linda Trant, Amy Henderson, Tom Alfrey



Saturday, July 20, 2019
\$30, includes lunch

*Soulcore Retreat
with Marian Mass*

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PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Anya Aulbach graduated from Blackford High School.

Brianna Elkins graduated from Blackford High School.

Wyatt Geesaman graduated from Jay County High School.

Jessica Manley graduated from Blackford High School.

Damien Shields graduated from Blackford High School.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY—ST. MARY'S

July 7: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Kelli Grady & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 14: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Kevin & Wendy Stout Family **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 21: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagel **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 28: **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson Family **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Connie Hartnagle **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely



Saturday, July 20 to
Wednesday, July 24, 2019
\$315

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Silent Retreat*

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Friday, July 26, 2019
\$80 per couple

*Mother-Daughter
Overnight*

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WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

July 1-Pope Francis I
July 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
July 3-Fr. Paul Hudson, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
July 4-Fr. Paul White, retired
July 5-Fr. Bob Williams, retired
July 6-Fr. Dominic Young, St. Ann Lafayette
July 7-Fr. Derek Aaron, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
July 8-Fr. Sean Aaron, Holy Spirit, Fishers
July 9-Fr. Raymond Akeriwe, St. Patrick, Kokomo
July 10-Fr. Raymond Alaneme, St. Mary Lafayette
July 11-Fr. Tim Alkire, St. Boniface Lafayette
July 12-Fr. Kenneth Alt, Holy Trinity, Trinity
July 13-Fr. Matthew Arbuckle, St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo, Monastery of the Poor Clares
July 14-Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
July 15-Fr. Jim Bates, retired
July 16-Fr. Joshua Bennett, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
July 17-Fr. Robert Bernatos, St. Joseph Kentland, St. John the Baptist Earl Park, Sts. Peter and Paul Goodland
July 18-Fr. Gerry Borawski, retired
July 19-Fr. Michael Bower Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
July 20-Fr. Phil Bowers, retired
July 21-Fr. David Buckles, Franciscan Health Lafayette
July 22-Fr. Pat Click, St. Louis de Monfort Fishers
July 23-Fr. Paul Cochran, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield & St. Cecilia, DeMotte
July 24-Fr. John Cummings St. Joseph, Reynolds & Sacred Heart, Remington
July 25-Fr. Cole Daily, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
July 26-Fr. Donald Davison, St. Augustine, Rensselaer
July 27-Fr. Christian DeCarlo, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
July 28-Fr. Andrew DeKeyser, Diocesan Chancery & Diocesan Tribunal, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Remington
July 29-Fr. James DeOreo, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville
July 30-Fr. Brian Doerr, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
July 31-Fr. Richard Doerr, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Carmel

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

MISSIONARY TRIP PLANNED

Greetings. My name is Kyle Orr. I am a Hartford City native, and a graduate of Blackford High School (class of 2015) and of Ball State (class of 2019). My parents, Mike and Diann Nichols, are parishioners of St. John's.

I am contacting you to inform you of my upcoming overseas mission and to ask the support of your church, as a faithful community of believers who care about the Gospel being preached across the globe. I work with a global mission organization called Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). In August, Cru will send me and a team of American and non-American missionaries to East Asia for a year-long evangelistic mission. I ask your prayers not only for me and the Cru team, but also for Christians in this region. This comes with a financial cost as well. If you would be willing to help financially, please leave a donation with the church office. I am excited about what God is doing in that region.

I am very passionate about my mission and want to share what God will have me do with as many people as possible.

In Christ, Kyle Orr

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The sacrifice of the Mass can only be offered by a priest, which also includes bishops, archbishops, and the pope, as they are all ordained priests. The priest actually represents Christ.

Sometimes groups of Catholics live in an area where there is no resident priest. They still get together to worship, but the worship service is not a Mass. However, if there are no people for worship, the priest can celebrate Mass by himself.

Jesus gave our priests the power to change bread and wine into his body and blood when he told his disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me." These disciples became the first leaders of the Catholic Church, eventually appointing others to help them carry out their work; and their successors, the bishops, still exercise the responsibility of ordaining priests to serve at the altar of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Orders by the power of the Holy Spirit. Men ordained priests do not sign up for a "job", they become a priest for life.

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

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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: July 19, 2019

Editor: Diana Holsten



"For you were called to freedom, brothers.
Only do not use your freedom as an
opportunity for the flesh, but through love
serve one another." – Galatians 5:13

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." – 2
Corinthians 3:17

