

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

## AUGUST 23, 2019

### GOD OF LOVE, BALANCE MY LIFE

This time of year when everything seems to be compounding on our schedules, we are trying to meet summer's end, and prep for the coming of fall, schools and their activities add to the already tight calendar, let us turn to God for clarity.

In Fr. Piguet's book of 100 prayers, love is referred to as "being alert to the needs of others and being willing to make sacrifices to meet the need perceived." He goes on to describe "Jesus as a man for others." Jesus went before us and gave us a model of a loving human life. He was continually alert to the needs of others and made the supreme sacrifice to meet the desperate need for salvation of all people... At the same time, Jesus was able to go into the desert and pray, to meet his own spiritual needs, and fortify himself for his other-directed life... Jesus showed us a balanced human life."

How balanced is our life? How often are we alert to our own needs compared to how often we are alert to the needs of others?

**Holy God of covenant,  
I bless you for the grace you are as Savior and Lord, Son of God, Jesus Christ.**

**Holy God of mystery,  
I bless you for the love you are as Father and Creator, Source of life and every good gift.**

**Holy God of love,  
I bless you for the fellowship you form as Holy Spirit, bond of unity and communion.**

**May my faith in you, God of understanding,  
inspire me always to balance my life with an awareness to the needs of others. Amen.**

*--100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguet*



Public veneration  
of the relics of  
**St. Padre Pio**

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

- 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Mass at 6:00 pm

### St. Patrick Catholic Church

1204 N. Armstrong St. — Kokomo, IN 46901  
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The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and St. Patrick's Church in Kokomo will be hosting the relics of Padre Pio.

The public veneration of the relics will take place on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 9am-5:30pm at St. Patrick's Church in Kokomo, IN. There will be a Mass at 6pm that evening. We are planning on offering reconciliation throughout the day too.

For more information you can go to:

<https://www.saintpiofoundation.org/Event/ID/1556/Saint-Pio-Comes-to-America> OR  
[www.stpatrick-kokomo.org](http://www.stpatrick-kokomo.org)

Other dioceses have told us they've had upwards of 10,000 people travel from surrounding states to view these relics. We hope some of our own parishioners will take advantage of the nearby opportunity!

## SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

All married couples of the diocese celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2019 are invited to attend a special Mass with Bishop Doherty to celebrate their years of Christian Marriage. The Anniversary Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation and during Mass Bishop Doherty will offer a special anniversary blessing. Immediately following Mass, Bishop Doherty will greet couples at a reception of light refreshments.

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 2:30PM**

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
1207 Columbia St. Lafayette, IN  
Register online at [www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass](http://www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass)  
or contact the parish office with your reservation.

## PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

What's the most important word in a marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you? Discover key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage at the Passion & Purpose for Marriage event. Take your relationship to a whole new level. Featuring author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt and musical guest George Lower. Dynamic Catholic presents this program at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg, IN, on September 6, 6:30-10:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be ordered online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900.

## PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

**Jeff Kieffer** was selected as Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Fort Wayne Diocese.

**Adam Aulbach** received blue ribbons on woodworking and construction toys.

**Anya Aulbach** received Champion Tamworth, Hampshire gilt, Hampshire barrow, Reserve Champion Duroc barrow, Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship.

**Jaden Aulbach** received woodworking, construction toys, crafts honor, Reserve Champion Dairy feeder steer.

**Jakob Aulbach** received home environment Champion, electric and woodworking Reserve Champion, crafts honor group, construction toys, arts and crafts, model crafts blue.

**Joshua Aulbach** received blue ribbons on construction toys and woodworking.

**Matthew Aulbach** received blue ribbons on woodworking, crafts, construction toys.

**Nicholas Aulbach** received Champion Crossbred gilt, Spot barrow, Landrace gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred barrow, Champion Senior Showmanship.

**Allyson Henderson** received cake decorating honor, scrapbooking blue, rabbits Best of Variety.

**Ashley Henderson** received sewing, arts and crafts, fashion revue Champion, scrapbooking blue.

**Kayli Henderson** received rabbits Best Opposite Sex, Champion Tamworth barrow.

**Madison Henderson** received cake decorating, fashion revue, arts and crafts honor, sewing, scrapbooking, foods blue, rabbits Best of Breed, Best Variety.

**Mason Kitterman** received farm toy scene Reserve Champion, goat showmanship Grand Champion, Grand Champion Market Gilt, Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship, Junior Beef Showmanship, Grand Champion heifer.

**Noah Kitterman** received meat goat Grand Champion whether, Reserve Grand Champion barrow, senior swine showmanship, Grand Champion Breeding gilt.

**Bryson Michael** received Foods Champion, crafts, construction toys blue.

**Jenna Payne** received gift wrapping Grand Champion, sewing Champion, arts and crafts, home environment Reserve Grand Champion, foods, honor group, Fashion Revue State Fair, Champion Hereford gilt, Reserve Champion Spot gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Blackford County Born & Raised barrow, Senior Swine Showmanship.

**Joseph Payne** received Reserve Champion Hampshire gilt, and Blackford County Born & Raised gilt, Senior Swine Showmanship.

**Cameron Rinker** received small grains, Reserve Grand Champion, farm toy scene Grand Champion,

**Kelli Rinker** received construction toys honor, arts and crafts, wearable art, blue.

**Ben Schomber** received food preservation Grand Champion, scrapbooking honor, microwave cooking Reserve Grand Champion, arts and crafts blue.

**Blayden Schomber** received microwave cooking Champion, electric and foods Reserve Champion, food preservation scrapbooking, models blue.

**75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary**  
**MASS & RECEPTION**  
*with Bishop Doherty*

**ST. MARY'S,  
MUNCIE**  
8.28.2019 AT 6:00 PM

**Muncie Deanery**

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.

### 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.**

### **COME AND SEE**

Monastery of the Poor Clares in Kokomo is holding a "Come and See" day on Saturday, October 6, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm for young women ages 17 – 35 +Divine Office + Conferences by the Sisters + Lectio Divina + Rosary Question & Answer + Free vocational materials + Benediction

Bring a sack lunch – drinks and snacks provided  
 RSVP by September 22, either by calling the Monastery at (765) 457-5743 or e-mailing Father Clayton Thompson at [vocations@dol-in.org](mailto:vocations@dol-in.org)

### **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 Mark & Shea Aulbach
- 4 Corey & Amy Hardesty
- 10 David & Lupie Dell
- 12 John & Christine Geise
- 15 Dan & Emily Johnson
- 29 Kyle & Tiffany Homan

#### BIRTHDAYS:

- 4 Emilee Hardesty
- 5 Lydia Holsten
- 11 Lucy Banser
- 16 Derrick Shields
- 18 Brianna Elkins
- 19 Megan Trissel
- 25 John Shields
- 30 Traci Williams

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 SEPTEMBER—ST. JOHN'S**

**Saturday 5:00 pm Readers:** Lisa Rinker **Gifts:** Renee & Richard Gillis **Announcements:** Vince Cimino 7, Shea Aulbach 14, 21, 28 **Communion Ministers:** Sara Montgomery, Scott Hutson, Gerard Merkel, Jr.

**Sunday 8:30 am Readers:** Religious Ed 1, Becky Cain 8, 15, 22, 29 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 1, Karen & Rich Uggen Family **Announcements:** Claire Aulbach **Communion Ministers:** Sr. Rita Musante 1, 8, 15, Tom Alfrey 22, 29, Bernadette & Gary Elkins



## AUGUST CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.” (Gospel for Aug. 11, Lk 12:35-37)

*Semper Paratus* — Latin for “always ready” — is the motto of the U.S. Coast Guard, but it also could serve as a motto for you and me in the Christian life. In this Gospel passage, Jesus calls us to constant vigilance. My brothers and sisters, whether it’s day or night, we cannot allow our perimeter to be breached by any of the powerful temptations to anger, possessions, lust or other sins. Tomorrow is not guaranteed to any of us. You and I can recall someone whose sudden death reminds us that we do not know when we will be called to account. May our master find us vigilant on his arrival!

**AUGUST CHALLENGE** by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to exercise daily vigilance through the time-tested practice of a simple examination of conscience at the end of each day before going to bed. I also challenge you to watch with vigilance with your council through the Faith in Action Holy Hour program, or by spending some time in eucharistic adoration on your own.

### Questions for Reflection:

Is looking at your phone the first and the last thing you do each day? In this age of distraction, are there ways you can sharpen your vigilance and focus to better pay attention to what is truly important? Did examining your conscience daily help increase your vigilance in your life?

--Knights of Columbus.org

## SEPTEMBER RETREATS

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



7 pm, Friday, September 6 to  
Sunday, September 7, 2019  
\$170

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*Women's Silent  
Retreat*

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*Marriage:  
The Rite Stuff*

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*St. Therese Day  
of Reflection*

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## National Grandparents Day

### HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR GRANDPARENT'S LATELY? GRANDPARENT'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Few families have held on to more than a couple generations of the family stories. Unless someone in the family tells the stories, they are lost, and when the family stories are lost a piece of the family's soul and identity is lost. Maintaining and passing on the family stories is a precious gift that grandparents can give to their grandchildren.

Here are some ways that grandparents can share family stories with their grandchildren:

- Compose and frame a collage or photo album of the previous generations of your family.
- Write a history of your family.
- Buy a grandparent book and record your story for your family.
- Tell stories of what life was like when you were a child. Tell your grandchildren about your parents and grandparents.
- Create a family cookbook with favorite family recipes and the stories that go with them.
- Take your grandchildren to visit the ancestral home and church and town of your family.
- Create a family time-line of births, deaths, significant events. Have your grandchildren add their births and discuss how they are part of the larger on-going family.
- Create a family tree. Include as many generations as you can.
- Recover the stories – talk to other family members: cousins, aunts, uncles, parents to try to learn more of the family stories.
- Join an on-line genealogy service such as Ancestry.com to explore more about your family.

However, you choose to do it, celebrate Grandparent's Day by keeping family and faith alive in your household.

## UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The Catholic Church has more than a billion members, living on every inhabited continent in the world. In the last two thousand years, many different liturgical traditions have grown up in different places. The liturgies all have the same basic elements, but they differ widely in the details.

In North America we follow the Latin rite, but there are other rites around the world. Each are still Catholic Christians and each are united with Rome in the Catholic Church, with each having the same essential parts of the Mass and always the same with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, made really present before us on our altar.

Latin is the official language of the Roman Catholic Church, but recently, translations into the vernacular (local language) became allowed.

In the early years of Christianity, the Mass was usually in Greek because that was the language the apostles spoke. Every educated Roman knew Greek, but ordinary people in the western part of the Roman Empire spoke Latin. Eventually the Mass began to be offered in the language ordinary people could understand. As the western half of the empire broke up other languages began to be used. But the Church kept the Mass in Latin as a force for unity. It also allowed for a neutrality above the quarrels of the times. As travel grew easier, Catholics were grateful for Latin as everywhere they went, the Mass was the same.

Although, vernacular, or local languages, are acceptable today, Latin is still the official language of the Mass as it is a very precise language and theologians have spent many centuries honing its theological terms to express very exact meanings. No matter the language, it's always the same Mass.

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



**SEPTEMBER 2, 2019**

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

**Sept. 1:** **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Dan Watson & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton

**Sept. 8:** **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress

**Sept. 15:** **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagel **Communion Ministers:** Amy & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch

**Sept. 22:** **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson Family **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagel & Colleen Bicknell **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress

**Sept. 29:** **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Susan Louck & Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Jane Crouch & Danette Hamilton



## FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE

We are eight months in to the 2018 Fruitful Harvest Campaign which runs from fall of 2018 to August of 2020. Diocesan-wide updates are printed monthly in The Catholic Moment.

Our parish-wide updates are as follows:

St. Mary's had a goal of \$13,696 with pledges of \$15,270. As of the end of July they were on \$3,341 away from receiving the 10percent rebate check which is acquired by reaching the goal. They have \$10,355 paid toward the goal and pledges.

St. John's has over 57 percent paid (\$28,690) toward their goal of \$44,717 and pledges of \$49,995.

There is till more than a year to complete all payments. Continue to keep up the good work toward this diocesan campaign as we are all workers in the field for the harvest.

## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

Sept. 1-Pope Francis I

Sept. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty

Sept. 3-Fr. Paul Hudson, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City

Sept. 4-Fr. Leroy Kinnaman, St. Peter, Winamac, St. Joseph Pulaski, St. Henry, Medaryville, St. Francis Salono, Francesville

Sept. 5-Fr. Bob Klemme, retired

Sept. 6-Fr. Peter Logsdon, St. Joseph, Winchester, and St. Mary, Union City

Sept. 7-Fr. Gustavo Lopez, St. Boniface Lafayette

Sept. 8-Fr. Jeffrey Martin, All Saints, Logansport

Sept. 9-Fr. Adam Mauman, St. Charles Borromeo, Peru

Sept. 10-Fr. Brendan Mbagwu, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Carmel

Sept. 11-Fr. Mike McKinley, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield

Sept. 12-Fr. Mike McKinney, St. Joseph, Rochester

Sept. 13-Fr. Tom Metzger, Our Lady of Grace Noblesville

Sept. 14-Fr. Chris Miller, St. Mary Frankfort

Sept. 15-Fr. Richard Miller, Tribunal Lafayette

Sept. 16-Fr. Joseph Minuth, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette

Sept. 17-Fr. Bob Moran, Immaculate Conception Portland

Sept. 18-Fr. Kyle Neterer, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette

Sept. 19-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Elizabeth Seton, Carmel

Sept. 20-Fr. John Nguyen, St. Theodore Guerin High School, Noblesville

Sept. 21-Fr. Dennis O'Keeffe, St. Alphonsus Zionsville

Sept. 22-Fr. Coady Owens, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette

Sept. 23-Fr. Alex Paternoster, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Sept. 24-Fr. Dominic Petan, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette

Sept. 25-Fr. Sean Pogue, St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo & Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cicero

Sept. 26-Fr. Richard Puetz, retired

Sept. 27-Fr. David Rasner, St. Mary of the Lakes, Monticello

Sept. 28-Fr. Christopher Roberts, St. Paul, Marion, and Holy Family, Gas City

Sept. 29-Fr. Ted Rothrock, St. Elizabeth Seton Carmel

Sept. 30-Fr. Anthony Rowland, St. John Vianney, Fishers

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

**St. Mary Parish and  
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: Sept. 20, 2019**

**Editor: Diana Holsten**

**HAVE FAITH IN FAMILIES**

In Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel...which is our current Book Club Book), Pope Francis dreams of a Church with its arms wide open—like the arms of the father of the Prodigal Son—where there is a place for others, no matter what is happening in their lives. As parents and teachers, we need to walk alongside others, and to develop a “spirituality of accompaniment” with humility and patience. Sometimes our attempts to invite others to partner with us in their faith formation have caused frustration. The Joy of the Gospel challenges us to continue to explore ways to build communication and trust. Encourage spiritual practices and prayer in the home by modeling good celebration in our families. Continue to celebrate in the home the feasts and seasons of the Church year. Trust the Holy Spirit to water the seeds you have planted, and watch faith grow! Jesus is our model for evangelization, and he did not shrink from meeting people where they lived, at various levels of religious observance or moral uprightness. The Joy of the Gospel shows us, “We see how accessible he is, as he draws near the blind man (cf. Mk 10:46-52) and eats and drinks with sinners (cf. Mk 2:16)” (EG 269). His willingness to accompany all people is our example and inspiration to reach out with joyful hearts to others we serve, especially those in challenging situations.

Adapted from Lauri Przybysz, D. Min.



**RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS**

St. John's religious education classes have begun, but it's never too late to register your child. Contact Claire Aulbach or the parish office.

St. Mary's WILL have a religious education program this year with several students already registered and teachers in place. If you have a PreK-12 student attending St. Mary's, contact Wendy Stout to sign up. Classes will begin after Labor Day.

All students preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade should receive religious instruction. The religious education program is meant to enhance the faith commitment parents already made at your child's baptism. Students see themselves as part of the faith community by coming together with other young people which gives them a better chance to grow spiritually and to learn more of their Catholic religion.