



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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, Sept. 26 at St. John's**  
 10:00a.m...No Mass

**Tuesday, Sept. 27**  
 5:30p.m...No Mass

**Wednesday, Sept. 28, at St. John's**  
 12:00noon...No Mass

**Thursday, Sept. 29 at St. Mary's**  
 5:30p.m...No Mass

**Friday, Sept. 30 at Holy Family**  
 9:00a.m...No Mass

**Saturday, Oct. 1**  
**5:30p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Family at St. John's**

**Sunday, Oct. 2**  
 9:00a.m...Jack Cain at St. John's  
 11:00a.m...Matthew Christman 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*

As the Eucharistic Revival is starting to get underway in many dioceses throughout the country, it is good to reflect periodically on the nature and theology of this great sacrament that gives us true wealth to live life. As the documents of Vatican II remind us, "The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the Church, that is, Christ himself by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him. In this light, the Eucharist shows itself as the source and the apex of the whole work of preaching the Gospel." In the Eucharist we get to not only receive this great boon or gift, but we also get to participate in its saving actions through our own work, prayer, and sacrifice. And we all become preachers of a Eucharistic Gospel the more we are intentional with this great gift.

And hopefully, this will inspire us to seek out ways to experience the Eucharist in and outside of the sacrifice of the Mass and in that way have even more encounters with Jesus Christ who is love itself. And when this happens we get to become transformed even more by His amazing gift of love and then we can get to share that with our friends, neighbors, and even those we struggle with. As the encyclical *God is Love* challenges us, "The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving." The chance to be a self-gift for others is one of the wonderful things we can do as Christians, so let us look for opportunities during this time of revival to do so as we draw closer to the Eucharist each and every day.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

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

**VACATION TIME**

Fr. Hurley will be away this week and next weekend for a family vacation. If the need for a priest arises, please contact Diana in the office.

**Also, next Saturday there will only be one Saturday evening combined Mass to be held at St. John's at 5:30pm to aid Fr. Kinnaman who will be traveling from a few hours away.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Wednesday will be the monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus beginning at 7:30pm held in the parish hall at St. John's. All Knights are invited to attend from each of our three parishes and those prospective Knights.

**ST. MARY'S PITCH-IN DINNER**

**Save the date-St Mary's will have a "pitch-in" dinner after Mass on Saturday, October 8. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be furnished.**

**THANK YOU CATECHISTS**

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday we wish to thank our volunteer religious education instructors who give their time to help educate our youth in their Catholic faith.

At Holy Family: Christina Christman, Luke Christman and Cassandra Neimitz, Anne Soultz, Kristina Slater, and Megan Stanley

At St. Johns: Lisa Rinker, Eric Cale, Corey Hardesty, Amy Henderson, Kayli Henderson, Christine Geise and Claire Aulbach

The theme this year is:

"This is my body given for you"

The six tasks through which catechesis seeks to achieve its endeavors include: **knowledge of the faith, liturgical education, moral formation, formation in prayer and methods of prayer, education for community life and missionary initiation.**

As a faith community, each of us are Catechists to all that week meet. May we follow the tasks above as well.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sept. 26: [Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs] Jb 1: 6-22; Lk 9: 46-52

Sept. 27: [St. Vincent de Paul, priest] Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9: 51-56

Sept. 28: [St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs] Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16; Lk 9: 57-62

Sept. 29: [Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels] Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; Jn 1: 47-51

Sept. 30: [St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church] Jb 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5; Lk 10: 13-16

Oct. 1: [St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church] Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10: 17-24

Oct. 2: [Respect Life Sunday] [World communion Sunday] Hb 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; 1 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$465.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**  
 Sunday Collection: \$2,507.00  
 Food Pantry: \$63.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Holy Family**  
 Sunday Collection: \$2,911.00  
 Sharing Cupboard: \$170.00  
 Votive: \$40.00  
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***The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?***

**Life Chain**

Come join our pastorate in supporting Hartford City Life Chain. The Life Chain is a silent Pro-Life prayer event and will take place Sunday, October 2, at the intersection of SR 3 and SR 26. Sign-in begins at 2:00 PM and the Life Chain will continue until 3:30 PM. Please bring a chair. Contact Christina Christman (765)733-4026, if you have any questions.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

*Tuesday, Sept. 27:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

*Wednesday, Sept. 28:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

*Saturday, Oct. 1:* **Combined 5:30pm Mass at St. John's**

*Sunday, Oct. 2:* Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's

Reconciliation 12-12:30pm at Holy Family  
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family  
LifeChain 2-3:30pm in Hartford City

**Don't forget to browse Holy Family's little library, new religious books are always being added.**

## 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.

## MARIA STEIN TRIP

Our pastorate will be taking a pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine on **Sunday, October 30.**

We will be meeting at St. John's parking lot by **12:45 PM to carpool** to the shrine. If you do not want to carpool, you may meet us at the Shrine by 2:00 PM.

We have a 2:00 PM tour scheduled to view the 1,200 relics, museum, and chapel.

The tour cost \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child, which you need to bring with you the day of the trip. A gift shop and peaceful, outdoor grounds are also available to explore after our tour.

If your carpool group would like to join us, we will be stopping for supper on the trip home.

Please, call St. John's office at 765-348-3889, if you would like to attend this pilgrimage. Please, specify if you are willing to drive. Thank you.

## High School Youth

The high schoolers will be visiting a corn maze on Saturday, October 8, meeting at 12noon. The Kendall Family Farm in Greentown, IN has a corn maze, hayride, mini golf course, and a pedal cart track. Bring a friend and \$10.00 for entry.

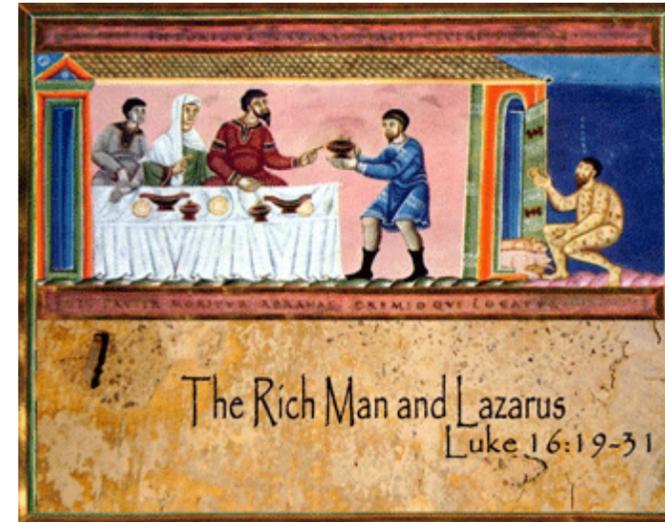
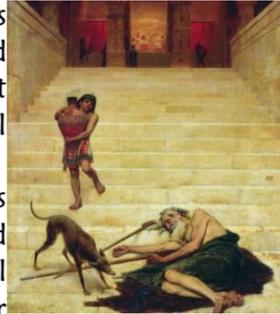
## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**AM 6:1A, 4-7; PS 146:7-10;1 TM 6:11-16; LK 16:19-31**

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway. So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.



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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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## 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