



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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**February 27, 2022**  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, February 28 at St. John's**  
 10:00a.m...Gerard Merkel

**Tuesday, March 1**  
 5:30p.m...No Mass

**Ash Wednesday, March 2**  
 12:00noon...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. Mary's  
 5:30p.m...Jack Cain at St. John's  
 7:00p.m...Jim & Rosemary Matney

**Thursday, March 3 at St. Mary's**  
 5:30p.m...Sue Hart Meyer

**Friday, March 4 at Holy Family**  
 9:00a.m...Christine McDonough

**Saturday, March 5**  
 5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. Mary's  
 6:30p.m...John Bonvillian at St. John's

**Sunday, March 6**  
 9:00a.m...Ed Holtzleiter at St. John's  
 11:00a.m...Gerald Dirksen at Holy Family

We gather this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the foreseeable future. I hope and pray that we have stored up well the joys of this past Christmas season and the new blessings of a new year 2022. Now, of course, we start to get ready for a rather amazing time of year, the annual Lenten journey to Calvary and the empty tomb that promises us resurrection and hope. As the Bishop's Conference reminds us: "During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ." That inner conversion of the heart is our greatest goal, and our three-fold actions of prayer, alms, and fasting should always lead back to it.

Before we get started with this however, please take advantage of our Mardi Gras party Tuesday night at Hartford City. This will be a fun-filled, family night of eating, prayer, and games and competition. I am looking forward to the pancake flipping contest, so this is a great chance to have some well-earned mirth before our Lenten sacrifices kick into gear. The traditions associated with Fat Tuesday are quite beautiful, and we will have many chances to reflect on those Tuesday night. One quick fact is that Fat Tuesday is known by many terms, but the English word is Shrovetide, which comes from the tradition of going to confession the week before Lent starts. Regardless of these things, I hope that we are all working on our Lenten game plans, so that all of our hearts can be ready to get the most out of this amazing journey.

In Christ,  
 Fr. Hurley

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of abstinence and fasting with only one full meal allowed. Two other meals, may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence in which no meat is allowed.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR & ROSARY**

All ladies are invited to our rescheduled February/March meeting of Altar & Rosary for wine and chocolate, and other goodies, this Thursday, March 3, 6pm. 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 Darrell McCammon, father of Pam Hurley, grandfather of Austin Mackey, parishioners of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

When we bend our knees to pray,  
 God bends His ear to listen.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on September 4, 2020**, begins after 9 AM Mass with closing at 9 PM to be held at Holy Family Church, Gas City.

The side chapel at St. John's will be open from 10am-4pm on Friday for private adoration.

The month of **February is Catholic Press Month**. Please complete your annual support envelope. Your generous gift 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!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Tuesday, Mar. 1:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am  
 Mardi Gras Party 6pm at St. John's
- Wednesday, Mar. 2:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
 Ash Wednesday Services—See Mass Schedule
- Thursday, Mar. 3:* 5-5:25pm Reconciliation and Adoration at St. Mary's  
 Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's
- Friday, Mar. 4:* Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family  
 Stations of the Cross 6pm at St. John's  
 K of C Fish Fry 4:30-7pm at St. John's
- Sunday, Mar. 6:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
 Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. Johns  
 12-12:45pm at Holy Family



**Mardi Gras Party—This Tuesday!**

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!!  
 No Cost, come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us!!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Feb. 28:* 1 Pt 1: 3-9; Mk 10: 17-27
- Mar. 1:* 1 Pt 1: 10-16; Mk 10: 28-31
- Mar. 2:* [Ash Wednesday] Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20—6: 2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- Mar. 3:* [St. Katharine Drexel, virgin] Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
- Mar. 4:* [St. Casimir][World Day of Prayer] Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15
- Mar. 5:* Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32
- Mar. 6:* Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

- St. Mary's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$850.00  
 Catholic Moment: \$130.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$1,753.00  
 Food Pantry: \$73.00  
 Propagation of Faith: \$35.00  
 Catholic Moment: \$282.00  
 Votive: \$344.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**  
 Sunday Collection: \$979.00  
 Votive: \$37.00  
 Food Pantry: \$50.00  
 Catholic Moment: \$233.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*Ash Wednesday's emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is an invitation to take a closer look at our stewardship. It is a time to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve anew to use our time and resources in the service of His Kingdom.*

**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.



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.

Be sure to pick up your Lenten extended edition of the Word Among Us each parish location. Also, be sure to check out our kiosk and FORMED for many great Lenten resources to guide us on our Journey.

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. Please prayerfully consider your pledge.

This year the parish rebates return. So long as our pastorate as a whole reaches its required goal, we will receive a rebate of all money over the goal with a cap at 25%. This will be broken back out to our three parishes according to pledges from each parish. This is a way we are able to help one another collectively.

Ash Wednesday's collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Thank you.

#### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.—in a transformative Lenten journey. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the bookshelves at each of our church locations. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.

SOUP SUPPERS are returning this year for Lent beginning March 9 at St. John's. If you are willing to make soup one week, please contact Diana in the office. These will rotate between our three parishes. A short video program will follow.



JOURNEY WITH JESUS as we walk the Holy Week pilgrimage with Him. Each Friday of Lent at 6pm all are invited to Stations of the Cross. This week it will be held at St. John's.

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION:

SIR 27: 4-7; PS 92: 2-3, 13-16; 1 COR 15: 54-58; LK 6: 39-45

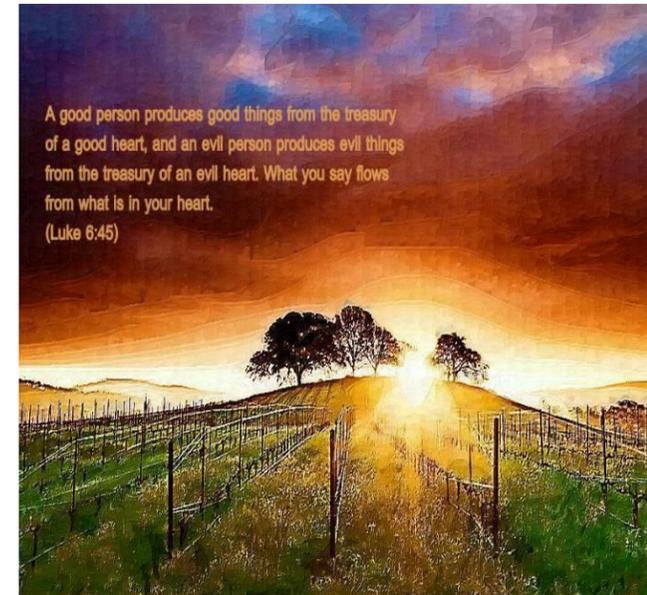
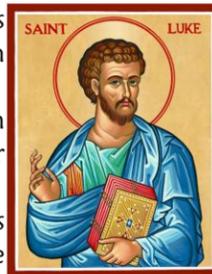
Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Holy Family now has a lending library in the front vestibule of church. Please take advantage of the religious reading materials, especially during Lent as a means to spend more time in prayer and Catholic 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  
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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