

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

October 6, 2019

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 7

9:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, October 8

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. Mary's)

Friday, October 11

10:00 a.m...No Mass (Miller's Merry Manor)

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

8:30 a.m...Betty Cain (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 OCTOBER:

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

There will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr. Paul will be on retreat Monday through Friday, Oct. 7-11. Please keep him and all the priests on retreat in your prayers.

BOGO SALE

SHOP NEW-TO-YOU

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

Buy one lady's shirt or pants and get one free now through October 17th. Shop now!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This October the RespectLife theme is *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life.*

Our efforts on behalf of the unborn, the dying, the elderly, the imprisoned, the poor and so many others have a profound impact, both now and in the life to come. Pray with us:

For all Catholics:

That on this Respect Life Sunday we may recommit ourselves to upholding the dignity of every human life. May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health.

WE NEED YOUR TREATS PLEASE

St. John's ChrisTeen's youth group will again be participating in Trunk-or-Treat at the courthouse square in Hartford City on Friday, October 25th. If you would be willing to help them provide safe trick-or-treating for kids in our community, drop off your candy bag donations in the boxes at either church entrance by October 20. Thank you.

Please join us during this Month of the Rosary . . .

Throughout October, prior to each Mass, St. John's parishioners are invited to arrive early (4:25 on Saturday or 7:55 on Sunday) to unite in prayer through the Rosary. Individuals and groups will take turns each weekend to lead the prayers. Bring your rosary and join in the prayers in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Oct. 12 Rosary Leaders: Shea Aulbach

Oct. 13 Rosary Leaders: Tom & Claire Aulbach

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 7: [Our Lady of the Rosary] Jon 1: 1--2; 2, 11; Lk 10: 25-37

Oct. 8: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 10: 38-42

Oct. 9: [Sts. Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest] Jon 4: 1-11; Lk 11: 1-4

Oct. 10: Mal 3: 13-20b; Lk 11: 5-13

Oct. 11: [St. John XXIII, pope] Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Lk 11: 15-26

Oct. 12: Jl 4: 12-21; Lk 11: 27-28

Oct. 13: 2 Kgs 5: 14-17; 2 Tm 2: 8-13; Lk 17: 11-19

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$516.68

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,112.29

Haiti: \$381.50

Food Pantry: \$135.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

When will I have given enough - of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S OCT. 12 & 13

Saturday, 5p.m...Madison Merkel & Kelli Rinker

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Joshua Aulbach & Bethany Elkins

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

This year's LifeChain will take place Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the CROSSroads of State Road 3 and 26, 2:30-3:30.

Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!

Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 9, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 3, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 12, Fatima Rosary Rally 12noon at Blackford County Courthouse

Sunday 13, Food Pantry at St. Mary's

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NORTHSIDE LANES

Thank you!

The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass - but why?

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Lection: Eucharist beginning Wednesday evening, **October 16th, 6-7:15pm.** This is open to all St. John's and St. Mary's parishioners. If you wish to bring a friend that wants to know more about the Eucharist, they are welcome also. Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar now to be sure to attend this special presentation on the most essential part of our Catholic faith.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The Pregnancy Care Center's annual Ladies' Night Out will be held Thursday, October 10th, at the Event Center in Portland. Doors open at 5pm with dinner served at 6pm. Silent auction will be open till 8:15pm. Our dinner is free to all those attending. Door prizes throughout the evening, dress to be comfortable. Please join us for an evening filled with good food, fun, laughter and fellowship. To reserve your spot call 726-8636.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters invite you to retool your discipleship to address the very real issues, challenges, and problems that face our country and world today. Pope Francis has called missionary congregations like the OLVMS to celebrate an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October. On Saturday October 19, 9am-3pm we invite you to learn the common call we all share to be missionary disciples in a world in need of healing. Fr. Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C., will lead us in an interactive workshop based on Pope Francis' vision of the Church as a field hospital. Cost \$10 per person. Registration limited to 100. Lunch will be served. For more info. Call 206-356-0628.

ROSARY RALLY

Parishioners of our cluster parishes are invited to a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12 at Noon on the south side (Washington St.) of the Blackford County Courthouse. This year is the 102nd anniversary of Fatima where Mary appeared numerous times. A Rosary Rally banner will be displayed and we will pray the Rosary which has as its focus on the life of Christ. This Public Square Rosary will be one of over 20,000 rallies on Oct 12 taking place across the United States. Please join us as we pray for our country. Anyone wishing to join in prayer is welcome. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before noon. Please bring a lawn chair if you would like to be able to sit down. In case of rain we will meet at St John's School Hall.



In an effort to be transparent, honest and open about what is ongoing with the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan, I'd like to begin providing regular updates that you can read in your parish bulletin to stay up to date. These updates will come from me or the Uniting in Heart Core Team which is made up of Father Ted Dudzinski—Vicar General, Deacon Mike Mescall—Director of Technology, Planning and Communications, Jeanne Lausten—Director of Human Resources, and Gabby Hlavek—Communications Manager and Editor of *The Catholic Moment*. The updates will cover a variety of topics, questions, feedback or basic information about the plan. During the months of July and August, we have been prayerfully reading, reflecting and discerning the over 2000 pieces of feedback that were received about the initial draft plan. Please know that we are very grateful for your contributions! We are sorry that we could not address each one individually, but we took this information, synthesized key themes and determined how it could best be used to refine and improve the plan. Earlier this week, the entire presbyterate gathered with diocesan and parish leadership to review the final revisions to the plan. We now plan to release the final Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan in the October 6 edition of *The Catholic Moment*. We ask for your prayers as our diocese moves the plan forward and brings us out of maintenance and into mission mode. We are eager to live out the 3 Pillars of Mission, Community and Witness that are the foundation of our 2030 Pastoral Plan, and unite the entire diocese in the heart of Jesus Christ as His disciples!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-2-4; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14; LK 17:5-10

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

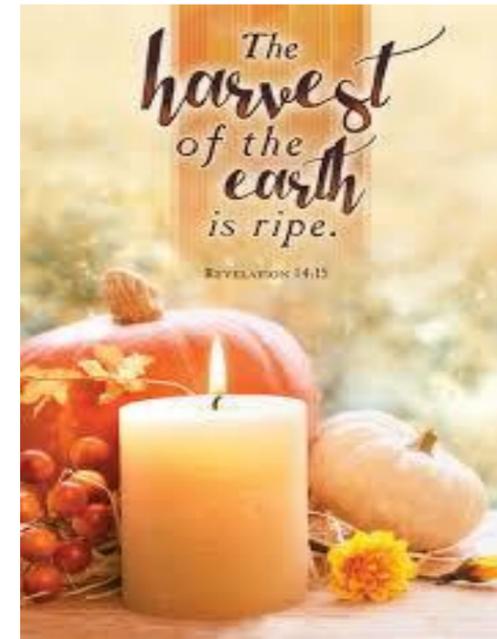


Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.



27th 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, by appointment
St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Paul 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.