

This Week on FORMED: February 2

St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.

The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

TO ACCESS FORMED ONLINE

1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Enter parish zip code– 47348 and select “St. John the Evangelist– Hartford City”
3. Enter your name and email address to create an account.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 3: [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr/ Saint Ansgar, Bishop] Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

February 4: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

February 5: [Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr] Heb 12:4-7/Mk 6:1-6

February 6: [Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs] Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

February 7: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

February 8: [Saint Jerome Emiliani/Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin] Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

February 9: [Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time] Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

It's that time of year again. Anyone wishing to receive a statement of their yearly contributions for 2024 should contact Diana in the parish office to be put on the mailing list. We do not automatically mail to all households. Call 765-348-3889 or email at stmaryjohn@att.net to receive your statement.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$925.00

Needed Weekly: \$902.45

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2685.00

Haiti: \$200.00

Building Fund: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

Altar & Rosary: \$25.00

Retired Religious: \$70.00

Scholarship: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,439.39

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1470.20

Building Fund: \$170.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$105.00

Altar & Rosary: \$95.00

Votive: \$42.00

Catholic Moment: \$40.00

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Scripture Reflection:

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.
Luke 2:39-40

Traveling Mary

Please, consider assisting with this very important ministry of praying for vocations! Our pastorate has a beautiful statue of Mary and a small binder with suggested prayers for vocations that accompanies this ministry.

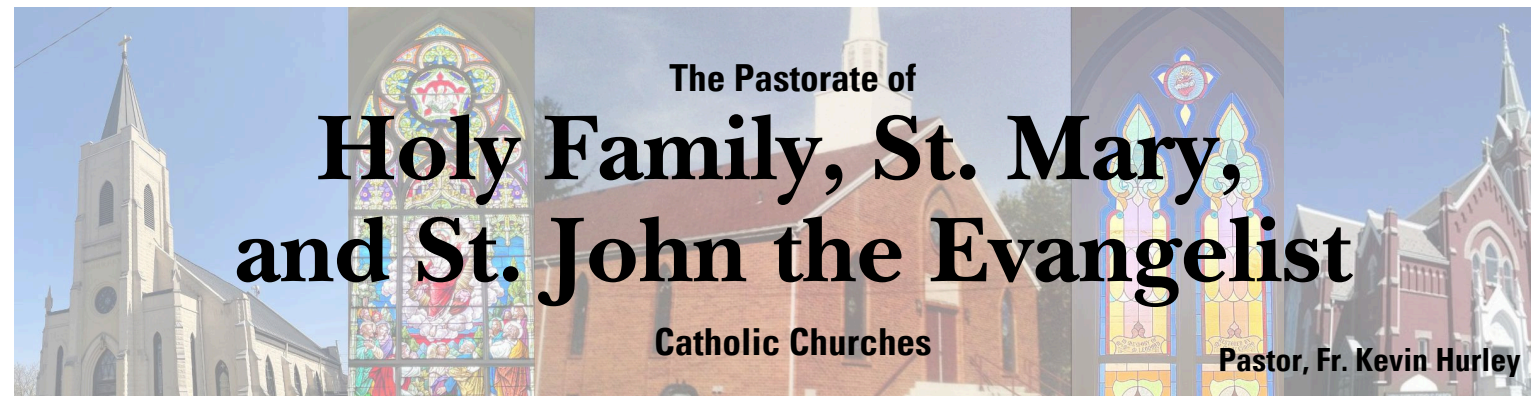
Parishioners who take our Traveling Mary for a two-week period will be presented with her by Father Hurley at Mass.

Sign-up forms are located in the Narthex of our churches.



PRAYER CHAIN: To have someone prayed for or to 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.



The Pastorate of

Holy Family, St. Mary, and St. John the Evangelist

Catholic Churches

Pastor, Fr. Kevin Hurley

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PASTORATE OFFICES

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Fr. Hurley's email: fr.khurley@dol-in.org

Website: www.stmaryjohn.org

PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

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.

O.C.I.A./RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Adults interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

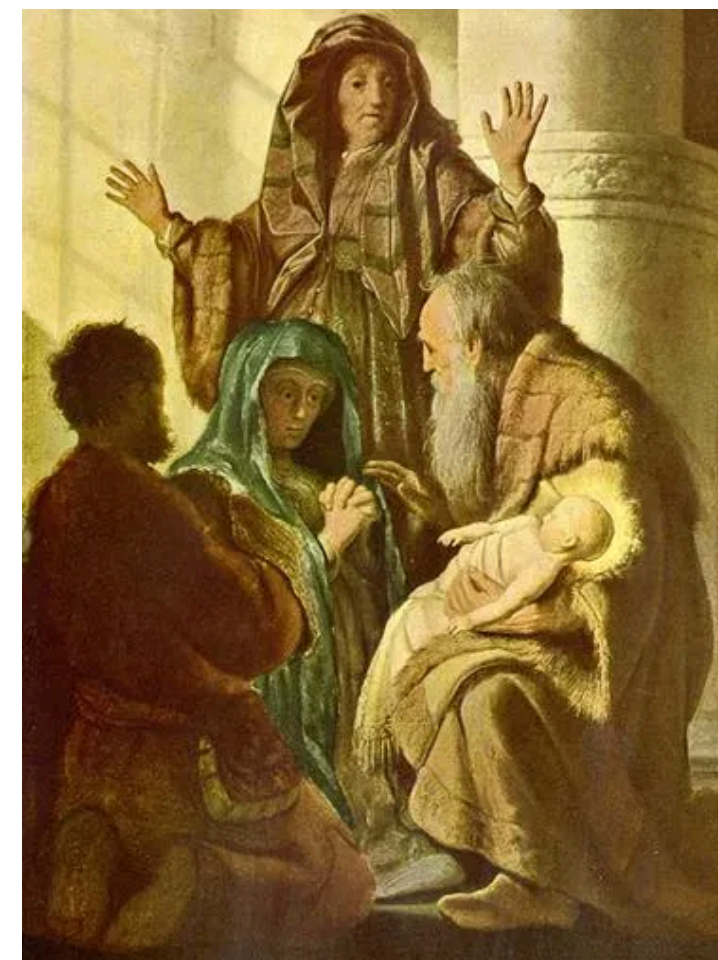
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:

- Wednesday, St. John - 6-7pm
- Thursday, St. Mary - 5-5:30pm
- Friday, Holy Family - 8:30-8:55am
- Saturday, St. Mary - 4-4:30pm
- Sunday, St. John - 8-8:45am (prior to Mass)
- Sunday, Holy Family - Following Mass



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St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

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Fax: 765-348-4399

Holy Family, Gas City

325 E North A St, Gas City, IN 46933

Parish Office: 765-674-2605

St. Mary, Dunkirk

P.O. Box 286, Dunkirk, IN 47336

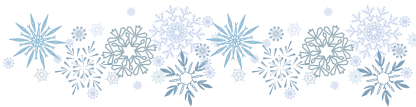
346 S. Broad St.

Parish Office: 765-348-3889

LITURGY SCHEDULE

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

Monday, February 3 at St. John's
0:00xm...NO MASS
Tuesday, February 4
0:00xm...NO MASS
Wednesday, February 5 at St. John's
12:00noon...Oswalt Family
Thursday, February 6 at St. Mary's
5:30pm...Wilma Swingley
Friday, February 7 at Holy Family
9:00am...Frank & Tess Halbur
Saturday, February 8 at St. Mary's
5:00pm...John Rombeck
Sunday, February 9
9:00am...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's
and Holy Family at St. John's
11:00am...Louise Hale at
Holy Family



Men's Bible Study

The men's weekly Bible Study will be gathering on **Monday, February 3 at 7:00pm** in St. John's Parish Hall. All men over 21 from our pastorate are welcome to attend.

Women's Conference

The Muncie Pastorate is hosting a women's conference, Begin Now, on Saturday, February 22 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie. Guest speaker is Katie Prejean McGrady. Tickets are \$40.00 for general admission and \$20.00 for students. Visit the site below to register.

www.munciecatholicwomensconference.com

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Pastor's Message

This weekend we get a special liturgical treat where the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord falls on a Sunday. For many years in Church history this was the proper end to the Christmas season, and it is a magnificent pleasure to celebrate this feast this weekend. The history of the feast deals with Mosaic law where forty days after the birth of Christ Mary redeemed her first-born from the temple as written in Numbers, and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the just, in the presence of Anna the prophetess. So, the first solemn introduction of Christ into the house of God, was in the earliest times celebrated in the Church of Jerusalem. There are records of this feast dating to the first half of the fourth century. The day was solemnly kept by a procession to the Constantinian basilica of the Resurrection, but the feast then had no proper name; it was simply called the fortieth day after Epiphany.

Now, the Readings for this Feast Day focus on the theme of the priesthood of Christ, seeing a type of priestly significance to this first entrance of the Messiah into the Temple. These Readings ask us to reflect firstly on how Jesus has served and continues to serve as our great High Priest, and also how his priesthood is lived out in our own lives, since we share in his priesthood by virtue of our Baptism. This can challenge us to reflect on the sacrifices we get to offer up each day as we serve the Lord in our schools, jobs, volunteering, and in our relationships with our friends and families. And as we go to Mass on Sunday or daily, we can place these offerings on the altar as well as we in turn receive the graces of Jesus' sacrifice in the Holy Eucharist. So, let us do our best to always present ourselves as priests, prophets, and kings as we share the joy of the Gospel every day.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

St. Valentine's Dinner & Dance

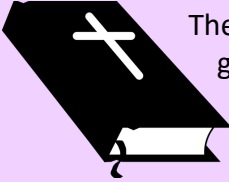
Sunday, February 2
from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in
Reemmer Hall at Holy Family

This event is open to all ages including families. Tickets cost \$5.00 a piece and can be purchased from youth group teens or by calling the office at (765)348-3889.

The menu includes spaghetti, salad, corn, garlic bread, and a dessert.
Music will be provided by DJ Pat Teusch.
Photo booth will be provided by Melissa Melvin.

All proceeds go for teen events.

Women's Evening Bible Study



The women's evening Bible study will be gathering on **Thursday, February 6 at 6PM** in the rectory of Holy Family. We will be exploring the upcoming Sunday readings. All ladies of our pastorate are welcome to attend.



Our Journey with the Saints

We will be "pilgrimage" to Ireland this month on Thursday, February 13 following the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's in Dunkirk. We will be discovering the saintly life of St. Brigid of Ireland. Feel free to bring an Irish dish to share.

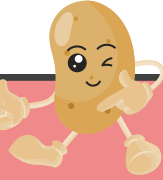
* Do not forget to bring your saint passport!



New Afternoon Coed Bible Study

Our pastorate will be starting a **new** Bible Study for men and women starting on **Thursday, February 6 at 2:00 PM** in the St. John's high school room. This was originally scheduled to begin January 23 but was postponed. Please call the office, 765-348-3889, if you are planning to attend this Bible study. Thank you.

Potatoes With a Priest



Join Father Hurley for an evening of food, fellowship, and theology on **Friday, February 7 at 6:30 PM** at The Pickle in Hartford City. This is a gathering for adults 21 and over.

St. John's Altar and Rosary

St. John's Altar and Rosary will be meeting on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be hosted by Tina Johnson. All ladies of the parish are invited to gather in the school hall for friendship and fellowship.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 3
Men's Bible Study 7pm at St. John's Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 4
NO EVENTS
Wednesday, February 5
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Adoration & Reconciliation 6pm at St. John's
Thursday, February 6
Afternoon Coed Bible Study 2pm at St. John's high school room
Reconciliation & Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
Women's Bible Study 6pm at Holy Family
St. John's Altar & Rosary 6pm
Friday, February 7
Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family
Potatoes with a Priest 6:30pm at The Pickle
First Friday Adoration 9am-9pm at Holy Family
Saturday, February 8
Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's
Food Pantry at St. Mary's
Sunday, February 9
Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John's
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to second graders from all three of our parishes who received Reconciliation for the first time last weekend in preparation for their first Holy Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.