

You prepare a table for me, O Lord



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

(While we are all not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming, on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

LITURGY SCHEDULE

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 3

No Mass

Tuesday, August 4

Molly Jo May

Wednesday, August 5

12:00noon...Margaret Wilson

Thursday, August 6

5:30p.m...Don Martin

Friday, August 7

Agnes Bowen

Saturday, August 8

5:00p.m...Alivia Viellieux

Sunday, August 9

8:30a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

10:30a.m...Margaret Hull

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Weekly Prayer Corner: YOU ARE MY TREASURE

O God, you are the reward to the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to the wanderer. You are the one in whom all treasures are contained.

--St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

The church will be open this Friday (first Friday) from 10am-2pm for private adoration in the side chapel. Use side entrance.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Nancy Shorey, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May her family be comforted by your prayers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$851.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,049.00

Haiti: \$74.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," sings the Psalmist; "He answers all our needs." Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God's people are fed and their needs met.

OFFERING OF SELF

I will help care for a brother or sister in need today.

WELCOME...to Matthew Booher and Trudy Heiser, new members of the Catholic faith and St. John's Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS on receiving First Holy Communion to: Henry Feltt, Gabriel Kitterman, Gavin Kitterman, Bentley Milholland, Colton Poe, Kyra Poe, and Mary Slater.

Please continue to pray for these members as they continue to grow in their Catholic faith.

SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL

Would you be willing to make an investment in the future of the diocese by helping support the men who will bring the sacraments, priestly presence and spiritual guidance to you, your children and grandchildren?

With your prayers and response to the Seminarian Fund Appeal, the affirmation of the people of God is invaluable to the training of the future priests of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's goal for this appeal is \$559 and St. John's goal is \$1,825. Presently, we are at \$940 for St. Mary's and \$506.00 for St. John's.

PRAYER PETITION TO END RACISM:

For the Church, that its prophetic voice may proclaim to all the challenge to break the hopeless cycles of poverty, ignorance, prejudice, and despair which degrade the sacred dignity of humankind, we pray: Bind us together, O God of love.

Please be sure to return the update sheet from The Good News Letter requesting email and phone information so we can better communicate with you for special notices. If possible, please indicate if text messaging is available on your phone as well. Thank you!

MASK REQUIREMENTS ENHANCED

Face coverings will be required in all our buildings at St. Mary's and St. John's beginning on Monday, July 27. If you cannot wear a facial covering, are uncomfortable wearing a facial covering, or don't want to wear a facial covering please participate in the Mass from your home.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 3: Jer 28: 1-17; Mt 14: 22-36

Aug. 4: [St. John Vianney, priest] Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14: 22-36

Aug. 5: [The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major] Jer 31: 1-7; Mt 15: 21-28

Aug. 6: [The Transfiguration of the Lord] Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Mt 17: 1-9

Aug. 7: [St. Sixtus II, pope, & Companions, martyrs; St. Cajetan, priest] Na 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7; Mt 16: 24-28

Aug. 8: [St. Dominic, priest] Hb 1: 12 - 2: 4; Mt 17: 14-20

Aug. 9: 1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a; Rom 9: 1-5; Mt 14: 22-33

WELCOME BACK, WE HAVE MISSED YOU!

"Please know the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until August 15. In particular, those who are experiencing any sickness, those whose health is in some way compromised, those who are fearful of the possible infection of COVID-19, and those over the age of 65 should consider staying home..."



NEW-TO-YOU IS OPEN...BUT NEED YOUR HELP

We are open and filled to the brim with lots of good buys.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to work at the NTY, we are recruiting your services. We need people to work during open hours. Shifts are for three hours on Thur, Fri, and Sat as often as you want to work. Contact Karen Uggen with questions: 499-1494

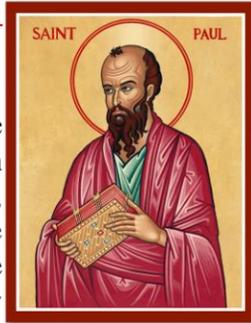
QUOTE CORNER:

"Be faithful to the time spent in prayer, and make sure at least half your time is spend in silence." --St. Mother Teresa

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 55:1-3; PS 145:8-9, 15-18; ROM](#)

[8:35, 37-39; MT 14:13-21](#)



Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God, Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our God from His faithful love for us. God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

Let's look at the opening verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows.

But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to all that have been mailing in contributions. Your continued efforts are greatly appreciated.



Phase One – Managing an Ending

We all face "changes" these days, some of them are welcomed and some are unwelcomed, some go smoothly, and some do not. Even after lots of changes, our transitions are often left unfinished. It is important therefore to understand the difference between a "change" and a "transition."

A "change" is anything that can shake up our understanding of the world and our old priorities. Familiar examples of "change" are: marriage, graduation, divorce, unemployment, the arrival of a new pastor, leaving the seminary, moving from pastoral assignments, locating to a new city, a new baby, ordination, a suicide in the family, children leaving home, entering a nursing home, the publication of a new missal, entering a pandemic, welcoming a new bishop, death of a parent or reaching retirement age.

A "transition," on the other hand, is a three-phase psychological reorientation process that people go through when they are coming to terms with a "change." In that process, there is typically an ending and a neutral zone before a new beginning.

A "change" is what happens *outside* us! A "transition" is what happens *inside* us! People in transition often go through stages similar to the stages of death and dying. They can respond with denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance. It begins with an ending—with people letting go of their old reality and their old identity. Unless people can make a real ending, they will typically be unable to make a successful new beginning.

When dealing with change, attitude is everything. Change, without embracing the pain of going through the psychological reorientation of the neutral zone is to invite long-term anger, resentment and confusion into your life. Stay tuned for the second part of this series, where we'll discuss the next phase in a typical transition.

Father Ronald Knott, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, was a weekly columnist for his archdiocesan paper, The Record, for fifteen years. He spent fifteen years doing ongoing priest formation in ten countries.



18TH 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