

## 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

APRIL 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Monday, April 30

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

#### Tuesday, May 1

5:30 p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (St. John's)

#### Wednesday, May 2

12:00noon...Leslie Durham (St. John's)

#### Thursday, May 3

5:30 p.m...Paul & June Wilson (St. Mary's)

#### First Friday, May 4

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

#### Saturday, May 5

5:00 p.m...Paul & Helen Schuhmacher (St. John's)

#### Sunday, May 6

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

10:30 a.m...Bill Blankenbaker (St. Mary's)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

### Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## AED'S ON SITE

You may have noticed there is an AED unit at the back of Church. There is also one in the Parish Hall. These are used to attempt to restart a person's heart in an emergency situation.

I'd like to thank the K of C for providing this aid for heart incidents that might occur in the Church or Parish Hall. While we pray that we will not need to use the AED's, it is good that we have this capability to help out someone in need. Since we started discussing getting AED's, I have noticed many in public spaces where crowds come together. Again, I am thankful to the K of C for providing this potentially life-saving device.

So, if someone has an emergency incident at Mass or at the Parish Hall, an AED can now be used to attempt to restart the individual's heart.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:25pm. Mass will follow at 5:30pm on First Fridays.*

*Prayer books and materials are made available for use during the time of Adoration or you may bring your own as you pray and reflect. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: May 4.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

*Apr. 30: [St. Pius V, pope] Acts 14, 5-18; Jn 14: 21-26*

*May 1: [St. Joseph the Worker] Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a*

*May 2: [St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church] Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8*

*May 3: [St. Philip & James, Apostles] 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14*

*May 4: Acts 15: 22-31; Jn 15: 12-17*

*May 5: Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21*

*May 6: [Sixth Sunday of Easter] Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17*

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

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 3

The National Day of Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. Pray with us. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America!

**There is a gathering planned at the Blackford County Courthouse and a short program of prayer by different ecumenical leaders, including Sr. Rita. All are invited to join in this National Day of Prayer Gathering, May 3.**

Community Events for National Day of Prayer:

May 3rd -

5:00 -5:45 pm - Prayer/Meditation Labyrinth -

Hartford City City Hall, Available to walk in silent prayer

6:00-6:45pm Community Prayer Service--

- West Side of Blackford City Courthouse

7:00 pm Community Worship Service, Lighthouse Church

May 5th - Circle the County in Prayer Walk

- Meet at Auxiliary Gym at Blackford High School

- 8:00-8:45 registration, Pick up maps

- 2 walkers & 1 driver (to follow for safety) for each border mile of the county

## OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Session 1 (Chapter 1), Old Testament Background

**Main idea:** Israel's religion required moral behavior and obedience to God's Law before worship.

**Theme:** Sacrifice—see pg 16.

There are several references to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement, see Leviticus 16:1-34) in the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. These references help us to see the connection between sacrifice and the forgiveness of sins in both the Old and New Testament. (Pacwa, pg 30)

Both, Sunday Morning Bible Study and Our Catholic Book Club, are studying The Eucharist this session.

## FIVE TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY

## COMMUNION

St. John's Church will welcome five second grade students to the table of the Lord at the 8:30am Mass on May 6<sup>th</sup> as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. **Adam Aulbach, Ashley Henderson, Isabelle Homan, Bryson Michael and Luis Velasquez**, under the direction of Lorna Manley have been preparing all year to receive Jesus' presence through the bread and wine, His Body and Blood. They began with their first Reconciliation in December and have continued their studies through religious education. Let us continue to keep them in prayer as they await this big day.



## MOTHER'S DAY TEA

*St. John's Annual Mother's Day Tea Party is slated for Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass. Join us for a relaxing tea and brunch to honor our mothers: past, present and yet to be.*

*This year's theme is Aprons. Where is your apron? In a drawer? On a hook? At the Goodwill Store? It is time to remember the fabrics of our lives: memories are woven from the simple things in life. Aprons galore to take us back to the days of homemade Sunday dinners and daily chores. Wear your apron to our tea as we recall those precious memories of our mothers and grandmothers.*

*This is a free event sponsored by St. John's Altar & Rosary, but please contact the office with your reservation by May 8 so we can adequately make plans. Our tea will conclude prior to 11am.*

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that as we have been given new life through Jesus' death and resurrection we too can offer new life to ourselves and others through mercy and forgiveness and love.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a short Bible Study Of 6 lessons on The Eucharist by Father Mitch Pacwa. We meet after Sunday Mass on the stage in the Parish Hall.

For questions or concerns, please contact [susanlannoy4@gmail.com](mailto:susanlannoy4@gmail.com) or by voice or text: 512-627-6863.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 1, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 2, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

First Friday 4, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30pm at St. John's following by Mass at 5:30pm

Saturday 5, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

Sunday 6, First Holy Communion 8:30am at St. John's

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

### **NEW-TO-YOU SHOP IS OPEN**

Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

Contact Janet Pluimer 728-2715 if you can give 3 hours a month to work a shift. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.

### **THE STORY**

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people continues each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic: The Battle Begins.**

### **SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MAY 5 & 6**

Sat., 5p.m...Kellee Merkel & Mason Merkel

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

### **HANDBELL/HANDCHIME CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

On Sunday, April 29, the handbell/handchime choirs and the chancel choirs from Zion Lutheran Church and Asbury United Methodist Church will be holding a joint concert to benefit the Jayland Homeless Shelter. The concert will be held at 2pm at Asbury United Methodist Church. There will be a free will donation, or attendees may donate hygiene items. All are invited to enjoy some good music!

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's from April 15**

Sunday Collection: \$595.00

Rice Bowl: \$5.40

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$1,562.00

Building Fund: \$90.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Catholic Moment: \$22.00

Rice Bowl: \$9.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

***The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.***

### **GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

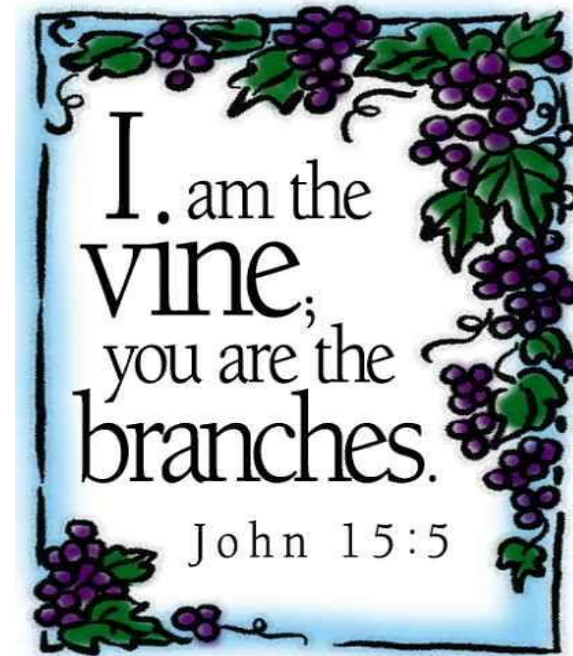
St. John captures the essence of what kind of love is expected from us toward our neighbor and those in need as he opens our Second Reading with "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Jesus made that point several times in His own teachings. It follows the old adage that "Actions speak louder than words."

We have pointed out numerous times that being a good steward requires action. It may be easy for us come to an understanding of what it means to love one another; and additionally, we may speak of doing it; but the true measure is what we do, how we live our lives.

The best examples of stewardship of that we may be aware in our parishes and community involve what we see and experience in others. That is the most effective way to be taught and it is the best way to teach others. Do it and live it.

That is John's point is it not? He continues his instructions in the Second Reading by saying, "We should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us." The Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen, who had a great appreciation for the written word, once stated, "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed."

The point of Jesus' Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21) in which one son says he will do his father's will but does not while the other says he will not obey, but repents and does what his father asked, is quite clear that deeds mean more than intentions.



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **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.

## **The Clustered Parishes Of**

**St. Mary, Dunkirk**

**St. John the Evangelist,  
Hartford City**

**Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana**

**Pastor, Fr. David J. Newton**

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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.