

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JUNE 24, 2022



FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

This past Feast of Corpus Christi was the beginning of a new initiative to increase greater awareness and devotion to the Holy Eucharist leading to a Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 in Indianapolis. The National Eucharistic Revival is a grassroots movement of Catholics, each responding to the gift of the Eucharist in their own way, aided by national, diocesan, and local events and materials as well. We are all being called by Jesus Christ to return to the source and summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. This is a multi-year initiative with the first year inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ”—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Each Diocese will offer events that encourage the faithful to grow in their understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented by online formation and resources that will raise up Eucharistic Missionaries at all levels of the Church. But as Bishop Cozzens one of the chairs notes, “We want to start a fire, not a program.”

The last Eucharistic Congress was held in Philadelphia in 1976, and this is an appropriate time for us to reflect and grow closer to the Eucharist in the aftermath of so many challenging events these past forty-six years. As Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us of Christ’s ongoing presence when he proclaimed: “This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.” So, let us continue to celebrate not just each Sunday

but everyday Christ’s presence among us, and even seek to visit Jesus each day in our Churches as we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus as we share the good news with all those that we meet.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley



SANCTIFICATION OF OUR PRIESTS

On June 24, the Catholic Church will celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. Established by Saint John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are also invited to mark this celebration by praying for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church.

May and June are traditionally when ordinations to the priesthood are celebrated. With many priests celebrating anniversaries, this annual day of prayer is significant.

--usccb.org

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, imbue all priests with his grace, strengthen their hearts, and renew them in their vocation to image Christ, Head and Shepherd, Servant and Spouse. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) launched an Eucharistic Revival – a three-year invitation to the Church and Her members to a renewed love of Our Lord in the Eucharist. It began last Sunday, June 19 – the Feast of Corpus Christi. As it unfolds, we will be sharing, through the monthly newsletter, powerful writings from the USCCB and insights so that you can grow and commit yourself to His Presence. It is essential that we revive our faith in Our Eucharistic Lord, because the Holy Eucharist is the center of absolutely everything.

To kick off the revival, a challenge has been put before us: to visit your parish church and the Lord's Holy Presence one extra time each week. Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us!

If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.
–St. Teresa of Avila - Teresa of Jesus

BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW: DAY OF REFLECTION FOR THE DIVORCED

Saturday, August 20, 2022

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
10655 Haverstick Rd., Carmel, IN 46033

The day begins with Mass at 8:30 AM (optional), followed by a light breakfast. Talks provided by Father Jim Farrell. Registration includes lunch. Day ends at approximately 2 PM. Cost is only \$10, payable at the door. Advance registration is required. RSVP by August 6.

Register online at <https://dol-in.org/day-of-reflection-for-divorce-ministry>

For further information, contact Susan McIntosh (317) 938-8950.



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–Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



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"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."
–Pope St. John Paul II

THE NUN WITH A VISION



June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, one of the more popular Catholic devotions. You've undoubtedly seen this image, Jesus showing the world his sacred heart, which is the symbol of

his love for us.

What you may not know is that it was a Visitation nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who helped popularize this special devotion to the Sacred Heart, and made it possible for a feast day to be instituted, in 1856, by Pope Pius IX. She was canonized in 1920.

For two years between 1673 and 1675, Margaret Mary Alacoque had multiple visions. In one of those visions, she said Jesus gave her 12 promises to those who venerated the Sacred Heart. They include the promise to give them graces they would need in life,

- bring peace to their families, comfort them in their trials,
- give them a secure refuge during life and in death,
- bless their undertakings, bring mercy to sinners,
- make lukewarm souls more fervent,
- allow fervent souls to grow in holiness and perfection,
- bless every place where the image of Sacred Heart is shown, and
- give priests the gift of influencing hardened hearts, honor in the Sacred Heart those who honor it, and provide eternal happiness.
- Not everybody believed her, and Margaret Mary endured a lot of skepticism, which is somewhat understandable. Some of the other nuns were hostile to her, theologians who came to visit suggested she was delusional, but she stuck to her guns and eventually they came around.

Born in France in 1647, she served as novice mistress and assistant superior, until her death in 1690, at the age of 43. While being anointed, she said: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

THE ROOTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Devotion to the Sacred Heart goes back all the way to the Apostles. St. John the Evangelist is the apostle most associated with the Sacred Heart because we're told Jesus loved John the most.



John was called the "Apostle of Love," But it would take centuries for that devotion to really catch hold.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the eighth day of the Feast of Corpus Christi, nineteen days after Pentecost Sunday.

HOW CAN WE CONSOLE THE HEART OF JESUS?

The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Catholics commemorate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 24, the Friday after Sunday's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

During June, and in a particular way on the day of the Solemnity, the faithful are called to ponder Jesus' Divine love for all humanity. Jesus' boundless love, symbolized by his human heart, led him to accept death on the Cross to redeem us from our sins.

If our sins so hurt Jesus, how can we console his heart? How can we imitate his great love by our love for God and neighbor? We can do this by accepting Jesus' love and trusting him completely. We can discover how suffering helps us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Check out the video series on formed.org for ways we can accept and trust Jesus and how our suffering will draw us to His Most Sacred Heart.

"If you are suffering from a bad man's injustice, forgive him—lest there be two bad men."

—St. Augustine



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 11:00 am Reader/Commentator: Cathy Dashiell **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Marcia Atkinson 3, Nancy Campbell 10, 17, 24, 31 **Ushers:** Marilee & Jeff Cox **Greeter:** Dan Dashiell

ST. MARY'S

July 3: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Greeter:** Dean & Loretta Wilson

July 10: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Laverne Watson

July 17: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell

July 24: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Greeter:** Ray & Therese Jones

July 31: **Reader:** Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell

ST. JOHN'S

Saturdays 6:30 pm Reader: Shea Aulbach 2, 9, 16, 30, Jason Lenz 23 **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Mary Ford **Greeter:** Barbara Houseman

Sundays 9:00 am Reader: Claire Aulbach **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Tom Aulbach **Greeter:** Susan Lannoy

WE ARE "HELPING HANDS"

Thank you for your and your church's participation in this year's baby bottle campaign! The campaign raised \$8,747 for mothers, fathers, and families in our community that we serve. We greatly appreciate your support of the mission!

St. John's Church raised: \$1,325.14

Thank you!

I hope that this baby bottle campaign also raised awareness for the need of our mission in this community.

Again, we thank God for you and your congregation!

In Christ, Nick Boratenski,

Helping Hands Advancement Director

VBS - STORY TIME WITH JESUS

We need your help!!

Vacation Bible School is each evening from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, July 18 - 22, at St. John's.

Enrollment forms will be in next week's bulletin.

We have five stations: games, crafts, songs, snacks, and a devotion lesson, children will rotate through each evening. We also need volunteers to walk with the children from station to station. This is a very energetic week!! VBS is an awesome way to share our faith with our children!

If you are interested in volunteering your time and energy with VBS please call or text Christina Christman at (765)733-4026 or the parish office.

Here are some items we need for VBS. If you would like to donate any of these we would greatly appreciate it. Please, bring the items to any of the three churches in our pastorate or text/call Christina Christman at (765)733-4026 for pick up. Thank you!

- 1 bag of pretzel sticks
 - 3 bags of small marshmallows
 - 1 box of Fruit Loops type cereal
 - 1 box of plain cheerios
 - 1 box of Honeycomb type cereal
 - 1 bag of regular M & M's
 - 1 container of raisins
 - 7 boxes of Little Debbie: Zebra Cakes and/or Fancy Cakes
 - box or pouch juice drinks
 - 2 boxes of vanilla wafers
 - 3 bags of trail mix
 - colored bandaids for a craft
 - white pompoms for a craft
 - 1 package of brown paper lunch bag
 - 16-20 rolls of cheap toilet paper for a game
- Thank You!!

50th Anniversary

JONES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Ray and Therese Jones of St. Mary's Church on 50 years of marriage. Through the Sacrament of Marriage, may their vocation be a testament to the great love this Sacrament brings to one another and each of us.

PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Ray & Therese Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2022.

Jakob Aulbach was on the A/B honor roll at Blackford High School second semester.

Joshua Aulbach was on the high honor roll at Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School 4th quarter and second semester.

Louis Velasquez received the Character Education Award for 6th grade at Blackford Intermediate School for the 2021-22 school year.

Jack Tarpein has achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout. He has worked toward this for many years, finishing his rank with a community service project. Jack's project was the creation, build and installation of a Flag Retirement drop box. This can be found in front of City Hall and the Legion in Jonesboro. Congratulations Jack!

Fred Hoffman received the "100,000 Award" from the Healthy Community Alliance for his involvement with the creation of the Blackford Greenway and the pedicab program as well as his continued involvement with the Blackford Youth Soccer program. Congratulations Fred!

Jakob Aulbach was on the A/B honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Hayden Ferguson & Rebecca McDonough were married on June 11 at Holy Family Church. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson!

Cora Freiburger was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier Elementary fourth quarter and second semester.

Gabriel Kitterman was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier School fourth quarter and second semester.

Gavin Kitterman was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier School fourth quarter and second semester.

Mason Kitterman was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Noah Kitterman received several scholarships and awards on Senior Honor Night at Blackford High School.

Allyson Henderson was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Ashley Henderson was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier School fourth quarter and second semester.

Madison Merkel was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester. She was a member of National Honor Society, Gold Tassel, and received several scholarships.

Mason Merkel was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Jenna Payne was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester. She was a member of National Honor Society, Gold Tassel, and received several scholarships.

Ammee Uggen was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Anya Uggen received several scholarships and awards on Senior Honor Night at Blackford High School.

William Uggen was on the A/B honor roll at Blackford High School fourth semester.

Andrew Vanderbur was on the A/B honor roll at Blackford High School second semester.

Catalina Velasquez was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

Juan Velasquez was on the all-A honor roll at Blackford High School fourth quarter and second semester.

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly, do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God."
–St. Isidore of Seville



We are getting very close to reaching our CMA goal of \$42,850. Through June, St. Mary's and St. John's have reached their goals in pledges. Holy Family is just short of their pledge by about \$1,600. However, payments for each parish are still under our required goal. We are in good shape for the half-way point. Please continue to pay towards your pledge and pledge if you are able. All payments must be received by December 31, 2022. Rebates will be given back to each pastorate who goes over the goal with a cap at 25%.

Extra pledge cards can be found on the tables at our church entrances. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers for our Local Church and for helping us cover this appeal.

MONTHLY K OF C CHALLENGE

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” (Gospel for July 31, Lk 12:20-21)

We may know the dates of countless upcoming appointments on our calendars, but we don’t know the date and time of one of the most important events of our lives: death. The end of our lives could come slowly or suddenly. How can we plan for that? Jesus urges us to seek to be “rich in what matters to God.” Our earthly life is only temporary; may we keep our true focus on the next life, knowing that our real and lasting treasure can be found in heaven alone.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to demonstrate what you truly treasure by making at least a brief visit — even just a few moments — to the Blessed Sacrament every day. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

What do you treasure most? What is it that “matters to God”? Do you seek to be “rich in what matters to God”?

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

2 Ted & Muriel Fettig
19 Derrick & Rachel Shields

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Wanda Pfeffer
4 Damien Shields
8 Rhonda Cale
8 Ryan Trissel
12 Lucas Hardesty
13 Marilee Cox
16 Claire Aulbach
17 Jacob Hardesty
20 Nicholas Biller
21 Laurel McVicker

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.

VOLUNTEER



SURVEY RESULTS ARE WORKING

We have had a good return on the volunteer surveys. Our volunteers are the backbone of the work we can do in our parishes given the size of our parish staff, so THANK YOU all for the time and talents you so generously share. The surveys are being assessed and tallied. Hopefully, you will soon recognize the fruits of the surveys in new faces and new activities. For those who have not been able to complete the survey, extra copies are available at our church entrances. Complete yours as you are called by the Holy Spirit, and return to the trays. Please volunteer your talents that we may all work to grow our Church.

Thank you for your gifts!!

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NATHANAEAL REA

The Indianapolis Campus of the Encounter School of Ministry is offering a four-night Summer Intensive from July 25-28, 6-9pm, at St. Alphonsus Liguori parish hall in Zionsville. Each evening will include a time of contemporary praise & worship, two dynamic teachings, participant activations, and opportunities to receive individual prayer ministry if desired. Topics include: Identity & Transformation, Hearing God's Voice, Healing & Power, and Inner Healing & Freedom.

Information & Registration at: [2022 Summer Intensive](#)

The Encounter School of Ministry has been approved by Bishop Timothy Doherty and is recognized and promoted as an official Parish Evangelization Resource by the diocesan office of Evangelization and Witness.

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SATURDAY: 5:00 pm at St. Mary's
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SUNDAY: 9:00 am at St. John's
11:00 am at Holy Family

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: July 22, 2022

Editor: Diana Holsten

WELCOME REBECCA

Our pastorate family would like to extend a warm welcome to Rebecca McDonough-Ferguson to our staff. Rebecca began part-time work as an assistant to Diana in the office in early June covering a variety of tasks, big and small. She is settling in nicely and will be an asset as we move forward in our activities and growth as a pastorate faith family. Presently, she is working Thursdays and Fridays partial days from St. John's, but plans are for that to transition to some office time on Thursdays at Holy Family.

Rebecca comes to us from Holy Family parish where she has spent most of her faith life. She just recently became Mrs. Hayden Ferguson. Many of you will know her from her beautiful voice as a Cantor at Mass. Please warmly welcome her.



STORY TIME WITH JESUS

Our Annual Vacation Bible School program will be held this year the week of July 18-22, 6-7:30pm each evening. This is open to children ages 3 years-6th grade. 7th-12th grade students are more than welcome to volunteer their time with crafts, stories, snacks, etc.

The theme is "Story Time with Jesus". The program will take place at St. John's in the parish hall (school lower level), with the students listening and learning of the many adventures of Jesus throughout the Bible. There is no charge for this summer program. Students are welcome to bring a friend. Registration forms will be in next weekend's bulletin or can also be found on the tables at our church entrances. This is open to all three of our parishes...as is the volunteer request!

4TH OF JULY BLESSINGS

All are invited to Monday morning Mass at 10am on July 4th as we celebrate and give thanks for the true blessings of our country's peace, freedom and independence. We are blessed beyond measure to live in a country, and community, where we have religious liberties and are not battling warfare in the streets. Let us rejoice and count our many blessings.