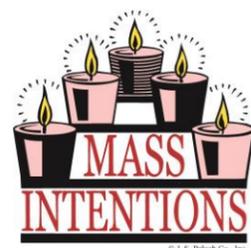


CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 5

12:00 noon...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, February 6

5:30 p.m...Wilda Moore (St. John's)

Wednesday, February 7

12:00noon...Gerard Merkel (St. John's)

Thursday, February 8

5:30 p.m...Martin Mauer (St. Mary's)

Friday, February 9

11:00 a.m...Janet Charnley (Miller's Merry Manor)

Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m...Karleen Reidy (St. John's)

Sunday, February 11

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Living & Deceased of Newton Family (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

If you need to put someone on the prayer chain, please call Janice Jackson, 348-1521. Thank you.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that our hearts may be filled with the love of Christ Jesus and that, we in turn can use that same love to share with others the gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2017 contributions for tax purposes, please contact the office to have one mailed or e-mailed.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR FEB. 10-11

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30a.m...Lane Manley & Kayli Henderson

Dear St. John's Parishioners:

Thank you so much for your very generous donations of food and hygiene items and financial support to the Blackford County Food Pantry. It was sure a blessing to so many.

May God bless you. We are truly grateful,
Mel Sicks

LENTEN BOOK REVIEW

Book review book by Pope Benedict XVI's **Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week from the entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection** is our Lenten Book Review book. If you wish to participate and need a book, contact Diana in the office for your order. These books are \$15 each and cover Lent and Easter.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is Catholic Press Month and *The Catholic Moment* is celebrating 74 years of sharing the voices of inspiration, witness, hope, faith and truth throughout our Diocese.

Please use the envelope from your packets to help us defray the cost of providing this newspaper to each household in our cluster parishes. Only \$22 covers the entire year.

OUR SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Our advertisers subsidize the cost of the bulletins, so if you have the opportunity, you may thank them by using their products or services.

This week's sponsor is:

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THANK YOU!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



The fact that today's Gospel from Mark makes reference to Jesus curing Peter's mother-in-

law would seem to point to the fact that Peter was married. However, the majority of scholars are of the opinion that the wife may have died before Peter was called by Jesus as an Apostle. In fact, there are many misconceptions about St. Peter. For one, although often portrayed as much older, he was probably younger than Jesus. In fact, all 12 Apostles were most likely younger than Jesus.

Also, Peter is often presented in paintings and movies and books as being a very old man, but historians have also concluded that Peter was martyred in Rome when he was about 66 years old. He was never the old, old man in his 80's we see quite often.

All of that is secondary to a simple statement in today's Gospel about the mother-in-law. Specifically, St. Mark writes, "He (Jesus) approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them." St. Matthew reveals this same fact in his Gospel (Matthew 8:15), and he writes, "He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him."

The message for us is very basic. Peter's mother-in-law responded to Jesus the same way we should when Jesus blesses us. She responded to the Lord and immediately served Him out of gratitude. That should be our motivation, and action, as well.

ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH

St. John's wishes to thank Connie Vielleux for her many years of cards sent for birthdays, anniversaries, and illness. She has handed this over to Megan Trissel. If you wish to be included in our birthday and anniversary wishes, please contact Diana at the office for the newsletter notices and/or Megan.

ST. MARY'S FEBRUARY PITCH-IN

Our next pitch-in will be held February 11, with the Jr. and Sr. High Students providing spaghetti. All are invited after Mass to join in the fun and fellowship.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$765.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,692.00

Building Fund: \$180.00

Pantry: \$90.00

Haiti: \$317.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

12th Annual Indiana
HOLY FAMILY
Catholic Conference
GOD IS FOR US!
Romans 8:31
SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 24, 2018
Kokomo High School
2501 S. Berkley Road, Kokomo, IN 46902
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Hosted By: St. Patrick Church & St. Joan of Arc Church of Kokomo

12th ANNUAL INDIANA HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

This year the conference will be held on one day only, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Music by Higher Ground, guest speakers, meals, reconciliation, and Mass; something for all ages.

Visit: www.holyfamilyconference.org today to register.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We have finished the first 5 sessions of the Bible Timeline which we took 10 meetings to do! Now, we are moving into the next five sessions covering Egypt, Exodus, Desert Wanderings, Conquest & Judges beginning Sunday, February 11 and we will meet 10 times. We will not meet if Religious Ed Classes are not meeting.

Question and Answer reading guides are provided at no cost. Guidelines are: read the recommended Scripture and answer questions within your own timeline, plan to attend sessions as often as you can even if you haven't read or answered questions. We have a schedule, but our time is flexible. We begin after 8:30 am Mass and dismiss at 10:30 am. Bring your coffee or tea & a snack to class if you want.

If you attend Saturday evening Mass, and want to participate, but cannot attend Sunday morning, please pick up the packet from Diana at the office. 765-348-3889. Please call in advance so that a sufficient number can be prepared.

Email addresses for all participating would be appreciated. email: susanlannoy4@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 5: [St. Agatha, virgin & martyr] 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56

Feb. 6: [St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs] 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7: 1-13

Feb. 7: 1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7: 14-23

Feb. 8: [St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin] 1 Kgs 11: 4-11; Mk 7: 24-30

Feb. 9: 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mk 7: 31-37

Feb. 10: [St. Scholastica, virgin] 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8: 1-10

Feb. 11: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10: 31 - 11: 1; Mk 1: 40-45

RCIA

RCIA will meet this Wednesday at St. John's at 6pm in the parish hall. If you know someone interested in entering the Church, please direct them to RCIA. We meet the first, second and third Wednesdays of each month.

LENTEN RETREAT

Lent is coming soon! Ash Wednesday is February 14!

Enrich your Lent by marking your calendar **NOW** for a 3-session **Lenten retreat on the Mass/Eucharist as heart and center of our parish and individual lives:**

Feb 21-22, Mar 7-8, Mar 21-22.

To be offered at both St Mary's (Thurs evening 6 pm-7:30 pm) and St John's (Wed 12:30 pm-2 pm), exploring the Mass as Easter all year long, our Risen Lord present and active in Word and Bread, the meaning of Eucharistic adoration, and more. **All are welcome** to go deeper with God! Questions: call Sister Rita at 260 - 402 - 5034 or email at ritalmusante@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 6, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 7, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 10, Marriage Blessing at Mass

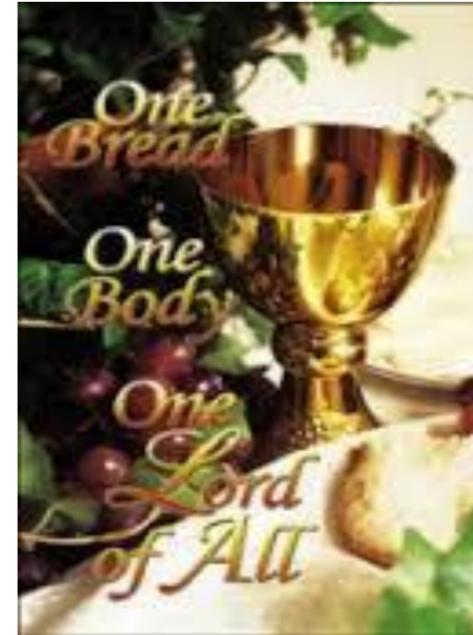
Sunday 11, Marriage Blessing at each Mass

Bible Study resumes at St. John's 9:30-10:30am

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

Pitch-In Spaghetti Dinner at St. Mary's 11:30am

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking to each other? Do you wonder if your marriage might end? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a worldwide program that offers tools needed for hurting couples to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. For more than 30 years, the program has helped hundreds of thousands of couples heal their hurting marriages. To learn more about the program or to register for the February 23 - 25 weekend and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or www.retrouvaille.org You can also email: RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call [317-489-6811](tel:317-489-6811) for confidential registration information.



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm; St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave 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 pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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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.