

CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John’s
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John’s
10:30am at St. Mary’s



Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Carson Dwight Murray, son of Doug & Lisa Murray, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St. Mary’s Church. May his gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.

RCIA MEETINGS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5

We will be beginning RCIA sessions on September 5. The meetings will take place in the Parish Hall Library from 6pm-7:30pm. The meetings will be on Wednesdays—usually three Wednesdays per month. Please check the bulletin for the scheduled meeting dates.

RCIA is specifically for those seeking to come into the Catholic Church. Anyone who wants to learn more about the Church is also invited.

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

If you are regularly attending St. Mary’s or St. John’s Parish and have not registered with the office and would like to do so, sign-up forms are located on the bookcases at each Church. Return completed form via collection basket or deliver to office. Welcome to our parish family!

Our Catholic Book Club will continue this fall with the two books introduced for summer reading, “Having a Mary Heart In A Martha World” and “The Eucharist, A Bible Study for Catholics.” If you need a book, please contact Diana Holsten, 348-3889. We will meet for an evening get-together in early November. Call or text Susan if you have a comment or question @ 512-627-6863.

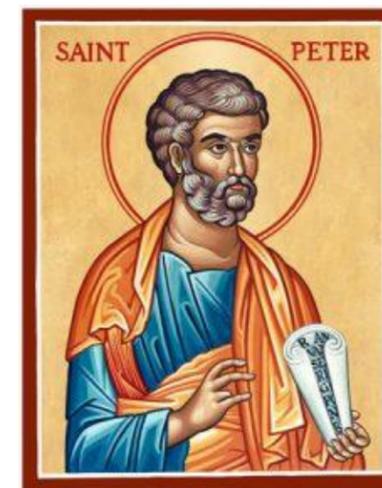
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary’s
Sunday Collection: \$695.00
Holyday: \$55.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
St. John’s
Sunday Collection: \$1,789.50
Holyday: \$308.01
Building Fund: \$50.00
Food Pantry: \$27.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today’s first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God’s faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, “We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” May we, too, be mindful of God’s gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

Jos 24:1-2a; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus continues His instruction on the Eucharist. Many of his own disciples cannot accept His teachings and instead return to their former way of life, abandoning Christ altogether. Jesus turns to the

Apostles and asks them to choose with the question, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter speaks up for the Twelve responding, “Master, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

The demands of a stewardship way of life can be difficult. And the teachings of Christ can be hard to accept. How can we keep going when it gets tough? Peter’s honest answer to the choice Jesus poses shows us a way to stay true to a stewardship way of life.

Looking at himself and the world around him, Peter comes to a realization. To paraphrase, he says, “I don’t really see any better options, Lord. I’ve tried life with you and it’s hard. But I’ve tried life without You and it’s harder — it doesn’t satisfy. Where else am I going to go? I choose You, Lord.” Peter knows he doesn’t have all the answers. And, so, he humbly chooses to rely on God. When the going gets tough, we can keep going by relying on God and trusting more deeply in Him.

Remembering blessings and relying on Him — these are two keys to a beautiful way of life.

SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

Check out our summer specials. Contact Janet Pluimer 728-2715 if you can give 3 hours a month to work a shift. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
AUGUST 26
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, August 27

0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John’s)

Tuesday, August 28

5:30 p.m...Josephine Schuhmacher (St. John’s)

Wednesday, August 29

12:00noon...Holly Bullard (St. John’s)

Thursday, August 30

5:30 p.m...Martha Kistler (St. Mary’s)

Friday, August 31

10:00 a.m...All Souls (Crown Pointe)

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters (St. John’s)

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. John’s (St. John’s)

10:30 a.m...Charles Rife (St. Mary’s)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

If you need to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521. Thank you

ST. MARY’S BIBLE STUDY

St Mary’s Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 AM with the Catholicism series.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Blakely or Colleen Bicknell by September 2.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 27: [St. Monica] 2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12; Mt 23: 13-22
August 28: [St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church] 2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23: 23-26
August 29: [The Passion of St. John the Baptist] 2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18; Mk 6: 17-29
August 30: 1 Cor 1: 1-9; Mt 24: 42-51
August 31: 1 Cor 1: 17-25; Mt 25: 1-13
Sept. 1: 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 25: 14-30
Sept. 2: Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8; Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN’S

Sat., 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel
Sun., 8:30...Jenna Payne & Anya Aulbach

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for the education of all youth that schools will be a safe place, educators and administrators will have compassion for all students, and students and their families will respect the value and need of education.

Praying the Psalms Retreat by William E. DeWitt

Sept. 14-Sept. 16

With the help of Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis and Judith Valente, we will explore the wonder of a life of praying the psalms.

\$160 for shared rooms

\$200 for a single room

Registration deadline is Sept. 7, 2018

Scholarships are available for both retreats, check the website at www.lindenwwod.org and look for Gift of the Spirit.

Register by calling 574-935-1706 or e-mailing cthelen@poorhandmaids.org

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THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet on this Tuesday and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic:** The Return Home

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 28, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Saturday 1, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

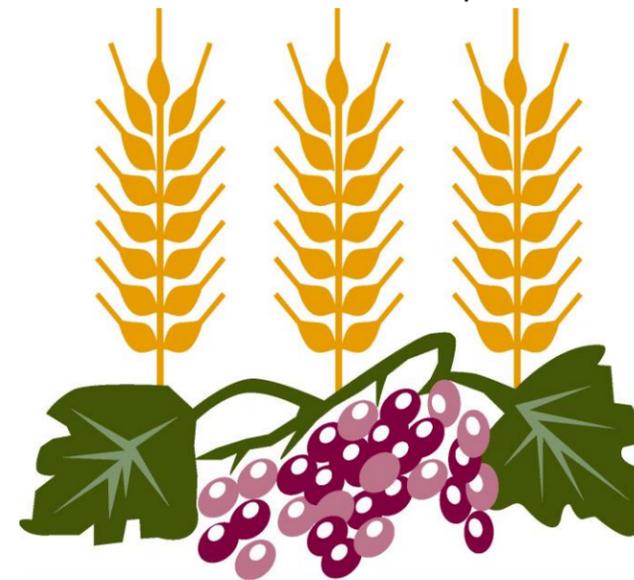
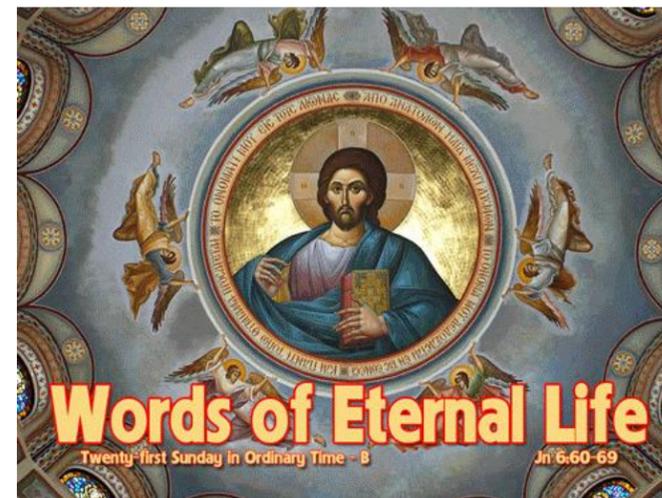
Sunday 2, Haiti at St. John's

COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

The **Sunday Morning Bible Study** will use the Dynamic Catholic Bible Study on the *Gospel of St John called, The Turning Point*. This edition of the Gospel of John reads like an engaging novel. It does away with the two-column format and distracting notes in the margins, making it easy for you to encounter Jesus through John the apostle's unique perspective as one of Jesus' closest friends. DVDs are used in the sessions each week. This study is a nine-week session that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: 1)the woman at the well; 2)a man named Nicodemus; 3)the woman caught in adultery; 4)and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about 5)Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, 6)Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and 7)Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

This session of the Sunday Morning Bible Study starts September 9 after 8:30 am Mass and dismisses at 10:30 am when the Religious Ed classes dismiss. Books will be available soon. Please call the school office to reserve your book, 765-348-3889, but if you forget, come anyway. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Bring your snack to the class on the stage. Call or text Susan Lannoy for more information.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm
St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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**St. John the Evangelist,
Hartford City**

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.