



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
October 23, 2022
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday, Oct. 24 at St. John's

10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, Oct. 25

5:30p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 26, at St. John's

12:00noon...Rahael & Monica Carie

Thursday, Oct. 27 at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Richard Voskuhl

Friday, Oct. 28 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Fr. Christopher Roberts

Saturday, Oct. 29

5:00p.m...Chuck Rife at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Kathleen Coyne Kreuz at St. John's

Sunday, Oct. 30

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

11:00a.m...Mickey McPherson 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

With our fall breaks completed and the harvests progressing, we enter into the last stretch of Ordinary Time as the Church. Fortunately, this last month of the Church year remains far from ordinary with so many critical feast days and days of opportunity for us to draw closer to God and our loved ones especially the Saints and our deceased family members. We will discuss this more in the newsletter this November. But the fact remains that motion spiritually and physically are key components of the Catholic religious life. Pilgrimages are part of human history and people have traveled to the sites of mythological heroes and legends from Egypt to Greece to see things like the Oracle of Delphi. In the early Church, a tradition started with those who met with saints about to be martyred a remission of canonical penalties that then led to ongoing visits to the place of burial. Additionally, there was always a great tradition of visiting the places of Christ's passion and ministry on earth, which then extended to relics of Christ's passions as well of the saints in different churches throughout the world so that people could travel reasonable distances to honor and experience the healing nature of these holy sites.

So, we are quite blessed to have nearby the Maria Stein Shrine of Holy Relics. The Shrine houses over 1,200 relics of the Saints and the True Cross with 95 percent of the relics in the Maria Stein collection being First Class—first being an actual part of the saint versus a piece of clothing or something used by a saint. This is a collection that is quite expansive and full of both popular but also some saints not as familiar to us as well. This will be a very fruitful and educational experience, but the good news is that if you cannot make it at this time with us, they are open frequently so certainly take advantage of a visit this November or Advent to draw on their intercessional help.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

Fr. Hurley will be out of town Monday and Tuesday; therefore, there will be no morning Mass on Monday.

WREATH SALES

St. John's Altar & Rosary is taking orders for their annual wreath sales. Order forms are in the office or contact 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 supplies altar items of hosts, wine, candles, linens, and other items.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 24: [St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop] Eph 4: 32 – 5: 8; Lk 13: 10-17

Oct. 25: Eph 5: 21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Oct. 26: Eph 6: 1-9; Lk 13: 22-30

Oct. 27: Eph 6: 10-20; Lk 13: 31-35

Oct. 28: [Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles] Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16

Oct. 29: Phil 1: 18b-26; Lk 14: 1, 7-11

Oct. 30: Wis 11: 22 – 12: 2; 2 Thes 1: 11 – 2: 2; Lk 19: 1-10

Praying4Blackford (P4B)

This year, Praying4Blackford is walking and/or driving in Hartford City and Montpelier to pray for our citizens, families and youth. For those who are walking in our assigned section of Hartford City, lanyards are available.

Our section boundaries are Walnut St, East Main St., Mill St South to Water St. S. Beech St (behind the Church toward New2You) to Patterson St to Monroe St South around the South Side Park to Jefferson. Go North one block and turn left on Hackney St to Walnut. We are asked to pray for all the homes, apartments, businesses, employees, and families within those boundaries. Thank you in advance for driving or walking and praying for Hartford City. Whenever you drive, pray for Blackford County. For our sister churches of our Pastorate, St. Mary's and Holy Family, will you join us in prayer for Blackford County and specifically our section whenever you drive into Blackford County? Thank you for praying for us.

Lanyards need to be returned October 30. Please leave in the container on top of the bookcases at the entry ways. Questions? Contact Susan Lannoy by voice or text at 512-627-6863.

TRUNK-OR-TREATING

St. John's high school youth will again be participating in the downtown Halloween trunk-or-treat event to be held this Friday evening. All kids are invited to attend. Our high school will be handing out candy from 7-8:30pm. If you wish to donate candy for this event, please bring it to the office by Friday noon. Thank you!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,436.45

Food Pantry: \$110.00

World Missions: \$110.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,208.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$2,026.00

Votive: \$59.25

Sharing Cupboard: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts – of time or money or abilities – to be the means by which God answers their need?

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

We pray for those nearing the end of life: May they receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Finance Council 6pm at Holy Family
K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Thursday, Oct 27: Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Pastoral Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Saturday, Oct. 29: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, Oct. 30: Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Maria Stein Shrine Trip leave St. John's 12:45pm.

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

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes can be found in your packet and can be dropped in the collection basket.

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."

–St. Gianna Molla

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

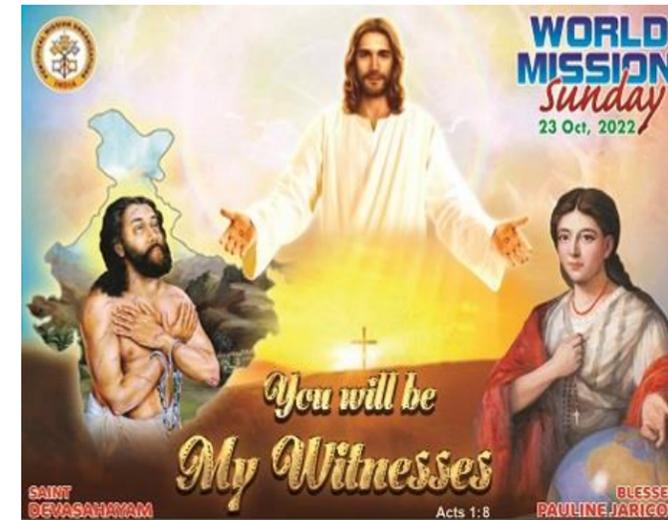
SIR 35:12-14, 16-18; PS 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4:6-8,16-18; LK 18:9-14

In last week's readings we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why? The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.



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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
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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