

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 28, 2021



activities and work to the protection of St. Joseph, the Artisan of Nazareth. St. Joseph, patron of the Catholic Church pray for us,

Fr. Hurley

FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

A potpourri of thoughts. First and foremost, Lent is arriving quite soon. This is a wonderful and profound season for us all, and I am looking forward to celebrating the amazing journey to Calvary and the empty tomb with you all. Due to Covid there will be some differences, but we will have hopefully some great opportunities to gather, to fast, to do penance, and to celebrate God's salvific works for us and His creation. More details to come.

We will also have some opportunities to reflect on our parish finances as a pastorate and I will be preaching at all the parishes in February on finances and stewardship as well. I do want to thank our previous pastors and all of you for your generosity and stewardship these many years as you all have done a very good job of contributing to the needs of our parishes, diocese, and local communities.

We have been blessed by one of our parish families to receive a beautiful organ to be used at Holy Family. The gift of an organ is a precious one as it is the primary instrument in the celebration of Mass and other liturgical celebrations. We will have an evening of music and blessing later on this month to celebrate this great gift.

Lastly, Pope Francis has declared a year of St. Joseph to honor the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Catholic Church. We will have many opportunities to celebrate our great patron here and in the diocese. Pope Francis has also allowed for eight different ways to obtain indulgences this year in praying with St. Joseph, which we will be covering in our bulletins, but the simplest way for us all will be to entrust our daily



Kerygma (Proclaiming the Gospel)

Simple definition from the Modern Catholic Dictionary by John Hardon, S.J.: Preaching or proclaiming, as distinct from teaching of instruction in the Gospel of Christ. In-depth definition from the Theological Dictionary by Karl Rahner and Herbert Vorgrimler: A New Testament term which means the word that is preached to the Christian community or individual in the name of God, by lawful commission of God and the Church, as the very word of God and Christ and which efficaciously makes present its utterance in the situation of the hearer whom it summons.



POPE'S LETTER ON ST. JOSEPH

ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, proclaiming the year 2021 as the year of St. Joseph, the Worker. Each month of 2021 we will include one of the seven personal reflections of St. Joseph by Pope Francis, beginning in February. This month we will introduce, in part, the Apostolic Letter itself. The full letter can be found here: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “*the son of Joseph*”.

“Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God’s providence...

“After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse.” He has been declared: “Patron of the Catholic Church”, “Patron of Workers”, “Guardian of the Redeemer”. Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”.

“Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (*Mt 12:34*). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all...

“The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.”

The seven personal fatherly titles of Pope Francis for upcoming monthly reflection are: 1. *A beloved father*; 2. *A tender and loving father*; 3. *An obedient father*; 4. *An accepting father*; 5. *A creatively courageous father*; 6. *A working father*; 7. *A father in the shadows*

Let us now make our prayer to him:

***Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.***

ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION

Consider learning more about St. Joseph! Bethany Kuhn, through St. Paul, Marion, is offering this program to help get to know St. Joseph better. This program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. We will start Feb. 15 and end March 19, on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Each day of the program there will be a section to read based on a title given to St. Joseph, followed by an explanation of that title, and a prayer for the day. There will be additional reflections posted throughout the program on the St. Paul Facebook page.

Make sure you order your book now to have it in time! ***Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*** by Donald H. Calloway, MIC

RESTORE THE CHURCH, BUILD THE FUTURE

Look over the flyer in this newsletter edition related to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection, taken on Ash Wednesday, is one of the special collections taken annually in our diocese. With your generosity this collection helps those living in countries formerly under communist rule. Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, and renews community life around the region. Please be generous. Envelopes can be found in your packets and placed in the collection baskets.

January 12, February 9, March 16,
April 20, May 11, or June 15
\$20, includes lunch

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for a Day*

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THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

On January 1 the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. As we approach the manger to adore the infant Son of God, we cannot help but recognize that Mary is indeed Mother of God. The holy Nativity calls us to meditate more deeply on the mystery that God used the womb of a woman to bring salvation to the world. This feast of Mary reminds us of the great miracle of motherhood, and it reveals how God has elevated and sanctified the vocation of mothers. As we embark on a New Year and consider resolutions for the months ahead, may we invite the Blessed Mother to guide us in our hopeful planning. We pray that through her intercession each of our hearts may be renewed with empathy and increased awareness of the challenges that so many mothers face in welcoming and caring for the gift of life. May Our Blessed Mother inspire in us a desire and resolve to increase our compassionate care and support of mothers in need throughout the year ahead.

- Pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life for this month's intention
- Create a list of ways that you can personally increase your support of mothers in need throughout the New Year. Take your list to prayer, asking the Lord for guidance on what he is asking of you and the grace to faithfully respond.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

--uscbb.org/prayforlife

7 pm, Friday, February 5 to
3 pm, Sunday, February 7, 2021
\$170

*Men's Silent
Retreat*

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*Psalms Day of
Reflection*

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MARDI GRAS PARTY

Where: Reemmer Hall at Holy Family

When: Sunday, February 14 following 11am Mass

*Come for delicious pancakes, sausages, lots of fun, creative, and traditional pancake toppings!

*Grab a partner for the 2nd Annual Pancake Flipping Contest!

Covid precautions, please.

FIND ENJOYMENT IN ORDINARY DAYS

2020 has ended, the holidays are past, we are ready to pick up the pieces and return to “normal life”. But, we are in the middle of winter and Covid, so now what? Try one, or all, of these blah breakers:

1) Get creative.

Explore your creative side and take some time to make or do something that you enjoy or have always wanted to try. Don't worry about perfection, just pick a project and get started.

2) Get to cleaning.

There is no better feeling of accomplishment than to clean a space—no matter the size—a dresser top or the whole room. This is a definite feel-good booster.

3. Enjoy something.

What do you enjoy? Ice cream? Books? Movies? A hobby? Set aside some time to connect with this enjoyment and let it bring a smile to your day.

How about you? In what small ways are you adding extraordinary joy to your ordinary days?

SUNDAY DVD SERIES ON THE MASS

Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, “Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible,” which has started and will continue each Sunday as listed below barring inclement weather. This is a good DVD series for newcomers and lifetime Catholics even if you have seen it once. Please join us! We meet in the school hall downstairs near the stage. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Social distancing and masks (after your snack) are needed. We will start the DVD at 9:55 am when the students have gone to their RE classes and will watch one session each week. Each session is about 55 minutes. We end the session shortly before the RE students are dismissed.

The DVD Schedule on Sunday mornings following Mass at St John's in Hartford City for “Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible” is as follows:

Jan 17-Session 1: Source and Summit

Jan 24- Session 2: In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice

Jan 31- Session 3: Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and The Passover Lamb

Feb 7- Session 4: Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

Feb 14- Session 5: Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday

Feb 21- Session 6: Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes

Feb 28- Session 7: Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence

Mar 7- Session 8: The Last Supper and The Cross: The New Passover of Christ

Mar 14- Session 9: The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist

Mar 22 Session 10: Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."

— St. Anselm of Canterbury

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Four students at Holy Family received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 16 for the first time. And, five from St. John's will receive the sacrament on January 30th.

Please keep in your prayers Allison Holmes, Benjamin Soultz, Arianna Vaughn, and Keegan Vaughn from Holy Family and Lucille Feltt, Allison Meadows, Judah Shelton, Seven Shields, and Ryan Trissel as they continue to learn and grow in their faith in preparation to receive Jesus at their First Communion this Easter season.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH CONFIRMATION

This May high school students from St. Mary's and St. John's will have the opportunity to receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Studies are ongoing this school year to prepare the students. They will have the opportunity to attend Destination Jesus in February and plans are in the works for a youth retreat in March or April. If any high school is presently not attending class and wishes to be Confirmed, please contact the office or Lisa Rinker, youth educator at St. John's, or Bethany Kuhn at Holy Family, to get registered.

RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMEN

The annual Rite of Election for those wishing to join the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil will be held on February 28 at the cathedral in Lafayette with Bishop Doherty. Pray for Nathan Booher from St. John's who is making preparations to attend the Rite of Election as a Catechumen.

This is a very significant and important step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. All of the Catechumens and Candidates, their Godparents (for Catechumens), and Sponsors (for Catechumens and Candidates) gather together on this day. The Church formally ratifies the Catechumens' readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation and the Candidates' readiness to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. In turn the Catechumens – from now on known as the Elect – publicly acknowledge their desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and the Candidates their desire to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT

As the New Year begins, we know a great many Catholics are anxious about what the future might hold and are struggling to maintain a positive outlook.

Cardinal Studios has partnered with Mark Hart and 70 of the most effective and inspirational Bible experts in the Church to host **The Word 2021 Catholic Bible Summit**, Feb. 11-13.

This will be the largest virtual gathering of its kind...and it's FREE to attend.

Featuring **Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Chris Stefanick, Curtis Martin, Patrick Madrid, Danielle Bean, Fr. Josh Johnson and many more presenters**, this is sure to be an unprecedented gathering.

The presenters will be opening the Bible for Catholics to help them find clarity, hope, and joy, even in the midst of uncertain times.

They'll learn:

- How to find unshakeable hope and peace no matter what you're going through.
- How to hear what God is saying to you right now.
- The keys to unlocking a deeper personal and family prayer life.
- Where to turn in times of suffering.
- The keys to overcoming doubt and share your faith with others.
- How to find balance and re-calibrate your family with the Word of God.

The Summit is perfect for your entire parish community, including Bible study groups, men's/women's groups, and homeschooling co-ops.

Again, there's no cost to attend, and this could be exactly what you need during these difficult times.

Register for FREE at: [CatholicBibleSummit.com](https://www.CatholicBibleSummit.com)

Come and be inspired and refreshed!

DESTINATION JESUS—FEB. 13TH

D.J. this year will be hosted within each parish, with us tuning in virtually to some parts of the night. There will be a welcome from Bishop Doherty, a dynamic speaker, a time of reflection, an opportunity to write letters for a time capsule, a holy hour with praise and worship music, and the opportunity for confession. The patron of this year's D.J. is St. John Paul II. Please contact Bethany at bkuhn@parish.dol-in.org or the office to sign up.



The Lord's Day Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm at St. Mary's,
Dunkirk

Sunday Mass 9:00am at St. John's, Hartford City

Sunday Mass 11:00am at Holy Family, Gas City

Please continue to pray for our diocesan leadership, our priests, and each of us as parishioners as we navigate through this Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastorate Plan. May we truly unite in hearts to be missionary disciples to share the Gospels and the love of Christ Jesus.

JOIN US WEEKDAYS

For those who are missing Jesus in the Sacraments by not feeling comfortable to attend weekend Mass, we offer a special invitation to attend a weekday Mass. While dispensation is extended for Sunday obligation, a weekday Mass might be a good alternative. There are a lot less people in attendance, but you can still receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Give it a try, we welcome you back!

Mondays 10am at St. John's

Wednesdays 12noon at St. John's

Thursdays 5:30pm at St. Mary's

Fridays 9am at Holy Family

CONTINUED DISPENSATION

Dispensation is continued from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance until further notice.

"I expect the people of our diocese to continue to keep the Lord's Day holy," said Bishop Doherty. "To be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not mean people should stay away from the Church. I continue to invite each of you prayerfully consider attending Mass to fully experience the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist and so you may share in the spiritual gifts of the Church with your parish family," he explained.



BE THE LIGHT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

On 2-27-2021 the E6 Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the All Saints Parish – St Joseph campus in St Leon Indiana. COVID-Compliance will limit attendance but more significantly there is unlimited live-streaming of the conference wherein individuals or groups (families, men's groups or entire parishes) can witness and participate with a single enrollment. Live-Stream registration is \$10.

Featured speakers are: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jason Evert and Patrick Coffin.



HEARTS ON FIRE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The Catholic Ministries Appeal, which replaces Fruitful Harvest Appeal and the annual Seminarian Fund Appeal, is in great need of your help through a pledge.

Our pastorate has a diocesan goal of \$80,975 and we are at 50% pledged with a total of \$41,376. This campaign runs through December, 2021, so please return your pledge card and continue your payments to help not only our parishes, but the local Church serve the people of our diocese.

For those who have already returned your pledge card, we graciously thank you. We encourage you to prayerfully consider a pledge, no matter the size, to support our diocesan programs. The local Church, our diocese, cannot operate without your help to bring the needed services to our people and those we connect with through our faith. Envelopes and pledge cards are located at each of our church entrances. Thank you for your pledge!

MONTHLY CHALLENGE BY K OF C

JANUARY CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Gospel for Jan. 3, Mt 2:10-11)

It's quite a magnificent scene: Intellectuals from a faraway land, not even of the Jewish faith, travel to pay homage to the newborn king. Their gifts acknowledge the child's kingship and foreshadow the sacrifice he was to make. They are also a sign of what a gift this newborn king is to the entire world. We must also recognize every child as a gift to the world, created in the image of God himself. May we recommit ourselves with renewed vigor to protect and cherish the life and dignity of every human person.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

I challenge you to take a concrete, tangible action to support the cause for life in your community, by donating money or supplies to a pregnancy resource center, praying outside an abortion facility or joining your parish's pro-life group. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program or, if possible, the March for Life program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you see the image of God in every child, in every person, or do you sometimes look at others as objects to be used? What does taking action to defend life show you about how individuals can impact the world? What more can you do to support the cause for life, whether the contribution is great or small or consists of prayer or works?

--KofC.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY—ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 9:00 am Reader & Announcements:
Bernadette Elkins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY—ST. MARY'S

Feb. 6: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counter:** Danette Hamilton

Feb. 13: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Jane Crouch **Counter:** Jane Crouch

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 12noon: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell

Feb. 20: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Greeter:** Jane Crouch **Counter:** Dan Watson

Feb. 27: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counter:** Danette Hamilton

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY—HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 11:00 am Reader: Bethany Kuhn
Commentator: Marcia Atkinson **Ushers:** Ethan & Anthony Stanley

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

None reported

BIRTHDAYS:

5 Stuart Shields
10 Austin Mackey
10 Chris Pfeffer
11 Bailey Elkins
15 David Dell
20 Rachel Shields
25 Bud Rees
26 Marilyn Snyder
27 Ken Hartnagel
28 Bennie Brenner

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note with your name, month and day of birth or anniversary. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*. We do not automatically include names due to privacy.

MARRIAGE IS WORTH DYING FOR

As the story goes, Valentine was a Roman priest who married young couples in secret despite the decree of Emperor Claudius II forbidding all weddings. The emperor did this to more readily recruit young, unattached men into his armies. Valentine was discovered, arrested and eventually executed.

St. Valentine didn't officiate secret weddings simply out of compassion for local, love-struck couples. He did it because Catholic marriage is about a whole lot more than just two people committing to live together and maybe raise a few kids.

Catholic marriage has a purpose beyond the fulfilment of the two spouses.

It is a call to honor God by living in service to each other, helping each other, and our children, to grow closer to God and to our destiny to be with Christ, our eternal bridegroom, for eternity.

It is also a Sacrament – a living witness of God's presence in the world. As such, it has a number of characteristics that define it. Encapsulated in the marriage rite,

these characteristics include permanency, sexual intimacy, sexual exclusivity, unconditional sharing, openness to children and a willingness to raise any children in the Catholic faith.

That makes it something quite different to the secular understanding of marriage which sees marriage more about the personal happiness of each spouse.

It's hard to imagine anyone giving their life to defend such an impoverished concept of marriage as defined by our present secular culture.

But St Valentine didn't die for this idea of marriage. He died defending a much grander idea; the idea that the freely-given, total, faithful and fruitful love of a man and woman in marriage could point us to God. The idea that this kind of relationship revealed the inner life of the creator of the universe.

--excerpted from parish marriage resource center (pmrc.com)

Daily prayer for your spouse:

Lord God,

I praise you for the gift of my spouse and I thank you for the blessings I have had through him/her.

Forgive me for the times I have failed to love my spouse the way I should and help me to do better in bringing your love and acceptance to him/her.

LENT THROUGH THE LENS OF GRACE

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused throughout the season. But if we do these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.

--excerpted from loyolapress.com

8 WAYS TO PRAY DURING LENT

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

There are as many ways to pray as there are prayers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

--excerpted from loyolapress.com

- 1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.***
- 2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.***
- 3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.***
- 4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with "holy reading" known as Lectio Divina.***
- 5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.***
- 6. Join or start a prayer group.***
- 7. Pray with children or as a family.***
- 8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.***

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**O Holy Spirit,
Spirit of wisdom and love, impart Your
knowledge, understanding, and counsel to the
young, that they may know the vocation wherein
they might best serve God. Give them courage
and strength to follow God's holy will.
Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their
resolution, fashion their minds, conquer their
hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they
might labor in God's holy service. Amen.**

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

Priests are listed by deanery as a group according to the Pastorate assignments. If you take a Pastorate group, one each day, there will be each day of the month filled. This way we can join together with united hearts in prayer not only for the individual priest, but for his whole Pastorate team, the parish(es) for which he(they) are assigned, and therefore our Diocese as a whole by month's end. Let us unite as one Catholic faith with one another, for one another and for the greater good of our Church and faith family by praying for these priests.

West Deanery

Dominicans, St. Thomas Aquinas, West Lafayette
Fr. Michael Bower, St. Bernard, Crawfordsville
Fr. Mark Walter, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
Fr. Joshua Bennett, St. Augustine, Rensselaer, Sacred Heart, Remington, Sts. Peter and Paul, Goodland
Fr. David Rasner, St. Francis Xavier, Attica, St. Joseph, Covington
Fr. Michael McKinney, St. Augusta, Lake Village, St. Cecilia, Demotte, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield
Fr. Richard Weisenberger & Fr. Peter Vanderkolk, St. Joseph Kentland, St. John the Baptist, Earl Park, St. Mary, Dunington, Sacred Heart, Fowler, St. Patrick, Oxford, St. Charles, Otterbein
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Fr. Anthony Rowland, Fr. Joshua Bennett, Fr. Brian Doerr, Msgr. Robert Sell, Fr. David Newton, St. Elizabeth Seton, Carmel
Fr. Christopher Miller, Fr. Alejandro Paternoster, Our Lady of the Lakes, Monticello, St. Joseph, Reynolds, St. Joseph, Delphi

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Fr. Thomas Haan, Fr. Sean Aaron, St. Louis De Montfort, Fishers
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Lord's Day Liturgy

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

SUNDAY: 9:00 am at St. John's

11:00 am at Holy Family

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Feb. 19, 2021

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WEBSITE AND ONLINE GIVING

Have you checked out our new pastorate website? This new design covers our pastorate, but allows each parish will have its own identity. Currently, our website can be found at www.stmaryjohn.org, until a new domain name can be approved.

A new and exciting feature is the option for online giving. Donations for all our parish envelope collections will be available and these will be deposited and posted separately for each of our parishes, so your contributions will stay with your home parish. Look for the tab "donate" to navigate to your choice of giving.

There have been a lot of new changes this year and we will work forward together. If you have issues and/or suggestions for improvement, please contact Diana.

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."
— St. Basil the Great



Welcome to the new year of 2021! We also welcome parishioners of Holy Family Church to *The Good News Letter*. This is published monthly as a means of education, communication, and enlightenment. This newsletter is intended to cover our local parish events throughout our pastorate, community events as they relate to our parishes, and the broader scope of our Catholic faith.

If you wish to have something included in *The Good News Letter*, submit it in writing to Diana at stmaryjohn@att.net or DHolsten@parish.dol-in.org by the deadline found on the mailing cover.