

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
May 19
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Monday, May 20

0:30 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, May 21

5:30 p.m...Karleen Reidy (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, May 22

12:00noon...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Thursday, May 23

5:30 p.m...Watson & Paul Families (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, May 24

11:00 a.m...Deceased of Pursley Family (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, May 25

5:00 p.m...William Whitacre (*St. John's*)

Sunday, May 26

8:30 a.m...Lawrence Fleming (*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 MAY:

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Renewed by the Love of Christ

written by Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

How does Jesus make all things new? Jesus tells us that all he has taught can be summed up in one commandment, "Love one another." The love that Jesus commands is no warm feeling of affection expressing itself in hugs and kisses. Rather, he commands them to love one another as he has loved them — by dying on the cross. Jesus is the only hope of renewal for us individually, for the Church, and for the world.

PRAY THE ROSARY

May is the month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother. As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, let us also honor Mary with prayer and adoration through the rosary. As you pray the rosary, offer prayers for mothers to love their children the way God loves them, the way their kids deserve, and the way they want to love their children.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

JT Davis of St. Mary's will receive Jesus through First Holy Communion this Sunday. Congratulations to JT and please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he receives this Sacrament and continues to grow in his Catholic faith.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Juan Velasquez

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.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's
Wednesday 22, RCIA 6pm at St. John's
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Saturday 25, Haiti at St. John's
Sunday 26, Haiti at St. John's

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$697.00

Food Pantry: \$247.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,257.00

Building Fund: \$80.00

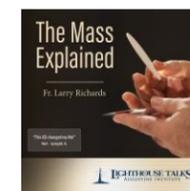
Food Pantry: \$15.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



Inspiring speaker Fr. Larry Richards presents exciting and powerful insights into the history, spirituality, and biblical foundations of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. He opens the door for us to enter more profoundly into this most perfect prayer and unite our offering with that of the priest. This will change the way you experience this most sacred of all mysteries, the source and summit of our lives.

These items are located on the kiosk in the parish hall.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 20: [*St. Bernardine of Siena, priest*] Acts 14: 5-18; Jn 14: 21-26
May 21: [*St. Christopher Magallanes, preist, and Companions, martyrs*] Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a
May 22: [*St. Rita of Cascia, religious*] Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8
May 23: Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11
May 24: Acts 15: 22-31; Jn 15: 12-17
May 25: [*St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin*] Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21
May 26: [*Sixth Sunday of Easter*] Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn 14: 23-29

HELP FOR HELPING HANDS

St. John's will be collecting baby bottles for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier. Bottles will be available at the church entrances. Fill your bottle with coins and/or cash and return it to church. Other baby items can be donated as well.

The center supports both mothers and fathers and their babies through education, programs and services with a Christian faith-based approach. They believe in the sanctity of every human life.

RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 22 in the parish hall at 6pm at St. John's. Anyone is invited who may have questions and/or are seeking answers about the Catholic faith.



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MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT CEMETERY

Next Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day. We will celebrate and remember our deceased loved ones and all who gave their lives for our freedom at a graveside Mass/Communion service at the Montpelier Cemetery at 9am. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at St. John's Church at 9:30am.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer. If you wish to be included in our prayer chain contacts, please call Janice or the office to be added. It only takes two or three minutes to offer a prayer for someone in need, but the benefits are innumerable.



Support the food pantry through the envelope in your packet. St. John's collection supports both Hartford City and Montpelier. St. Mary's pantry collection is split between Dunkirk, Albany and Redkey.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[ACTS 13:14, 43-52; PS 100: 1-3,5; REV 7:9, 14B-17; JN 10:27-30](#)

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us as Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That



is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires

us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God pour His grace into us.

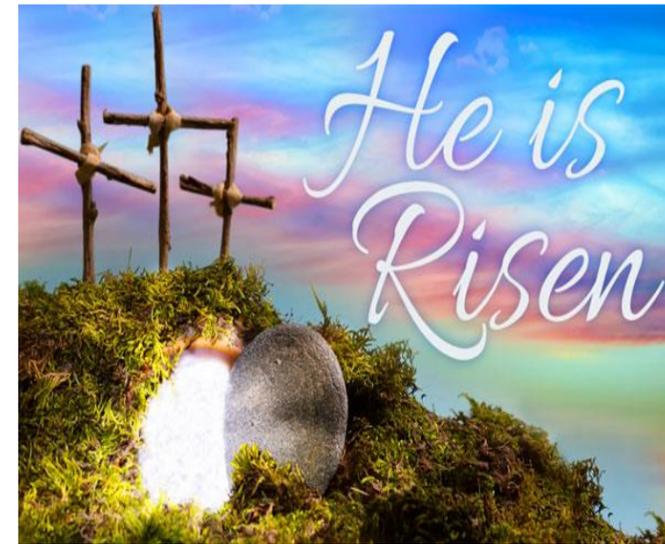
As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's own footsteps and in loving as He loves.

NEW-TO-YOU IS OPEN

Thursdays: 11-5, Fridays & Saturdays: 11-2

The shop is open has a new look. Stop by to check out the weekly feature table as well as new items arriving weekly.

As always, we appreciate our volunteers and the donations received.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.