

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
February 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 21 at St. John's
10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, February 22
5:30p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, February 23, at St. John's
12:00noon...No Mass

Thursday, February 24 at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...No Mass

Friday, February 25 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...No Mass

Saturday, February 26
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's,
and Holy Family at St. Mary's
6:30p.m...Ilah Place at St. John's

Sunday, February 27
9:00a.m...Vera Johnson at St. John's
11:00a.m...Richard & Mary Rogers at Holy Family

Several members of our pastorate community have recently participated in the Encounter Middle School Diocesan Youth annual weekend as well as Destination Jesus annual weekend for our high school youth. These are great opportunities for our youth to participate in activities with other Catholic students and to grow in their faith. Please pray for our youth, our youth educators and youth activities for continued faith growth.

"Let the children come to me." (Mt. 19:14)
Loving Father, you look with compassion on all your children, especially those who are vulnerable. May we work to create a world in which every child has access to food, clean water, shelter, education, health care, and all other basic rights. May we teach youth about their role in working for peace, justice and the common good. May we act together to ensure that the lives and dignity of children everywhere can be respected. Amen.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

Fr. Hurley will be away on a much-deserved vacation this week. If the need of a priest arises, please contact the office. We offer prayers for a safe, restful vacation!

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!

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.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR & ROSARY

All ladies are invited to our rescheduled February meeting of Altar & Rosary for wine and chocolate. Bring your favorite poem to share if you wish. We will be working on our spring schedule in addition to our fish fry involvement during Lent.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Francis Oliver, 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!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 21: [St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church] Jas 3: 13-18; Mk 9: 14-29
Feb. 22: [The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle] 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19
Feb. 23: [St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr] Jas 4: 13-17; Mk 9: 38-40
Feb. 24: Jas 5: 1-6; Mk 9: 41-50
Feb. 25: Jas 5: 9-12; Mk 10: 1-12
Feb. 26: Jas 5: 13-20; Mk 10: 13-16
Feb. 27: Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

SAVE THE DATES:

March 4, March 18, April 1; 4:30-7pm
The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are back for Lent at St. John's Parish Hall. They will again this year be drive-thru-only. Adults \$12; Kids under 12 \$6. Fish, potatoes, applesauce and a cookie.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
Sunday Collection: \$1,490.00
Food Pantry: \$102.00
Catholic Moment: \$140.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
Sunday Collection: \$3,979.00
Building Fund: \$50.00
Food Pantry: \$130.00
Propagation of Faith: \$132.00
Catholic Moment: \$263.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
Sunday Collection: \$3,312.00
Votive: \$156.00
Food Pantry: \$266.00
Propagation of Faith: \$251.00
Catholic Moment: \$243.00
Religious Retirement: \$500.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards – "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

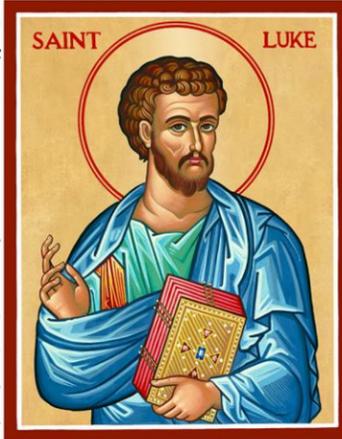
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

JER 17: 5-8; PS 1:1-4,6; 1 COR 15:12, 16-20; LK 6: 17, 20-26

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.



In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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.

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 this Sunday. May they continue to grow in the love of Jesus' forgiveness.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Feb. 23: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Thursday, Feb. 24: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's
Friday, Feb. 25: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family
Sunday, Feb. 27: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

MONTHLY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

All are invited to this 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.

Here are the Formed sign-up instructions for our parishioners:

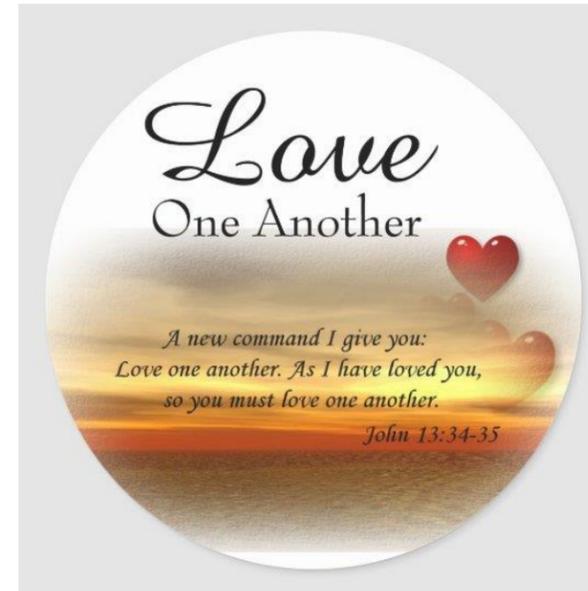
1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St John the Evangelist** by parish name, be sure to put **Hartford City** or zip code of **47348**.
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

COFFEE & DONUTS

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.

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

WEBSITE FEATURE: On the homepage of our website tune in to Bishop Baron and daily reflections and Sunday Mass. Check it out at www.stmaryjohn.org.



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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
The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Pastor, Fr. Kevin Hurley

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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