



**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
November 28, 2021**

**Monday, Nov. 29 at St. John's**

8:30a.m...Ilah Place

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**

0:00a.m....No Mass

**Wednesday, Dec. 1 at St. John's**

12:00noon...Walter & Frances Schuhmacher

**Thursday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's**

5:30p.m...Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar & Rosary

**Friday, Dec. 3 at Holy Family**

9:00a.m...Johanning & Halbur Families

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Mary Patton at St. John's

**Sunday, Dec. 5**

9:00a.m...Larry Aulbach at St. John's

11:00a.m...Paulette Charles at Holy Family

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

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

And he will be called: **WONDERFUL**

**The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him ... the Spirit of counsel and might. (Is 11:2)**



As we continue to give thanks this weekend, we are especially grateful for Bishop Doherty for coming to celebrate Mass with us at St. John's. It is good to recall and reexamine what a bishop does and his role in our diocese. One of the Bishop's titles is that of the *local ordinary*. This means that he is the one exercising local authority and jurisdiction in the diocese of Lafayette. I myself do not have that authority on my own as the missionary pastor but Bishop Doherty loans me some of his authority and power so to speak to assist in our pastorate and three parishes. So, my priestly authority derives directly from Bishop Doherty and his successors so that we continue to build up the body of Christ here in Indiana.

As the Vatican II document *Light of the Nations* reminds us: "Bishops with their helpers, the priests and deacons, have taken up the service of the community, presiding in place of God over the flock, whose shepherds they are, as teachers for doctrine, priests for sacred worship, and ministers for governing. And just as the office granted individually to Peter is permanent and is to be transmitted to his successors, so also the apostles' office of nurturing the Church is permanent, and is to be exercised without interruption by the sacred order of bishops." As we continue to implement *Uniting in Heart*, it requires all of us working together in conjunction with Bishop Doherty and his office to make more concrete God's Kingdom on earth. So, as this Advent season begins let us pray for Bishop Doherty in his ongoing work in governing, teaching, and sanctifying and let us do our work of sharing the Gospel with our friends, families, and communities to the best of our abilities.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

Holy Family now has a lending library in the front vestibule of church. Please take advantage of the religious reading materials.

**ADVENT PROGRAM ON ST. JOSEPH**

St. John's will host the first of two Advent DVD programs this Thursday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm as we prepare hearts, minds, and spirit for the coming of our Lord. As we wrap up the Year of St. Joseph as set aside by Pope Francis, we will learn more of this humble man and his loving ways as Mary's husband and the earthly father of Jesus.

Light snacks will be available. Bring a friend, all from our pastorate are invited.



Please continue to pray for our diocesan leadership, our priests, and each of us as parishioners as we navigate through this *Uniting in Heart* 2030 Pastorate Plan. May we truly unite in hearts to be missionary disciples to share the Gospels and the love of Christ Jesus.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

*Our pastorate Advent Penance Service will be held Monday, Dec. 6 at 6pm at Holy Family. Avoid the rush, and receive this great sacrament. Extra priests will be available to hear confessions.*

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers James Baker, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Nov. 29: Is 2: 1-5; Mt 8: 5-11

Nov. 30: [St. Andrew, apostle] Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22

Dec. 1: Is 25: 6-10a; Mt 15: 29-37

Dec. 2: Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Dec. 3: [St. Francis Xavier, priest] Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9: 27-31

Dec. 4: [St. John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church] Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Dec. 5: [Second Sunday of Advent] Bar 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

*If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct by clergy, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jackie Montrie M.A., LMFT, LMHC, at 765-464-4988, contact Child Protective Services at 1-800-800-5556, or report the incident [www.dioceseoflafayetteinindiana.ethicspoint.com](http://www.dioceseoflafayetteinindiana.ethicspoint.com)*

*Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Elia Grace Johnson, daughter of Dan and Emily Johnson, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St. John's Church. May her gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.*

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

*Come on in, whatever weighs you down,  
give it to God.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on December 3** begins after 9 AM Mass with closing at 9 PM to be held at Holy Family Church.

The side chapel at St. John's will be open from 8am-4pm on Friday for private adoration.

**ADVENT TREE TAGS**

St. John's will continue the tradition of collecting items for our community school children through the Advent tree and the Advent season. The tags on our Advent tree will have items requested by the Blackford County school nurse and she will distribute the items to each of the county schools. Your generosity provides additional health and safety items as well as first aid and personal hygiene supplies to students who are in need. See more details in our monthly newsletter.

**Pope Francis urges us to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."**

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

**CMA 2021 COMING TO A CLOSE**

December 31<sup>st</sup> is the final date of this campaign to fulfill your pledge payments. If you had not yet been able to give or wish to make an additional gift, please contact Fr. Hurley or Diana at 765-348-3889.

Thank you to each who have offered a pledge and to those who have offered prayers for the Catholic Ministries Appeal success and the benefits it provides to us and our diocese as a whole.

## HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will be taking orders for RADA Cutlery products for the holidays.

We will take orders through Nov. 30th. or you may order online at anytime through the link below. It should say the fundraiser for St. Marys Catholic Altar & Rosary at the top of the screen.

Here is the link for the fundraiser.

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1550019.a0ce2>

If you would like to see a catalog see any A&R member or to place an order contact Loretta Wilson or call at 765-744-1611. Thank You!

## WARM, COZY FEET

Thank you, Holy Family parishioners for the awesome donation of socks for Twin City Healthcare!! Many residents will have nice cozy feet!! Thank You!!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Dec. 1: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Dec. 2: Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Advent Program on St. Joseph 6:30pm at St. John's  
Friday, Dec. 3: Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-9pm at Holy Family

Sunday, Dec. 5: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$935.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$65.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,246.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$320.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

### Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,626.30

Sharing Cupboard: \$70.00

Votive: \$23.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$65.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.*

With hearts uplifted *Thankfully*, we enter the first week of Advent.

## HELP THOSE ON THE MARGINS

Thank you for your support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your support will help those on the margins who live in poverty in the U.S. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Envelopes are in your packets.

## It's that time of the year Holy Family!!

The RE students at Holy Family are collecting toiletries for the We Care Christmas Families.

Please, take a tag off the Christmas tree located in the Narthex and bring the unwrapped items back to Holy Family by the morning of Sunday, December 12. Thank you so much for your help!

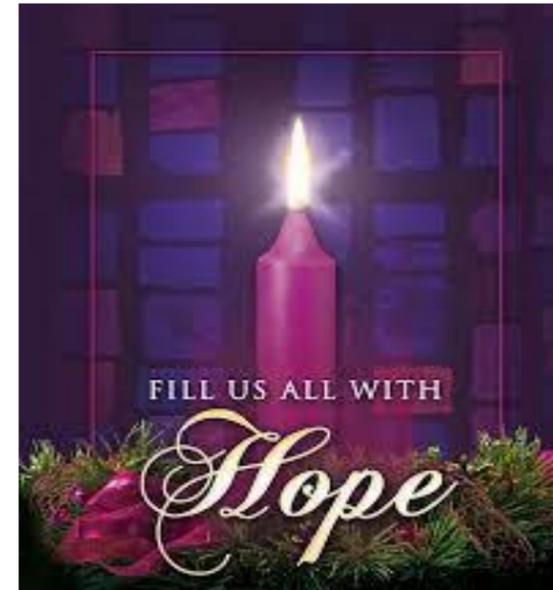
## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 33: 14-16; PS 25:4-5,8-9,10,14; 1 THES 3:12-4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 28, 2021

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation.

The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:  
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday

St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass  
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley 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 K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

**St. Mary, Dunkirk**

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

**Holy Family,  
Gas City**

**A Pastorate of**

**The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana**

**Pastor, Fr. Kevin Hurley**

## PARISH OFFICES

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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