

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

## JULY 21, 2019

### WELCOME TO FR. PAUL

St. Mary's and St. John's parishioners offer a heartfelt welcome to Fr. Paul Hudson. Fr. Paul moved in to Hartford City on June 26 and officially began duties with weekend Masses June 29/30. His prior assignments in the diocese have included most recently Sacred Heart Church in Remington and St. Mary's in Muncie. He is a graduate of Purdue University, but did also attend IU. His seminary education is from Mundelein Seminary in the northern Chicago area.

Fr. Paul is very excited to be with us in Dunkirk and Hartford City and looks forward to walking with us in our spiritual journey.

Welcome, Fr. Paul, we are excited to have you with us as the shepherd of our flock to lead us to grow in greater love of our Lord, Jesus.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.**

**Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.**

**Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.**

**Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.**

**Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.**

**Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.**

**Amen.**

### RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS

August brings the start of another school year which includes faith education. St. John's religious education classes will begin on Sunday, August 18, 9:30-10:30am. All students preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade should receive religious instruction. Registration and meet and greet of teachers will take place on Sunday, August 11, 9:30am.

**We are in need of a religious education teacher for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade students this year.**

This person would be responsible for the regular Sunday classes only, not the sacramental preparation of reconciliation and first communion. Our returning teachers are:

Preschool: Megan Trissel

Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade: Amy Henderson

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade: Bernadette Elkins

Jr. High: Eric Cale

Sr. High: Lisa Rinker

Please prayerfully consider enhancing the life of a child through our Catholic faith formation. If interested in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade teaching position, please contact Claire Aulbach or Diana in the parish office.



### CONCERT AT ST. LAWRENCE

Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr. will be in concert August 4, 2019, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 820 E Charles St., Muncie. This benefit concert supports St. Lawrence Catholic School. Doors open at 2pm, concert starts at 2:30pm. Call 765-288-9223 for ticket information with a suggested donation of \$15 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the Todd's in concert and help support Catholic education.



The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary on October 21, 2019. We will be celebrating this milestone with events, activities and celebrations. We hope this opportunity will bring a renewal of hope to our Diocese and bring each of us closer to one another as we unite in the heart of Jesus Christ.

### [Muncie Deanery Mass/Reception with Bishop Doherty](#)

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 6:00 PM**

Location: **St. Mary Parish - Muncie, IN**

**Muncie Deanery Mass/Reception with Bishop Doherty. All parishioners from St. Mary's and St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend.**

### [Finale Event for Entire Diocese](#)

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

Location: **St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton**

**Finale Event for Entire Diocese, Saint Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, Time/Details TBD**

**All parishioners from St. Mary's and St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend.**

### **Some History on the diocese:**

- The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana was established by Pope Pius XII on October 21, 194.
- John George Bennett was consecrated first bishop of the Lafayette See on January 10, 1945. His successors have been John Joseph Cardinal Carberry, Bishop Raymond Gallagher, Bishop George Fulcher, Bishop William L. Higi, and the current ordinary, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty.
- Today the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana is comprised of 24 counties in North Central Indiana extending from Illinois to Ohio. The Diocese now includes 61 parishes and 20 schools serving approximately 100,000 Catholics.
- A diocese, meaning 'administration', is the district under the supervision of a bishop. A diocese is divided into deaneries and parishes.

## **THE BLESSING OF ROUTINE**

Does your routine of work and prayer get upset at times? Without a prayer routine, our prayer is dependent on personal initiative, and there are so many distractions. Ancient religions understood all this, and that's why the official prayer of the Church is built around certain hours, like morning and evening prayer. So is Jewish prayer. Absence of prayer routine could signal an absence of prayer. Routine produces habits of prayer. Thank God for the blessing of routine.

**Creator, you are mindful of my every need, and fill my life with your abundant gifts.**

**Still my heart that I might see the needs of my brothers and sisters.**

**When I experience unforeseen pain, calm my spirit that I might trust your compassionate care.**

**When I am overwhelmed by the distraction of unexpected events in my life draw me to yourself as if it were my ordinary routine.**

**Amen.**      *--100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguat*

## **HISTORY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR DIOCESE**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 6:00 PM**

**Location:** Guerin Catholic High School, Noblesville

Lecture Series- History of Catholic Schools in our Diocese given by Peg Dispenzieri,



# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

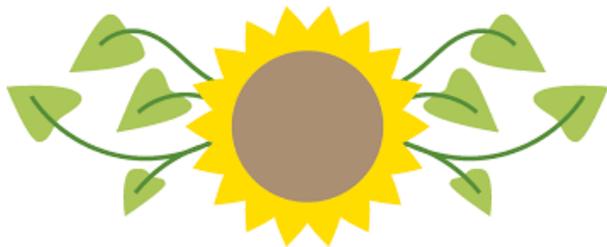
## ANNIVERSARIES:

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*.

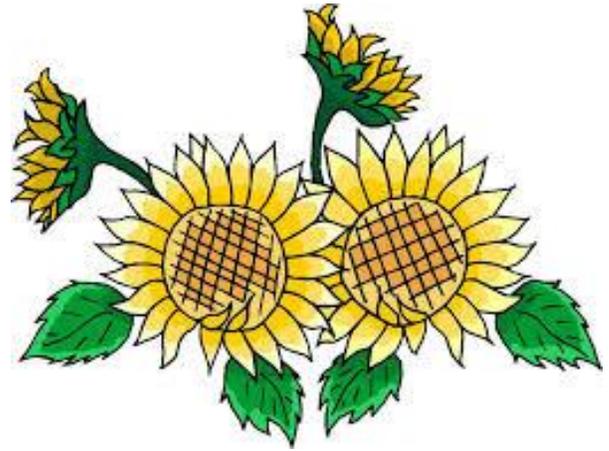


## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST—ST. JOHN'S

**Saturday 5:00 pm** **Readers:** Vince Cimino **Gifts:** Gerard Merkel, Jr., Family **Announcements:** Fred Hoffman **Communion Ministers:** Anna Cimino, Mary Ford 10, 17, 24, 31, Tina Johnson, Sonya Hoffman

**Sunday 8:30 am** **Readers:** Religious Ed 4, Bethany or Bernadette Elkins 11, 18, 25 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 4, Karen & John Shields 11, 18, 25 **Announcements:** Becky Cain 4, Sr. Rita Musante 11, 18, 25 **Communion Ministers:** Anya Uggen, Claire & Tom Aulbach

**Assumption of Mary Holyday Vigil, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5:30pm** **Reader:** Vince Cimino **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Communion Ministers:** Anna Cimino, Sr. Rita Musante, Karen Shields



## JULY CHALLENGE BY K OF C

The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Gospel for July 21, Lk 10:41-42)

Imagine yourself in Martha’s shoes. While your seemingly lazy sister Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, *you* are the one preparing and serving the food, setting the table and making things happen. And then, all of a sudden, Jesus chides *you* and compares you unfavorably to your sister. Jesus’ words can strike us as harsh. Wasn’t Martha doing a good thing by serving our Lord? Yet if we are honest, we recognize that it’s all too easy to get caught up in busyness doing good things and all the while miss the opportunity to encounter Christ. By God’s grace, may we hear these tough words from Jesus, resist this tendency to busyness and strive to choose “the better part.”

## JULY CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend five extra minutes sitting before the Lord before or after Sunday Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program or pray for those receiving the sacraments, that they might choose “the better part.”

### Questions for Reflection:

If it were you with Jesus that evening, would you have been more likely to be a “Martha” or a “Mary”? What does it mean to choose “the better part”? How did spending a few extra moments with the Lord before or after Mass affect your encounter with Christ in the Eucharist?

## AUGUST RETREATS

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

5pm, Fri., Aug. 16 to  
11:30 am Sat., Aug. 17, 2019  
\$90

*Rooted: A Men's  
Retreat*

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7 pm, Friday, August 23  
to Sunday, August 25, 2019  
\$170

*Men's Silent  
Retreat*

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To register, contact Samir Azer at [sazer@dol-in.org](mailto:sazer@dol-in.org) or call (765) 551-9570. For more information, visit [www.stjosephretreat.org](http://www.stjosephretreat.org)  
All retreats are available for adults age 19 and older.

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## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

- Aug. 1-Pope Francis I
- Aug. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
- Aug. 3-Fr. Paul Hudson, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
- Aug. 4-Fr. Andrew Dudzinski, St. Mary Muncie
- Aug. 5-Fr. Brian Dudzinski, St. Patrick, Kokomo
- Aug. 6-Fr. Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General; Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
- Aug. 7-Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Alexandria
- Aug. 8-Fr. Stephen Duquaine, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
- Aug. 9-Fr. Cajetan Ebuziem, Emmaus House Lafayette
- Aug. 10-Fr. Dale Ehrman, Sacred Heart, Cicero
- Aug. 11-Fr. Dennis Faker, St. Cecilia, DeMotte
- Aug. 12-Fr. Michael Ford, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
- Aug. 13-Fr. Tom Fox, retired
- Aug. 14-Fr. Alan Funk, retired
- Aug. 15-Fr. Sam Futral, St. Joseph, Covington & St. Francis Xavier, Attica
- Aug. 16-Fr. Daniel Gartland, Holy Spirit, Fishers
- Aug. 17-Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton
- Aug. 18-Fr. Paul Graf, Franciscan St. Elizabeth Healthcare Lafayette
- Aug. 19-Fr. Don Gross, retired
- Aug. 20-Fr. Kevin Haines, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- Aug. 21-Fr. Thomas Haan, St. Charles, Otterbein & St. Patrick, Oxford
- Aug. 22-Fr. David Hasser, Consultant in the Office of Divine Worship, Director of Vocations, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
- Aug. 23-Fr. Dave Hellmann, St. Lawrence, Muncie
- Aug. 24-Bishop Emeritus William Higi, retired
- Aug. 25-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
- Aug. 26-Fr. Patrick Hosey, retired
- Aug. 27-Fr. David Huemmer, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, with ministry to the Monastery of the Poor Clares, Kokomo
- Aug. 28-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Aug. 29-Fr. Samuel Kalu, St. Mary, Muncie
- Aug. 30-Fr. Mike Kettron, retired
- Aug. 31-Fr. John Kiefer, retired

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**



People who come to Mass infrequently tend to “PACE” themselves by going to church on Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Christmas, and Easter (P-A-C-E). So how can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? The answer is surprisingly simple.

According to Lifeway Research, 51% of unchurched Americans say the most effective way to get them to visit church would be through a personal invitation from someone they know. Other methods were not as effective: only 21% said an invitation from someone knocking on the door would get them to visit a church; postcards and TV commercials were 23% effective. Facebook ads were the least effective at only 18%.

Easter is a beautiful time to invite someone to Mass, but the idea of asking someone to come to church with us does not come easy. Here are six “be-attitudes” for inviting someone to Mass, which may help overcome some of that discomfort.

### 1. *Be prayerful.*

Before you invite your friend or family member back to Mass, spend time in prayer for that person and her or his family. Pray about the wounds that might be causing him or her to stay away. Reflect upon how much this person means to you and ask God to give you the right words and the right time to extend the invitation.

### 2. *Be natural.*

You don’t have to schedule a separate meeting to have this conversation. Keep it authentic and casual. If you see this person often—for example, if you go on daily walks together or meet for coffee every week—look for a window in the conversation to bring up the subject of coming back to Mass.

### 3. *Be compassionate.*

Share with this person how much you love him or her. Explain that his or her presence in your life has been a gift to you. If you know the reason for this person’s absence, acknowledge that reason. Many

people who are not practicing their faith do not consider themselves to be without faith.

### 4. *Be honest.*

Rather than listing all of the reasons why this person should come back to Mass, talk about how much you get out of going to Mass. Talk about how important your faith and Jesus are to you. For example, if you know that this person is spiritual, acknowledge this and bridge the conversation from their faith to Mass. You could say something like: “My faith has held me together during the most important and difficult times of my life. You might find that same kind of support. Would you like to come to Mass with me?”

### 5. *Be specific.*

People who have been away from Mass for some time may not find it easy to start going back. Invite your friend to come with you and your family. State when you are going, which parish you are going to, and what time you are going. Include an opportunity to socialize afterward, and offer a ride if necessary. A simple example of an invitation would be as follows: “Our family always looks forward to Easter Sunday. I remember going as a child and loving the music and the sense of hope all around me. Our family would love for you to come with us. We are going to the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary Parish on Easter Sunday; you are welcome to come with us and for lunch afterwards. If you need a ride, let me know!”

### 6. *Be respectful.*

If the person is not ready to come to Mass or shuts down the conversation, don’t take it personally. Maybe he or she is not ready. If that happens, keep the door open by saying something like, “Thank you for talking with me about this. If you ever want to talk about your faith, I am always here for you.”

--by Julianne Stanz, Loyola Press.com



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

**Aug. 4:** **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Communion Ministers:** Amy Grady & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton

**Aug. 11:** **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress

**Aug. 18:** **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Gifts:** Amy & Brad Grady Family **Communion Ministers:** Laverne Watson & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch

**Aug. 25:** **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Danette Hamilton **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagel & Amy Grady **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane Crouch

**Assumption of Mary Holyday, Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30pm:** **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Christa Stigleman **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagel & Loretta Wilson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch



## UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Mass is required every Sunday, or Saturday evening which is known as “Vigil Mass”. Also, Mass attendance is required on certain festivals, called “holy days of obligation.” In the U.S. we have five holy days of obligation:

- January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
- August 15: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1: The Solemnity of All Saints
- December 8: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25: The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- Also, Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, which is The Solemnity of the Ascension, is a holyday of obligation, but in our diocese it is transferred to the following Sunday.

The obligation to attend Mass on holy days should be taken seriously.

The Sabbath was the seventh day of the week—the day we call Saturday. In the Old Testament, the Israelites were not to do any kind of work on this day. It is even written in one of the Ten Commandments. However, over time the rules got pushed to the point of legalism.

In the New Testament, Christians use Sunday, the Lord’s Day, as a day of rest as this is the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The resurrection of Christ on Sunday is the fulfillment of the Sabbath: It foretells our own eternal rest with Christ in heaven.

Part of that rest is the spiritual refreshment of the Mass. It gives us two things we desperately need: rest and a close contact with the divine through the Eucharist. The obligation to go to Mass takes us out of the cycle of endless labor, if only for an hour a week. It forces us to make room in our lives for joy and remember that there is something beyond our pursuit of material things as we allow our bodies and our minds a bit of rest—the rest that enables us to order and direct our lives to God.

Sometimes out of serious necessity we must work on Sunday, but even then we need to make sure that we do what we can to live in a way that acknowledges the Lord’s Day and find time, if possible, to attend Mass.

--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: Aug. 16, 2019**

**Editor: Diana Holsten**

**K OF C ANNUAL PICNIC**

**WHO:** All Knights, their families, and knights widows

**WHAT:** Annual Picnic

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 18, 12noon to ?

**WHERE:** Home of John and Karen Shields

Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a well-filled covered dish to share, lawn chairs, fishing equipment, etc.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL, END OF SUMMER, START OF SCHOOL, MEET AND GREET...PARTY FOR ALL!**

St. John's will hold an end-of-summer ice cream social on Saturday, August 24, immediately following the 5pm Mass. This will provide opportunities to support our youth as they begin another school year, support our catechists in their faith formation, offer a meet-and-greet with Fr. Paul Hudson, and gather and share with our faith community.

An ice cream sundae bar will be set up as well as a tiki hut for root beer floats. We will also offer a light meal of sandwiches, chips and cupcakes. There will be no charge for this evening, we just ask that you share in the festivities. There will be a Hawaiian theme so we encourage everyone to wear their Hawaiian shirts, skirts, shorts, flower leis, etc. and join in this parish social event.

