



One of the first things we will be working on this year as a pastorate is our part of the Synod on Synodality. A synod is a general term for ecclesiastical gatherings under hierarchical authority, for the discussion and decision of matters relating to faith, morals, or discipline. This synod was declared by Pope Francis this past October for the Universal Church, and it is a two-year process of listening and dialogue. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

As priests we have already met for our listening sessions in December and now is your opportunity to participate in these sessions this month. We will hold two listening sessions for our parishes. The first will be held at St. John’s Wednesday January 19th at 6pm. We will move our daily Mass that day from Noon to 5:30pm so the Holy Eucharist can assist us in listening and sharing. The second session will be held after the 11am Mass at Holy Family in Gas City, Sunday January 30th around Noon. Both sessions will cover the same questions and topics so there is not a need to attend both of these. I hope that many of us will take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in the synodal process that will become part of the Pope’s work in 2023.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

Anyone in our pastorate wishing to receive a contribution statement of your 2021 giving to the parish, should contact Diana in the office at 765-348-3889 or by email at dholsten@parish.dol-in.org.

HOLY FAMILY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

We will have our kickoff 2022 Carry-In Luncheon after 11am Mass on January 16. All are welcome to enjoy great fellowship, good food and BINGO.

Reemmer Hall will be open before Mass to drop off your dish. See you all then.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Christine McDonough, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May her family be comforted by your prayers. Her funeral Mass will be held at 1pm on Friday, January 28.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 17: [St. Anthony, abbot] 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22

Jan. 18: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28

Jan. 19: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6

Jan. 20: [St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr] 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12

Jan. 21: [St. Agnes, virgin & martyr] 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19

Jan. 22: [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children] [St. Vincent, deacon & martyr] 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3: 20-21

Jan. 23: [Word of God Sunday] Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12: 12-30; Lk 1: 104; 4: 14-21

PRAYER CHAIN: To have someone prayed for or be one of those doing the praying, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521 or the office at 348-3889 or Marcia at 674-7608.

Please pray for all those parishioners and their families dealing with illness or difficulty.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 62:1-5; PS 96: 1-3,7-10; 1 COR 12:4-11; JN 2:1-11
Today’s Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother’s request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, “Do whatever He tells you.” Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.



Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let’s examine our lives this week to see if we really are “doing whatever He tells us,” cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 10 at St. John’s

10:00a.m...Walt Jackson

Tuesday, January 11

5:30p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, January 12 at St. John’s

5:30p.m...Coyne Family

Thursday, January 13 at St. Mary’s

5:30p.m...Welfare of Wilma Swingley

Friday, January 14 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Louise Hale

Saturday, January 15

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

6:30p.m...Charlie Montgomery at St. John’s

Sunday, January 16

9:00a.m...Jerry Trant at St. John’s

11:00a.m...Margaret & Eugene Ross at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$405.00
Food Pantry: \$210.00
Religious Retirement: \$115.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,942.00
Building Fund: \$1,140.00
Food Pantry: \$245.00
Religious Retirement: \$405.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,979.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$98.00
Votive: \$21.00
Religious Retirement: \$400.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He and change our gifts of water into wine!

WE ARE HIRING...VOLUNTEERS!

St. John's New-To-You Shop is in need of volunteers through the winter months. Anyone from our pastorate is welcome to help out for a 3-hour shift on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. Call the office at 348-3889 if interested.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Jan 19: Mass 5:30pm followed by Synod Session at 6pm at St. John's
Thursday, Jan. 20: Finance Council 6:3pm at St. John's
Friday, Jan. 21: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family
Sunday, Jan. 23: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

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

Quotes from The Gospel of Life:

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good."
(The Gospel of Life, 101)

VIGIL FOR LIFE
Sunday, January 23, 2-4pm
St. John the Evangelist Church
Downtown Indianapolis



MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

Mass 10:30 AM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH - 126 W. GEORGIA ST., INDIANAPOLIS

March NOON

FROM GEORGIA ST. TO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS

Rally 12:45 PM

SOUTH STEPS OF INDIANA STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS

No registration required! Just show up.

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All are invited each Sunday of religious education to coffee & donuts in the parish hall at St. John's. Visit with fellow parishioners and support the students in their education.



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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

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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