



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
February 13, 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 14 at St. John's
 8:30a.m...Paul & Helen Schuhmacher

Tuesday, February 15
 5:30p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, February 16, Blue Mass at St. John's
 6:00p.m...Deceased Friends & Family members of our Parishioners

Thursday, February 17 at St. Mary's
 5:30p.m...Ted & Sara Kolodka

Friday, February 18 at Holy Family
 9:00a.m...Bertha Dirksen

Saturday, February 19
 5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. Mary's
 6:30p.m...Mary Welches at St. John's

Sunday, February 20
 9:00a.m...Jim & Nancy Schorey at St. John's
 11:00a.m...John Herrera at Holy Family

This weekend we celebrate and honor National Marriage Week. We give thanks and continue to pray for all of our living married couples, those engaged, and those discerning marriage wherever they might be. We have this week and weekend as a great reminder that marriage is a vocation made by God to help people get to Heaven, and that we cannot do this without God's help. There are many good marriage resources out there such as www.foryourmarriage.org, the Made for Love podcast, the Formed marriage videos, and so much more. And always feel free to contact myself or the office for any additional marriage resources as needed. As the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* reminds us: "True married love is caught up into God's love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood."

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In Christ,
 Fr. Hurley

Game Night

Calling all **high school students** from St. John's, St. Mary's, and Holy Family! We will be getting together Friday, February 18 at 6:00 PM in the St. John's Parish Hall. Supper will be provided!! Bring your favorite board or card game to share!

Fr. Hurley has an all-day priest meeting on Monday, so morning Mass has been moved to 8:30am for this week.

Also, our Blue Mass originally scheduled for last week has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at 6pm due to last week's snow storm. All from our pastorate are invited to St. John's for this special Mass to pray for one another to chase away the wintertime blues and to pray for our deceased friends and families and to pray for those who mourn the lose of loved ones. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall following the 6pm Mass.

The month of February is Catholic Press Month. Please complete your annual support envelope. Your generous gift during the of February helps us to continue to deliver this vibrant publication to our parishioners. Envelopes can be found in your packets and placed in the collection basket at church. Thank you!

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Bob King, brother-in-law to Marcia Atkinson, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.



Mardi Gras Party—Save the Date!

When: Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 PM
 Where: St. John's Parish Hall
 *Come for pancakes, sausage, King Cake, and fun!!
 *Grab a partner for the Pancake Flipping Contest!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Feb. 14: *St. Valentine's Day*
 Wednesday, Feb. 16: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Blue Mass 6pm at St. John's with refreshments to follow in parish hall
 Thursday, Feb. 17: Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
 Friday, Feb. 18: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family
High School Game Night 6pm at St. John's
 Sunday, Feb. 20: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family



"We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place for those who love us."
 —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 14: [Sts. Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop]
 Jas 1: 1-11; Mk 8: 11-13
 Feb. 15: Jas 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21
 Feb. 16: Jas 1: 19-27; Mk 8: 22-26
 Feb. 17: [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Jas 2: 1-9; Mk 8: 27-33
 Feb. 18: Jas 2: 14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34—9: 1
 Feb. 19: Jas 3: :1-10; Mk 9: 2-13
 Feb. 20: 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6: 27-38

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
 Sunday Collection: \$600.00
 Propagation of the Faith: \$120.00
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
 Sunday Collection: \$11,680.00
 Building Fund: \$50.00
 Food Pantry: \$70.00
 Propagation of Faith: \$60.00
 Catholic Moment: \$88.00
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
 Sunday Collection: \$2,860.00
 Votive: \$30.00
 Food Pantry: \$105.00
 Propagation of Faith: \$113.00
 Catholic Moment: \$113.00
 Religious Retirement: \$20.00
 Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women
 We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

1 SM 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; PS 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 15: 45-49; LK 6: 27-38

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?"

And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."



It seems so unfair!

That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

FIRST RECONCILIATION AT HOLY FAMILY

Please keep in your prayers Marcus Christman, Vincent Christman, and Claire Jeffries who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Sunday. May they continue to grow in the love of Jesus' forgiveness.

MONTHLY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

All are invited to next Sunday's monthly carry-in luncheon at Holy Family immediately following 11am Mass. Reemmer Hall will be open prior to Mass for food drop-off and warm ovens if needed. Warm fellowship and fun for all.

Destination Jesus

Registration Closes February 14

Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Guerin Catholic High School

Destination Jesus is a day retreat for high schoolers. The day will be filled with music, Sacraments, connecting with other teens, and adoration. We are excited to be back in person after being virtual last year!

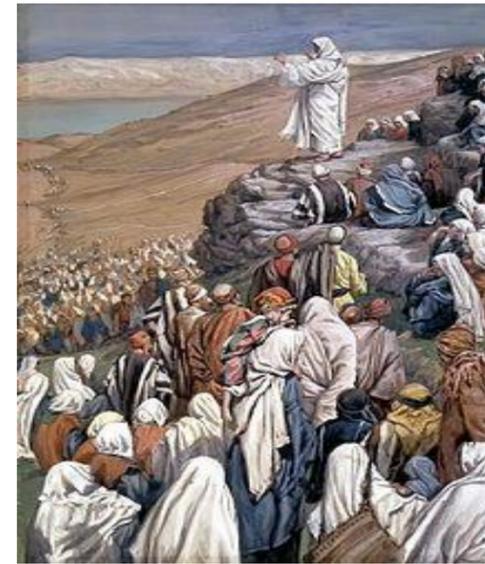
2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

Contact Diana in the office at 765-348-3889 or by email at dholsten@parish.dol-in.org if you would like a copy of your 2021 statement.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

What God asks of us in return is that we love Him and that we love one another as He has loved us (Mark 12:30-31). We can show our love to God through our prayer life, our service to those in need, and through warm hospitality. Another way is by financially supporting the good works of the Local Church, which is made up of the parishes, schools and facilities of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, as well as our Chancery offices and staff in Lafayette. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is a way we can help fund the good works and ministries of our Local Church that are outside the scope of our local parish.

Our pastorate total of \$42,851 is broken down as follows: Holy Family \$17,461, St. Mary's \$5,847, and St. John's \$19,542. We are now on a 12-month pledge campaign with all payments to be made by December 31, 2022. Please consider your gift to help our Local Church.



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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**

**A Pastorate of
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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