



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
October 16, 2022
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Oct. 17 at St. John's
10:00a.m...Vera Johnson

Tuesday, Oct. 18
5:30p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 19, at St. John's
12:00noon...Pat & Jerry Kriegbaum

Thursday, Oct. 20 at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Phil Crouch

Friday, Oct. 21 at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Melvin & Jackie Jensen

Saturday, Oct. 22
5:00p.m...Monica Hussman Taylor at St. Mary's
6:30p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's

Sunday, Oct. 23
9:00a.m...Bud Rees at St. John's
11:00a.m...Gail Lindley at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

A Church Open to Everyone
We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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.

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

Pastor's Message

As humans we are unique from animals in many ways, but three specific aspects of humanity always come to the fore over time. First is our ability to use tools, to achieve our ends and to impact nature itself. Second of course is the image, the talent to create art, beauty, music, to express our imagination and will. The last aspect is one we do not think about as much as we should, but it is the grave. We bury our dead, and because of that we come to know our own mortality—and when we lose sight of that fact, we lose our sense of hope and reverence for all things human, animal, the natural and spiritual world. The struggles of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries regarding what is human nature and the attempts to redefine and reduce it and separate it from its Biblical roots and foundations becomes our ongoing work of ministry and evangelization both locally and universally.

It seems like a daunting task to rise up to redeem and make straight the paths that are overrun by so many false ideologies and narratives. Yet, we do not have to do all of that of course since Jesus Christ has conquered the world. We simply must do the great work of our living out our vocations with great joy, passion, and integrity drawing closing to the life of the saints that have gone before us into the deep ocean of God's mercy and love, bringing it back into the world drop by drop till the whole world is refreshed and renewed. That is what our parents and grandparents have done in their own unique ways, and we get to have the same opportunity as well. As Naaman in last weekend's reading is refreshed and made clean in the waters of Christ, so are we each time we announce and receive God's name: so, let us continue to do our work of praising God and standing up for human life and human nature every day.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

“Gracious God, we pray for all those suffering from the ravages of natural disasters.

Anyone wishing to help with hurricane relief from Hurricane Ian can contribute through Catholic Charities USA or Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Oct. 17: [St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr] Eph 2: 1-10; Lk 12: 13-21*
- Oct. 18: [St. Luke, Evangelist] 2 Tm 4: 10-17b; Lk 10: 1-9*
- Oct. 19: [Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs] Eph 3: 2-12; Lk 12: 39-48*
- Oct. 20: [St. Paul of the Cross, priest] Eph 3: 14-21; Lk 12: 49-53*
- Oct. 21: Eph 4: 1-6; Lk 12: 54-59*
- Oct. 22: [St. Joh Paul II, pope] Eph 4: 7-16; Lk 13: 1-9*
- Oct. 23: [World Mission Sunday] Sir 25: 12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18: 9-14*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

- St. Mary's**
Sunday Collection: \$1,025.00
Food Pantry: \$115.00
World Missions: \$5.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**
Sunday Collection: \$3,090.00
Building Fund: \$60.00
Food Pantry: \$160.00
World Missions: \$60.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**
Sunday Collection: \$2,592.00
Votive: \$55.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$192.00
World Missions: \$21.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Today's Gospel calls all of us – not just the apostles – to “go...and make disciples.” If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus' call b giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

We pray for women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy.



PRAY THE ROSARY

- Holy Family hosts two days each week for the opportunity to gather in prayer of the holy rosary:
- Wednesday at 4pm pray 15 decades of the rosary praying the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries
- Sunday at 4pm pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and one decade of the rosary.
- St. Mary's gathers one half hour before Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays to pray the rosary.
- St. John's gathers one half hour before Saturday and Sunday Mass to pray the rosary.

ROSARY WORKSHOP

St. John's will host a Rosary-making workshop in October. Terry McVicker will lead us in making cord rosaries. (If there is enough interest, a chain rosary making class will be scheduled later.) Classes will be held on Tuesday, October 11 and **18 from 6-7:30pm** in the parish hall. Terry is willing to hold classes at Holy Family and St. Mary's as well if attendance supports her drive. All supplies will be provided as an outreach of St. John's Altar & Rosary. We would like to develop enough rosary makers to make donations of rosaries to women's shelters, missions, and other locations that request these.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, Oct. 18:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
Rosary Workshop 6-7:30pm at St. John's
- Wednesday, Oct. 19:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Sr. High Game Night 6pm at St. John's
- Thursday, Oct 20:* Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's
- Saturday, Oct. 22:* Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's
- Sunday, Oct. 23:* Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The high schoolers will be having a Game Night Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 PM in St. John's Parish Hall. Bring a card or board game to share. Supper and snacks will be provided!!

WREATH SALES

St. John's Altar & Rosary is taking orders for their annual wreath sales. Order forms were in last weekend's bulletins. Please contact the office or an Altar & Rosary member if you would like to place an order. All orders are due by October 24th. Mail order wreaths are also available to be shipped to that special someone. Thank you for your orders for this fundraising effort which supply altar items of hosts, wine, candles, linens, and other items.

SOCK-TOBER AT HOLY FAMILY

 The Religious Education students of Holy Family are collecting new men and women socks for the residents at Twin City Healthcare. Please place new men and women socks in the container located in the Narthex at Holy Family by Sunday, October 23. Thank you for your support!!

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Where: Reemmer Hall at Holy Family

When: Monday, October 31, from
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

*This is an indoor version of a Trunk & Treat. If you would like to decorate a table and pass out treats at this event, please, contact Christina Christman at (765)733-4026. Supper will be provided for those decorating a table!

Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics Pilgrimage

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 by October 28th if you would like to attend this pilgrimage. Please, specify if you are willing to drive. Thank you!!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

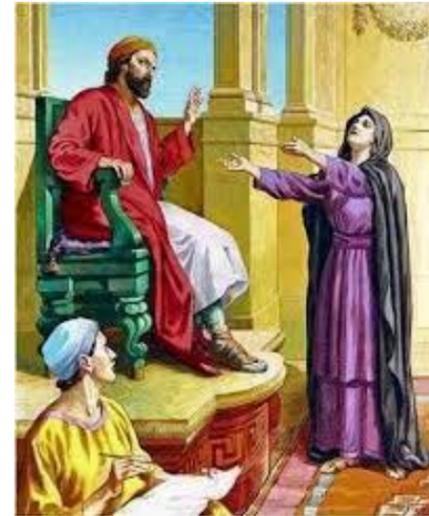
Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priest, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are in your packets and can be dropped in the collection basket. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

EX 17:8-13; PS 121:1-8; 1-4; 2 TM 3:14-4:2; LK 18:1-8

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence. Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him. If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us. Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other our stewardship efforts fruitful.



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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

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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