



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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**September 11, 2022**

**24thrd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, Sept. 12 at St. John's**

8:00a.m...Egbert Jarboe

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**

5:30p.m...No Mass

**Wednesday, Sept. 14, at St. John's**

12:00noon...Helen Coyne Walsh

**Thursday, Sept. 15 at St. Mary's**

5:30p.m...Linda Grove

**Friday, Sept. 16 at Holy Family**

9:00a.m...Francis Oliver

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

5:00p.m...Fr. Rick Tucker at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Sarah Lebanick at St. John's

**Sunday, Sept. 18**

9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. John's

11:00a.m...Johanning & Halbur Family at Holy Family

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

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL ...**

Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The challenge was put before each of us to spend more time with Jesus through the Eucharist. Take time this week to visit with Jesus in adoration.

*Pastor's Message*

This past Thursday was the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After this feast traditionally we would have our Ember Day's masses and blessings for a successful harvest. Ember Days were to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy. The immediate occasion was the practice of the pagans of Rome. The Romans were originally given to agriculture, and their native gods belonged to the same class. At the beginning of the time for seeding and harvesting religious ceremonies were performed to implore the help of their deities: in June for a bountiful harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December for the seeding. The Church has adapted them throughout the centuries to give thanks to God. We hope to have a Mass of thanksgiving for the Harvest hopefully during one of the daily masses in November, but till then please feel free to pray the following prayer for a good and safe harvest season and know of our prayers for in.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

*All-powerful God,  
we appeal to your tender care  
that even as you temper the winds and the rains  
to nurture the fruits of the earth you will also  
send upon them the gentle shower of your  
blessing.*

*Fill the hearts of your people with gratitude,  
that from the earth's fertility the hungry may be  
filled with good things and the poor and needy  
proclaim the glory of your name.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Save the date:**

We will be taking a pastorate pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics on **Sunday, October 30** leaving St. John's by 12:45 PM.

**MONDAY MASS**

Join us this Monday for morning Mass at 8am rather than 10am as Fr. Hurley will be attending an all-day diocesan meeting.



*Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Gwendolyn Moore, daughter of Steve & Katie Moore, of Holy Family and Kennedy Ferrell, daughter of Eron and Sarah Ferrell, of St. John's, who each received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend. May their gifts of faith continue to grow through our prayers. Welcome to our faith family.*

**Are you looking for a bible study group?**

We have one for couples and singles held on the first Wed. of each month at 2:00, meeting at the home of one of the participants. Each member takes a turn hosting and preparing the lesson. For more information or to join us, please call Claire Aulbach 765-348-4351.

**ALTAR & ROSARY**

St. Mary's Altar-Rosary will resume meetings on Monday, September 12 at 6:00. All women of the parish are welcome to join us for the rosary at 6:00 followed by our meeting, dessert, and conversation.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sept. 12: [The Most Holy Name of Mary] 1 Cor 11: 17-26,33; Lk 7: 1-10

Sept. 13: [St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7: 11-17

Sept. 14: [The Exaltation of the Holy Cross] Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17

Sept. 15: [Our Lady of Sorrows] 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19: 25-27

Sept. 16: [Sts. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs] 1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8: 1-3

Sept. 17: [St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Lk 8: 4-15

Sept. 18: Am 8: 4-7; 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

**ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP**

Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to a special Mass and reception with Bishop Doherty on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette. For details and to RSVP, go to [dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass](http://dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass) or call (765) 269-4662.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Monday, Sept. 12: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
Thursday, Sept. 15: Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Youth Group Cookout 6pm at St. John's

Friday, Sept. 16: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family

Saturday, Sept. 17: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, Sept. 18: Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's

Reconciliation 12-12:30pm at Holy Family

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Grandparents' Day Celebration 12noon at Holy Family for Pastorate

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$1,018.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$4,023.00

Building Fund: \$85.00

Food Pantry: \$94.00

Votive: \$210.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Holy Family**

Sunday Collection: \$3,182.66

Sharing Cupboard: \$140.00

Votive: \$76.50

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?*

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

EX 32:7-11, 13-14; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32 or LK 15:1-10

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.



In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one, in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic, God's mercy, defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

*If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.*



### Grandparents Day Carry-in

Come celebrate Grandparents with our Pastorate!!!

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 18 following 11:00 AM Mass

**Where:** Reemmer Hall at Holy Family

\*\*Invite your grandparents, grandchildren or "adopt" some from our parishes to come join us for a carry-in lunch and a zealous game of Family Charades! Prizes will be awarded!! Bring a dish to share for the carry-in, which is open to everyone!!

### Calling all High Schoolers!!

Join us **Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM** at St. John's Parish grounds for a cookout and crazy Olympic games!!

We will roast hotdogs, have chips, homemade mac & cheese, and s'mores!

Grab your friends to compete in wild Olympic games!! Gold, Silver, and Bronze prizes will be awarded!!

If need a ride to this event or have questions, contact Christina Christman (765)733-4026.

### James Dean Festival

The high school youth will be meeting at the Dollar General in Fairmount, IN on **Saturday, September 24 at 12:00 PM** for an afternoon of exploring the James Dean Festival. We will visit the James Dean Museum, take in the festival including the parade, and grab some awesome festival food! Bring cash for food everything else will be covered.

\*\*If need a ride to either event or have questions feel free to call or text Christina Christman (765)733-4026.

Do you want to make your marriage stronger? Do you want to spend an uninterrupted weekend with your spouse? Why not make a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn more about your wonderful vocation? Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 4-6 November 2022, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality from 10-12 February 2023. Visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for further information.



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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