



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 2 at St. John's

10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 3

0:00p.m...No Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 4 at St. John's

12:00noon...No Mass

Thursday, Jan. 5 at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...No Mass

Friday, Jan. 6 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 7

5:00p.m...Watson Family at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters at St. John's

Sunday, Jan. 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

11:00a.m...Edgar & Betty Poe at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY:

True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL ...

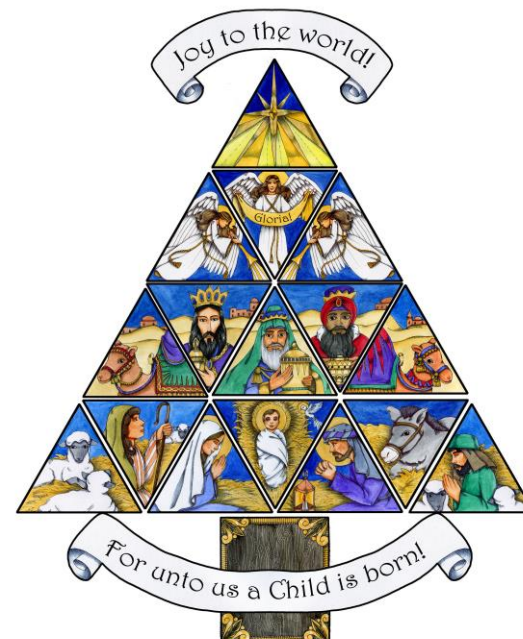
Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The challenge was put before each of us to spend more time with Jesus through the Eucharist. Take time this week to visit with Jesus in adoration.

Pastor's Message

As we begin this secular year, I first wanted to thank all our staff, musicians, and volunteers these past few weeks for all their arduous work for our Christmas liturgies as well as our celebrations for the feasts of St. John the Evangelist and Holy Family. With inclement weather bearing down on us, their help and your response and attendance was quite impressive. And now we gather this weekend to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This is a feast that while being about Mary is primarily about Jesus Christ. Mary is the Mother of God, not creator of God of course, and we have this feast to remind us of this fact. Jesus Christ is true God and true Man, and this latter of course He gets from His mother, Mary. When we ignore Mary as Jesus' Mother we risk losing the whole purpose of Christ being born which was to take on human flesh to redeem it and to conquer death forever.

If Jesus is not true God, he cannot save us. He is a wise teacher, a gentle model, and maybe an all-round-nice-guy, but he's not God and, if he's not, he's as impotent as every other human being to save us. If Jesus is not true man, he cannot save us. He may be the Almighty God, but he cannot stand in for, represent, or do anything in our name. God's relation to us would be wholly extrinsic. But God wants us involved in the work of our Redemption. And that is why we have this feast dedicated to Mary this day. Holy Mother Church calls us her sons and daughters at this beginning of the new year to honor the Mother of God, who is also our Mother. The Redemption of humanity began with Mary, who agreed to be Mother of God. There is no better person for good beginnings.

Through Mary to Christ,
Fr. Hurley



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,235.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,671.00

Needy Fund: \$20.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Religious Retirement: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,913.00

Votive: \$22.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$45.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

PRAYER CHAIN: To have someone prayed for or be one of those doing the praying, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521 or the office at 348-3889 or Marcia at 674-7608.

Please pray for all those parishioners and their families dealing with illness or difficulty.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Jan. 4: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Friday, Jan. 5: Adoration 9am-9pm at Holy Family

Saturday, Jan. 7: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St.

Mary's

Sunday, Jan. 8: Religious Education classes resume

Coffee and donuts at St. John's

Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's

Reconciliation 12-12:30pm at Holy Family

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

ADORATION THIS FRIDAY

Looking for someone who won't disappoint you?

Look to Jesus.

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, January 6th, 9am-9pm at Holy Family. Where two or three are gathered, there will I be.

Please join us in praying for his holiness, Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Let us Pray: Almighty and Eternal God,

You are the everlasting health of those who believe in you.

Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 2: [Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church] 1 Jn 2: 22-28; Jn 1: 19-28

Jan. 3: [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6; Jn 1: 29-34

Jan. 4: [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious] 1 Jn 3: 7-10; Jn 1: 35-42

Jan. 5: [St. John Neumann, bishop] 1 Jn 3: 11-21; Jn 1: 43-51

Jan. 6: [[St. Andre' Bessette, religious] 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Mk 1: 7-11

Jan. 7: [St. Raymond of Penafort, priest] 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 2: 1-11

Jan. 8: [The Epiphany of the Lord] Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

WORLD DAY FOR PEACE—JANUARY 1

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

PRAYER TO MARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Mother, now that the need is at its greatest and the powers of darkness seem to have free rein, we come to you with childlike trust and implore your powerful aid. We consecrate ourselves to you. Preserve us in the love of your son, protect us from the evil of this world and lead us safe to the heart of God. Amen.

The Creed Series

The Creed series will continue Thursday, January 5 and January 19. This film series on the Nicene Creed is held at St. Mary's following the 5:30 PM Mass, around 6:00 PM.



World Record Night: The junior high and high school students will be meeting at St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 PM for supper and an evening of setting "World Records." Come join the fun!!

St. Marianne Cope Hawaiian Luau



Friday, January 13 at 6:00 PM in St. John's Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share and come dressed in your favorite Hawaiian attire! Come learn about St. Marianne Cope and have some Hawaiian fun!!

St. Valentine Supper & Dance—Save the Date

Sunday, February 5 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Reemmer Hall at Holy Family. Tickets are for sale through junior high and high school students from our pastorate. Each ticket cost \$5.00 a piece, which includes supper and dancing. The money earned from ticket sales will go to help fund activities for our pastorate teens. Thank you for your support!

JOIN HOLY FAMILY IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and 1 set of mysteries. Rosary is also prayed at 4pm on Wednesdays reciting Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. We welcome any and all to support this small group.



The Nativity of the Lord January 1, 2023

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