



## Mass Intentions

### CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

**Monday, Mar. 13, at St. John's**

10:00a.m...Funeral Mass for Peter Ballenger

**Tuesday, Mar. 14**

0:00p.m...No Mass

**Wednesday, Mar. 15 at St. John's**

12:00noon...Mark Schaffer

**Thursday, Mar. 16 at St. Mary's**

5:30p.m...Parents of Dean & Loretta Wilson

**Friday, Mar. 17 at Holy Family**

12:00noon...Funeral Mass for Thomas McDonough

**Saturday, Mar. 18**

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Bud Oswalt at St. John's

**Sunday, Mar. 19, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

9:00a.m...Loretta & Dick Daniel at St. John's

11:00a.m...Deanna Dethridge at Holy Family

### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

#### FOR MARCH: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### 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. We are offering more opportunities throughout Lent to make this available to all our parishioners.

## Pastor's Message

This coming Friday is the feast day of St. Patrick, and in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Bishop Doherty has given a dispensation for those celebrating the feast day to do so by eating meat. Bishop Doherty in his dispensation has also asked that if that is the case though, a day of abstinence from meat must be done on another day in Lent. I would also encourage those celebrating the feast of St. Patrick and taking advantage of this generous dispensation by meaningful doing so by going to a daily Mass, praying a part of the Liturgy of Hours including the prayers for St. Patrick, praying the Lorica or Breastplate of St. Patrick prayer, or some other good devotion that day, such as the Rosary and Stations. Growing up in Massachusetts and then going to Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, at least my focus was on the feasting aspect of the day and not the spiritual, so I highly encourage doing both spiritual works and feasting this coming Friday.

In mentioning the Lorica of St. Patrick prayer, this is one of great prayers of the Church. It is a beautiful and rather long prayer, which I'll excerpt here below (there are also beautiful sung versions worth listening too), but highly encourage all our parishioners to utilize not just on St. Patrick's Day but daily and weekly too. It is a very effective prayer in cases of spiritual warfare as well. Let us continue to ask for St. Patrick's intercessions for us all in our Lenten journeys.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

### MASS NOTATIONS

Monday morning Mass at St. John's will be 10:00am for the funeral Mass for Peter Ballenger.

Friday morning Mass at Holy Family is rescheduled for 12noon for the funeral Mass for Thomas McDonough.

Eternal rest grant unto them, and may their families be comforted by your continued prayers.

**St Mary's Altar-Rosary** will resume monthly meetings this Monday, March 13 at 6:00. All ladies of the parish are welcome.



### DINE IN AND CARRY OUT

March 24th

4:30 pm-7:00pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

Cost \$14 for adults and \$7 for Kids Under 12

Includes: fish, potatoes, applesauce, drink & dessert.

THANK YOU to those that help with  
and attend our fish fries.

### MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Holy Family March carry-in will be on Sunday, March 19, after 11am Mass. All are welcome. Let us celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing our Irish green.

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2023 CMA campaign: "Our Grateful Discipleship". Thank you to those that have already made pledges. **We are focusing this year on as close to 100% participation as we can reach. Even if you are only able to support CMA with a \$5 donation, we are grateful.** If you did not receive a pledge card, extra cards are available at each of our church entrances. Thank you for your help in this campaign as we support our local Church.

As of the end of February our pledge update is as follows:

**St. Mary's goal \$6,673; pledges: \$820**

**St. John's goal \$21,522; pledges: \$3,705**

**Holy Family goal \$19,533, pledges: \$3,425**

Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

### The Presence

Our pastorate will be spending Lent pursuing Jesus! Every parish in our pastorate will have an opportunity to view and discuss the three episodes of the film series

#### ***The Presence.***

**Holy Family** will meet in Reemmer Hall on

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 PM, episode #2

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM, episode #3

**St. John's** will meet in the parish hall on

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 PM, episode #2

Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 PM, episode #3

**St. Mary's** will meet in the parish hall on

Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 PM, episode #2

Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 PM, episode #3

\*\*Pick the night and place that works best for you.

Please, feel free to bring snacks to share. Thank you.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$1,220.00

Flower Fund: \$75.00

Needed Weekly: \$902.45

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$3,517.00

Building Fund: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$94.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$130.00

Flower Fund: \$125.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,439.39

**Holy Family**

Sunday Collection: \$4,638.00

Votive: \$126.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$143.00

Catholic Relief Service: \$180.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,665.52

*When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!*

### REVEAL CHRIST'S LOVE

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give to this collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 13: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab; Lk 4: 24-30

Mar. 14: Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35

Mar. 15: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

Mar. 16: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11; 14-23

Mar. 17: [St. Patrick bishop] Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

Mar. 18: [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church] Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

Mar. 19: [Fourth Sunday in Lent] 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Mar. 13: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, Mar. 14: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Lent Program **The Presence** 6pm at Holy Family

Wednesday, Mar. 15: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Lent Program **The Presence** 6pm at St. John's

Thursday, Mar. 16: Adoration & Reconciliation 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Lent Program **The Presence** 6pm at St. Mary's

Friday, Mar. 17: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 5pm at Holy Family

Station of the Cross 6pm at St. Mary's and at Holy Family

Saturday, Mar. 18: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, Mar. 19: Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's

Monthly Carry-in Luncheon at Holy Family  
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family



The junior high and high school teens will gather on **Friday, March 17 at 5:30 PM** in the narthex of Holy Family Church. We will be attending Adoration and Stations of the Cross followed by supper in the church basement. Let us share a little quiet time with Jesus this Lent!

## ST. JOHN'S SENIORS GROUP

The next seniors group meeting will be on Wednesday, March 29, for Noon Mass at St John's. Lunch will follow at the Pickle in Hartford City. Another outing is in the plans for a music event at Taylor University in April or May. More information to follow soon! Watch the bulletin for details!



## BRING LENT TO LIFE

Pick up your family's rice bowl from the entrances of any of our three churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

## FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a CRS program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish which helped them send their grandchildren to school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others?

**PRAYER:** We pray for all who work hard to give their children and grandchildren better opportunities through education, that their labor of love bear fruit for years to come; and for our community, that we recognize how our actions impact the planet and make increasing efforts to care for God's creation.

## LENTEN WEEKLY REFLECTION

*Pause for a moment to recognize the solemn beauty of the Lenten season.*

## LENTEN WEEKLY OFFERING:

I will not bear grudges against those who wronged me and instead I will bear witness to Jesus.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Holy Family: March 17 and 31 at 5pm

St. Mary's: Each Thursday 5-5:25pm

St. John's: March 24, 5-6pm

## STATIONS THROUGHOUT LENT

Stations of the Cross will be held weekly at 6pm in our pastorate. The schedule is as follows:  
March 24 at St. John's (Fish Fry weeks)  
March 17, 31 at St. Mary's and Holy Family

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence in which all persons age 14 and over are allowed no meat.



*3rd Sunday of Lent*

*March 12, 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**

**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.

## OCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information