

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



**LITURGY SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 2
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, September 3, Labor Day

0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, September 4

5:30 p.m...Rosemary Helm (St. John's)

Wednesday, September 5

12:00noon...Leslie Durham (St. John's)

Thursday, September 6

5:30 p.m...Living & Deceased of Monahan & Doyle Families (St. Mary's)

First Friday, September 7

5:30 p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (St. John's)

Saturday, September 8

5:00 p.m...Jess Huggins, Sr. (St. John's)

Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m...Tony Wesolowski (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. Mary's)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please help us continue Adoration by your attendance.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:25pm. Mass will follow at 5:30pm on First Fridays.

Prayer books and materials are made available for use during the time of Adoration or you may bring your own as you pray and reflect. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: September 7.

ALTAR & ROSARY "KICK-OFF KARRY-IN"

St. John's Altar & Rosary will hold the first of their four annual meetings for the 2018-19 year this Thursday, September 6, with a "Karry-in" dinner. Please bring a covered dish to share and your thoughts and ideas for a successful year. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend for dinner, fellowship and direction. If you would like a ride to and from the meeting, contact the office and we would be glad to pick you up.

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:

Sept. 3: [St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Lk 4: 16-30

Sept. 4: 1 Cor 2: 10b-16; Lk 4: 31-37

Sept. 5: [St. Teresa of Calcutta, religious] 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Lk 4: 38-44

Sept. 6: 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Lk 5: 1-11

Sept. 7: 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Lk 5: 33-39

Sept. 8: [The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary] Mi 5: 1-4a; Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

Sept. 9: Is 34: 4-7a; Jas 2: 1-5; Mk 7: 31-37

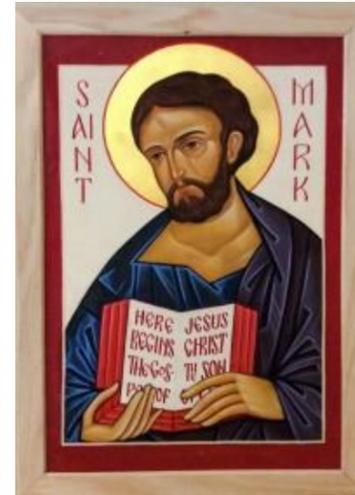
SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Sat., 5p.m...Helen Whitesell & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30...Lance Manley & Juan Velasquez

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

DT 4:1-2, 6-8; PS 15:2-5; JAS 1:17-18,21B-22,27; MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus instructs us in the best way we can honor Him, teaching us the meaning of true worship. Jesus reveals that the way we truly worship Him is by giving Him our hearts. We also learn in this Gospel passage what our Lord does not want — the pious lip service that the scribes and Pharisees offer.

But how can we determine if we really are giving our hearts over to the Lord and not just paying Him lip service? We must examine our lives to see if they reflect a life lived out for Him. Stewardship gives us a concrete means to examine our lives in three fundamental areas — the use of our time, our talents, and our material gifts.

A stewardship way of life invites and challenges us to make specific commitments in each of these areas on a regular basis, giving us a practical means to commit to the Lord. How well we are keeping these commitments can give us a kind of measuring stick to see if we are growing closer to Him, or perhaps need to put a little more effort into a particular area of our lives.

When we all strive to give God true worship — putting Him first with all our hearts — what beauty we will find in our homes, our parish, and our world.

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our new bulletin ad sheets. These advertisers subsidize the cost of the bulletins, so if you have the opportunity, you may thank them by using their products or services.

This week's sponsor is:

**HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN & TANNING
THANK YOU!**

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.

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.

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: \$837.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,573.00

Haiti: \$398.26

Building Fund: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$60.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

LABOR DAY PRAYER

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking
employment,
and we ask that You be with those whose
faces we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

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.

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

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 Queen of Beauty and Courage

THIS WEEK:

Monday 3, Labor Day, No Mass

Tuesday 4, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 5, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 6, Reconciliation 6pm at St. Mary's
Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Friday 7, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:25pm at St. John's

Mass 5:30pm at St. John's

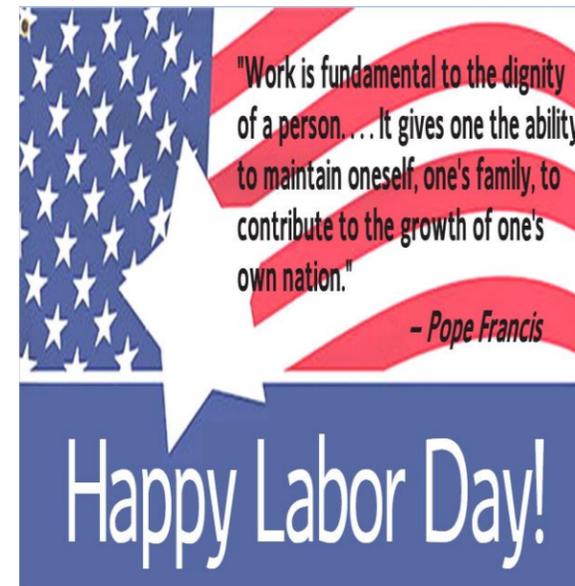
Sunday 9, Food Pantry at St. Mary's

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. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Bring your snack to the class on the stage. Call or text Susan Lannoy for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us. We will begin a new session Sept. 11 on Wisdom, God's Vision for Life by Jeff Cavins from Ascension.



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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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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.