

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

## FEBRUARY 25, 2022



### FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

This March we begin our Lenten journey once again. It is a great honor to gather together and to walk the road to Calvary one more time. Each Lent is simultaneously a new event, yet we of course bring the many previous journeys into it as well. To that end, we will be like the scribe bringing new and old things from storeroom for this profound and epic Christian movement. First, we will be handing out a Lenten book resource, Matthew Kelly's *Life Is Messy*. This is a book about putting lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life does not turn out as we expected it to. It is based on Matthew's own personal journals, in which he shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? I hope this book will help all of us to seek Christ's healing love this Lent.

We will also be bringing back increased confessions, our penance service, Stations of the Cross, and our Fish Fry's. Additionally, we will renew our Wednesday Soup suppers and have a chance for fasting, fellowship, and reflection. All of these events are here to help us in developing and living out our respective Lenten game plans made up of course of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the cornerstone actions of Christians during this holy time. Please of course feel free to reach out to myself and any of our staff and volunteers, if you need any help and support on your respective Lents. Each individual Lent has the ability to make a radical transformation not just for one individual soul, but so many both here in our parishes and throughout the world. Please, let us all take seriously the Church's encouragement to rend our hearts and not just our garments and seek and share God's mercy at this time.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

### RETURN OF LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Those from St. John's will remember the Lenten Soup Suppers from a number of years ago where we share soup and a short study lesson to grow in our faith. These are returning this year to share with our pastorate families. They will be held each Wednesday at 6pm at rotating location between our three parishes. The first will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at St. John's.

March 16, Holy Family

March 23, St. Mary's

March 30, St. John's

April 6, Holy Family

The meal will consist of one or two kinds of soup with crackers as part of our Lenten fasting practice. Anyone wishing to volunteer to make soup should contact Diana at 765-348-3889.

A 30-45 minute video program will follow called *Into His Likeness*.

Week 1: In the Dust of the Rabbi

Week 2: Not Perfect, But Chosen

Week 3: The Encounter

Week 4: Transformed by Fire: Prayer & Sacrament

Week 5: Transformed by Fire: Fellowship & Teaching

In the ancient disciple-rabbi relationship, the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered in the dust kicked up from his rabbi's feet. Thousands of years later, though we walk on roads of pavement and not dust, we are still called to be disciples—to follow our Rabbi, Jesus Christ, so closely that we are covered with his life, changed, and made new.

But this transformation in Christ doesn't happen overnight. In this series, Edward Sri reminds us of two basic truths: First, (A) The truth of our human condition: we are full of many weaknesses, wounds, and sins. And second, (B) The truth of our high calling—we are called to be perfected in God's love and transformed in Christ. Living into His likeness is all about the process of getting from A to B.

## MONTHLY K OF C CHALLENGE

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)

Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives. **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

### Questions for Reflection:

Do you tend to seek one emotional religious experience after another, yet feel less motivated to live your faith in between these experiences? Do you recognize the Christian witness you must fulfill in your daily duties as a person, a spouse, a parent, and in your ordinary work and social interactions? Do you set aside time to participate in a spiritual retreat every now and then to reinvigorate your spiritual life?



SHROVE TUESDAY

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

Tuesday, March 1, 6pm

St. John's Parish Hall

Come for Pancakes, Sausage,  
King Cakes, and Fun!

Grab a partner for the pancake flipping contest!  
All are invited from our pastorate, young and old  
alike, no cost! Join us prior to the start of Lent.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH

### HOLY FAMILY

**Sunday 11:00 am Reader/Commentator:** Glen Devitt  
**Communion Minister:** Anne Devitt  
**Ushers:** Ann Bone & Sue Barkdull  
**Greeter:** Beverly Vaughn  
**Ash Wednesday**

### ST. MARY'S

**Mar. 5: Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Dean & Loretta Wilson  
**Counter:** Dan Watson

**Mar. 12: Reader:** Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell  
**Counter:** Jane Crouch

**Mar. 19: Reader:** Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Jane Crouch  
**Counter:** Dan Watson

**Mar. 26: Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Dean & Loretta Wilson  
**Counter:** Dan Watson

**Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2: Reader:** Laverne Watson  
**Greeter:** Jane Crouch

### ST. JOHN'S

**Saturdays 6:30 pm Reader:** Shea Aulbach 5, 12, 19,  
Sr. Rita Musante 26  
**Communion Minister:** Mary Ford

**Sundays 9:00 am Reader:** Lisa Rinker  
**Communion Minister:** Anya Uggem

**Ash Wednesday Reader:** Sr. Rita Musante  
**Communion Minister:** Diana Holsten

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARIES:

None Reported

### BIRTHDAYS:

12 Muriel Fettig

16 Karen Shields

30 Patricia Dee

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note with your name, month and day of birth or anniversary. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*. We do not automatically include names due to privacy.

## LENT REGULATIONS

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF FASTING

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The *statio* fast was total and a means of watching and waiting...i.e. *for* something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled.

The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. Fasting is always *preparatory*.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

To be continued in April newsletter...

--Rev. Daniel Merz for usccb.org

## PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE ON PASTORAL VISION PLANNING

Our pastoral council continues to meet and work on our Pastorate Vision Plan with the parish coach from OSV discerning our pastorate goals and milestones for the next three years. These were derived from the surveys returned from parishioners last fall. The council has met a couple of times already this year to review the survey results and brainstorm to write goals for each focus area. They now are entering the phase where the plan will be created.

The OSV coach, council and Fr. Hurley will work closely to ensure that the goals are specific, measurable, aligned with Uniting in Heart, realistic and bound to the three-year time frame. Once the plan is completed later this spring, it will be submitted to Bishop Doherty for approval then returned to our pastorate for sharing and incorporation among each of us. Every person has a role to play in the future of our faith community!

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## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

One practice to our Lenten call to conversion is the tugging at the heart to receive God's gift of forgiveness. This tug directs us to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The special insert in this edition of *The Good News Letter* gives a glimpse of this sacrament and offers a refresher on how to go to confession for those who may not have had/taken the opportunity for awhile.

We will hold our **Lenten Penance Service at St. John's on Tuesday, March 15** beginning at 6pm. Extra priests will be available for this sacrament. Additionally, there are several weekly opportunities throughout our pastorate for confession:

Thursdays 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Friday mornings 8:30-8:55am at Holy Family

Saturdays 4-4:30pm at St. Mary's

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

Sundays 12-12:30pm at Holy Family

And, in addition to these scheduled times, there will be penance services at nearby locations such as St. Joseph Church in Elwood on March 24, and Immaculate Conception Church in Portland on March 31.

As Catholics we are called to receive this healing sacrament at least once during the Lenten season.

## BURY THE ALLELUIA

"Alleluia" is the Church's great song of joy and praise, used throughout most of the liturgical year. However, the solemnity of the coming Lenten season brings a more somber, reflective atmosphere to her liturgies, which will culminate in the sorrowful mysteries of Our Lord's Passion and Death.

The "burial of the Alleluia" refers to the ceremony surrounding the official liturgical end of the use of this word until the Easter Vigil, when it will be joyfully sung again in celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Even if a physical removal of the Alleluia isn't included, we all participate in the silence that encourages us to gradually gather our thoughts and prepare ourselves to embark on the spiritual journey of Lent.

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## HEALING AND DIVORCED MINISTRY WORKSHOP

**March 11, 2022; 8:30am-3:00pm; Holy Spirit Geist Parish in Fishers, Indiana**

**\$15 per individual (includes lunch)**

Healthy families and individuals are vital to the Church, yet so many families today experience various forms of trauma. The cross of Christ reminds us of our brokenness, restores us and fills us with hope. The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana is looking to increase ministry opportunities within our parishes for those who need healing in general and specifically to Catholics that have experienced divorce. The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a one-day workshop on starting a healing / divorced ministry at your parish, led by Rose Sweet, a Catholic coach, author, retreat leader, conference speaker and EWTN guest. Her passion is assisting others to live their faith in the daily details by "Putting RELIGION into RELATIONSHIPS". She's authored numerous books on relationship healing and strengthening and is a certified life and disaster recovery coach. In this workshop, Rose will discuss the elements of healing ministry in general and will provide practical steps to begin a ministry for divorced individuals. Interested clergy, pastorate staff, and the laity are encouraged to attend.

## WHAT IS ALMSGIVING?

We all want to be “good Samaritans.” When we see our sister or brother suffering, we are moved by compassion. We want to help. We are inspired to give.

Almsgiving is central to how we practice Lent. Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others—and for the Holy Spirit to work within us—through fasting. Through a recognition of the world’s needs and a personal commitment to act, we give alms.

What are alms? Alms are money or goods that are given to—or other acts of charity that are performed for—those in need. Catholics look to the Catechism, which says that almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.”

This Lent, almsgiving is your way to become a “good Samaritan.” As we journey from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to Easter, we invite you to consider the many ways available to be an innkeeper in your Lenten almsgiving.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Lent is a time for reflection and preparation during which we seek to turn away from sin and toward God. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us do this.

- In prayer, we grow closer to God and reach out to our family, friends and neighbors near and far.
- When we fast, we make more room for God in our lives and unite with Christ’s suffering.
- And in giving, we share with others so that all might have what they need to live.

As we journey through these next 40 days with CRS Rice Bowl, we pray that we may encounter God through our global family. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we reflect on what it means to be sisters and brothers with those in our community and around the world. May our prayers and Lenten sacrifices help us draw closer to our Lord and neighbors and support those experiencing poverty.

Each of our three churches has the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl for Lent. These can be found on the bookshelves at each location. Watch the bulletin for weekly prayers and Lenten journeys with the poor for whom these rice bowls aid.

## ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the Faith in these countries. The funds raised in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe are used to support the renewal of vital aspects of the Church life: seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and Catholic communications projects.

Years after the fall of communism, though some countries are now a part of the European Union and serve as examples of positive changes, a majority of the countries are lagging behind and still struggling to overcome the legacy and destruction left by the communist system; and the Catholics of these regions continue to need our help.

The 2022 Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, slated for Ash Wednesday, March 2, will focus on the theme “Restore the Church. Build the Future.” Envelopes can be found in your packets.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

We take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection on March 27.

Your donations help our brothers and sisters...

**IN THE UNITED STATES** Feed Jesus’ hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).

Reach out to comfort Jesus’ loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

**AND AROUND THE WORLD** Give water to quench Jesus’ thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the Holy Father’s Relief Fund.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection via the envelopes found in your packets.

# ADVENTURE DIFFERENTLY.

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH PRAYER, FRIENDSHIP, AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

**GIRLS: JUNE 27 - 30, 2022**  
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## JUNIOR HIGH ENCOUNTER RETREAT

On February 5<sup>th</sup> five of our junior high students attended the 2022 diocesan Middle School Encounter Retreat held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carmel. Joshua Aulbach, Adam Aulbach, Max Uggen, Matthew Aulbach, and Will Uggen had a nice visit with former pastor, Fr Dave Newton, who celebrated the evening Mass with attendees. Karen Uggen and Mark Aulbach chaperoned for St. John's.

Catholic singer Mrs Hannah Schaefer got the kids up and moving to her Christian rock songs. Bishop Doherty was there all dressed in his formal attire because he was told he was going to see VIPs. Fr Daily and Fr Aaron explained that Kerygma was basically the "golden nugget" or a 3-minute TikTok version of what Catholics believe.

The five boys got an opportunity to go to Eucharistic Adoration, break-out sessions to listen to speakers whose topics interested them, and meet two Dominican Sisters from the St Cecelia Congregation who also teach at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic School. And, of course, there was time for food and games.

*"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."*

*-St. Boniface*

## DESTINATION JESUS RETREAT

The annual Destination Jesus Retreat was held February 19. This year participants were able to attend in person again. Matthew Aulbach, Anya Uggen and Ammee Uggen were registered for the event representing our pastorate. Shea Aulbach chaperoned.

David Koch talked about doing a self-examination and how making yourself vulnerable helps you to work toward your best self. Kat and John Niswonger talked about how the best marriages start with a foundation of true friendship. The importance of both chastity and purity. How saving yourself for marriage really is a blessing. Matthew Aulbach was chosen to spin the wheel to be released to lunch.

Please continue to pray for all our youth, especially our junior and senior high students who are so in need of faith direction with all the challenges facing them at these ages.

Thank you to our religious education instructors Christina Christman at Holy Family and Eric Cale and Lisa Rinker at St. John's for their formative lessons of these age groups.



"As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm;  
as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier  
in the battle, and the hero in adversity: so is  
the Christian tried in temptation."

-St. Basil the Great



## YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pope Francis has announced a special Year of the Family for March 19, 2021, to June 26, 2022. The year commemorates the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*).

*"Dear married couples throughout the world!*

In this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.

We are being asked to apply to ourselves the calling that Abraham received from the Lord to set out from his land and his father's home towards a foreign land that God himself would show him (cf. *Gen 12:1*). We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our "comfort zones", our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions.

Our relationship with God shapes us, accompanies us and sends us forth as individuals and, ultimately, helps us to "set out from our land", albeit in many cases with a certain trepidation and even fear in the face of the unknown. Yet our Christian faith makes us realize that we are not alone, for God dwells in us, with us and among us: in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and schools, in the cities where we live.

Like Abraham, all husbands and wives "set out" from their own land at the moment when, in response to the vocation to conjugal love, they decide to give themselves to each other without reserve. Becoming engaged already means setting out from your land, since it calls you to walk together along the road that leads to marriage. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security, and to set out towards the land that God promises: to be two in Christ, *two in one*. Your lives become a single life; you become a "we" in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone!" Continued in April.



When you donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are helping to pay for the formation of your **seminarians**, assisting with the health insurance and living expenses of your **retired priests**, and the **college ministry** programs at Ball State, Purdue and Wabash College. Your gift supports the life-changing spiritual encounters with Christ at the **Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center**, the pastoral annulment proceedings at the **Marriage Tribunal**, and the **creation and ministry** of many programs. These things contribute to an effort to help every soul across our 24 counties to know Jesus Christ and to foster a deeper personal commitment to follow Him in His Church.

Our pastorate family (Holy Family, St. Mary's, and St. John's combined) has been asked to raise \$42,850. St. Mary's portion is \$5,847, Holy Family \$17,461, and St. John's \$19,542. In order to reach our goal, I am asking each household to consider a gift that can be paid before the end of 2022.

This year the parish rebates return. So long as our pastorate as a whole reaches its required goal, we will receive a rebate of all money over the goal with a cap at 25%. This will be broken back out to our three parishes according to pledges from each parish. This is a way we are able to help one another collectively.

I ask that you study the mailing you received from Bishop Doherty in January and to prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in the 2022 Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you did not receive a pledge card, extras can be found in the pews or on the tables at our churches. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers for our Local Church.



## Universal Call to Holiness:

### Part 1

The phrase 'Universal Call to Holiness' is stressed in the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen

en Gentium); it recognizes that all the People of God are "called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (no. 40).

This call is directed not only to priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, but to the laity as well, and should be pursued within an individual's specific vocation (marriage, dedicated single life, parent, etc.). We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do no matter where we find ourselves. Leading a holy life is one way the faithful can evangelize the world but it's important we recognize that mistakes are normal and we may falter occasionally.

"Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person." (Apostolic Exhortation: **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** of the Holy Father Francis on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, March 2018)

Therefore, we too, must see our whole lives as a mission. Through prayer and petition, we must listen for God to recognize the signs he gives us. "Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world."

Only then will we come to realize "...the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural

grace, which purifies and enlightens." (**GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** of the Holy Father Francis)

### Part 2

As discussed in part 1, the phrase 'Universal Call to Holiness' is stressed in the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium); it recognizes that all the people of God are "called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (no. 40).

This call is directed not only to priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, but to the laity as well, and should be pursued within an individual's specific vocation (marriage, dedicated single life, parent, etc.). Following in Jesus's footsteps in order to become more like Jesus is the path to holiness. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do. Leading a holy life is one way the faithful can evangelize the world. To achieve or even attempt to achieve holiness in this world can seem like an unattainable feat, however there are many practical ways each of us can grow in holiness every day. Here are a few examples:

- Attending Mass
- Receiving the Sacraments, especially reconciliation on a regular basis
- Praying daily and praying as a family/couple
- Meditation/Contemplation
- Eucharistic Adoration (spending an hour adoring the Blessed Sacrament)
- Lectio Divina (individually or in groups)
- Praying a daily Rosary
- Ignatian Daily Examen
- Fasting and sacrifice (giving something up for the sake of growing closer to Christ)
- Participating in charitable works (volunteering at a soup kitchen, collecting canned goods)
- Spreading the Gospel/talking to others about Jesus Christ

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

~St. Francis de Sales

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### **Lord's Day Liturgy**

**SATURDAY:** 5:00 pm at St. Mary's  
6:30 pm at St. John's

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am at St. John's  
11:00 am at Holy Family

- **Weekday Liturgy:** Please consult inside the bulletin. –

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Mar. 18, 2022**

**Editor: Diana Holsten**



### **PRAYER FOR LENT**

*Dear God, just as the rains from heaven prepare the lands to flourish, we know that your blessings are bestowed upon us.*

*In this season of preparation, help us grow closer to you as we make time for prayer, solitude and reflection.*

*Make ready our ears to hear your loving call amidst the stressful and hurried days that make up the storms of our life.*

*Loving Father, we know that we do not face such days alone; your divine strength is our unfailing aid as we await the joy of the Easter Season.*

*Amen*

Please join us in Celebrating the Lord's Day with the sacrifice of the Mass.

#### **The Lord's Day Weekend Mass Schedule:**

##### **Saturday Vigil Mass:**

**5:00pm at St. Mary's, Dunkirk**

**6:30pm at St. John's, Hartford City**

##### **Sunday Mass:**

**9:00am at St. John's, Hartford City**

**11:00am at Holy Family, Gas City**

### **CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB**

Check us out at: [www.stmaryjohn.org](http://www.stmaryjohn.org). Weekly bulletins, this newsletter, daily Mass with Bishop Barron, the Catholic Moment, daily readings and prayers, Lenten daily reflections, online giving options, FORMED, and much more can be found on this website.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**O Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of wisdom and love, impart Your  
knowledge, understanding, and counsel to the  
young, that they may know the vocation wherein  
they might best serve God. Give them courage  
and strength to follow God's holy will.  
Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their  
resolution, fashion their minds, conquer their  
hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they  
might labor in God's holy service. Amen.**

## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

Priests are listed by deanery as a group according to the Pastorate assignments. If you take a Pastorate group, one each day, there will be each day of the month filled. This way we can join together with united hearts in prayer not only for the individual priest, but for his whole Pastorate team, the parish(es) for which he(they) are assigned, and therefore our Diocese as a whole by month's end. Let us unite as one Catholic faith for the greater good of our Church and faith family by praying for these priests.

### West Deanery

Dominicans, St. Thomas Aquinas, West Lafayette  
Fr. Michael Bower, St. Bernard, Crawfordsville  
Fr. Mark Walter, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette  
Fr. Joshua Bennett, St. Augustine, Rensselaer, Sacred Heart, Remington, Sts. Peter and Paul, Goodland  
Fr. David Rasner, St. Francis Xavier, Attica, St. Joseph, Covington  
Fr. Michael McKinney, St. Augusta, Lake Village, St. Cecilia, Demotte, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield  
Fr. Richard Weisenberger & Fr. Peter Vanderkolk, St. Joseph Kentland, St. John the Baptist, Earl Park, St. Mary, Dunington, Sacred Heart, Fowler, St. Patrick, Oxford, St. Charles, Otterbein  
Fr. Dale Ehrman, Fr. Dennis Faker, Fr. Dennis O'Keefe, Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Ann, Lafayette  
Fr. Andrew Dudzinski, Fr. Matthew Kalu, Fr. Daniel Shine, Fr. William Summerlin, St. Boniface & St. Lawrence, Lafayette

### Central Deanery

Fr. Christopher Shocklee, Fr. Timothy Alkire, Fr. Samuel Futral, St. Patrick & St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
Fr. Paul Cochran, Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Frankfort, St. Joseph, Lebanon  
Fr. Andrew DeKeyser, Fr. Jeffrey Martin, St. Francis Solano, Francesville, St. Joseph, Pulaski, St. Peter, Winamac, St. Joseph, Rochester, St. Ann, Kewanna, St. Anne, Monterey

Fr. Travis Stephens, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville  
Fr. Richard Doerr, Fr. James DeOreo, Fr. Daniel Gartland, Fr. Joseph Vargese, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carmel  
Fr. Brian Dudzinski, Fr. Kevin Haines, Fr. Michael McKinley, St. Maria, Goretti, Westfield  
Fr. Adam Mauman, Fr. Gustavo Lopez, Fr. Kyle Meterer, All Saints, Logansport, St. Charles Borromeo, Peru  
Fr. Anthony Rowland, Fr. Joshua Bennett, Fr. Brian Doerr, Msgr. Robert Sell, Fr. David Newton, St. Elizabeth Seton, Carmel  
Fr. Christopher Miller, Fr. Alejandro Paternoster, Our Lady of the Lakes, Monticello, St. Joseph, Reynolds, St. Joseph, Delphi

### East Deanery

Fr. Sean Pogue, Sacred Heart, Cicero  
Fr. Clayton Thompson, Fr. Michael Block, Fr. John Nguyen, Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
Fr. Cole Daily, Fr. Derek Aaron, Holy Spirit & St. John Vianney, Fishers  
Fr. Thomas Haan, Fr. Sean Aaron, St. Louis De Montfort, Fishers  
Fr. Eric Underwood, Fr. Christian DeCarlo, Fr. Coady Owens, St. Mary, St. Lawrence & St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie  
Fr. Thomas Metzger, Fr. David Hellmann, Fr. Martin Sandhage, St. Ambrose, & St. Mary, Anderson, St. Mary, Alexandria  
Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton, St. Joseph, Elwood  
Fr. Ted Rothrock, St. Paul, Marion  
Fr. Peter Logsdon, Fr. Matthew Arbuckle, Holy Trinity, Trinity, Immaculate Conception, Portland, St. Mary, Union City, St. Joseph, Winchester  
Fr. Kevin Hurley, Holy Family, Gas City, St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City, St. Mary, Dunkirk

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