

**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



*Our cluster parishes would like to congratulate and welcome Lydia Renee Holsten, daughter of Ryan and Lauren Holsten, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St. John's Church. May her gift of faith continue to grow through our prayers.*

**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
SEPTEMBER 23  
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, September 24**  
0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)  
**Tuesday, September 25**  
5:30 p.m...Joseph Wilson (St. John's)  
**Wednesday, September 26**  
12:00noon...Fay Lenz (St. John's)  
**Thursday, September 27**  
5:30 p.m...Justin Watson (St. Mary's)  
**Friday, September 28**  
11:00 a.m...Karleen Reidy (Miller's Merry Manor)  
**Saturday, September 29**  
5:00 p.m...Pedro Cahue (St. John's)  
**Sunday, September 30**  
8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. John's)  
10:30 a.m...Don Martin (St. Mary's)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

**Universal – Young People in Africa**  
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers Helen Walsh, sister of Anna Cimino, parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May her family be comforted by your prayers.

**Pregnancy Care Center's  
A Ladies' Night.... Thursday October 11th**

The Event Center  
555 S. Bridge St., Portland, IN  
Doors open @ 5pm, Dinner @ 6pm  
Silent Auction till 8:15pm  
The dinner is free.

There will be door prizes and good food, fun, laughter & fellowship.  
If you would like to go and/or carpool, please call Loretta Wilson @ 765-744-1611 by October 1st.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for the healing of the Church that through truth and education, we may grow stronger in Christ and all His ways for the good of His kingdom.

The **Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets each Sunday after 8:30 am Mass and dismisses at 10:30 am following the same schedule as Religious Ed classes. All are invited each week.

**Our Catholic Book Club** continues this fall. Keep up with your reading. We will meet in early November for book discussion.

**“WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”**

Watch your mail during the last week of September. It will contain an important letter from Bishop Doherty asking for your participation in the Fruitful Harvest 2018 Appeal. Also, enclosed will be a brochure and pledge card with envelope to return your pledge directly to the diocese in the envelope provided. This is a different process from the tables we would normally set up at the back of Church, but the 20-month cycle remains the same.

The theme of the Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal is **“Walking Together in the Light of Christ”**. The first two weekends in October will kick off this new appeal to reach a diocesan goal of \$9,800,000. As a Catholic community and part of the local Church, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives. Fruitful Harvest is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing your blessings. St. John's portion of this goal is \$44,717 and St. Mary's goal is \$13,697.

This appeal helps to fund:

- Catholic Education & Faith Formation
- Evangelization & Outreach
- Clergy & Consecrated Life
- As well as many other diocesan initiatives.

I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in our diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2018, and help us reach our goals.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers as we begin this next diocesan appeal, “Walking Together in the Light of Christ.”

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sept. 24: Prv 3: 27-34; Lk 8: 16-18  
Sept. 25: Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13; Lk 8: 19-21  
Sept. 26: [Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs] Prv 30: 5-9, Lk 9: 1-6  
Sept. 27: [St. Vincent de Paul, priest] Eccl 1: 2-11; Lk 9: 7-9  
Sept. 28: [St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions; martyrs] Eccl 3: 1-11; Lk 9: 18-22  
Sept. 29: [Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels] Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Jn 1: 47-51  
Sept. 30: Nm 11: 25-29; Jas 5: 1-6; Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

**St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will have a Thirty-one Open House, Thursday October 4th, 6 - 8 p.m.**

Open to all Cluster members & friends. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting will be provided so mothers can shop. Need a birthday gift, wedding gift or Christmas gift? Want to get organized or need a new piece of jewelry? Thirty-one now has products for guys, too! The October specials & Christmas items will be available October 1st. Call Loretta Wilson if you have questions or would like to order online. 765-744-1611  
Hope to see you there! Thanks for helping us help others.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**  
Sunday Collection: \$.00  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87  
**St. John's**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,357.00  
Building Fund: \$100.00  
Food Pantry: \$110.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

*Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."*

**SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S SEPT. 29 & 30**

Sat., 5p.m...Serena Merkel & Kelli Rinker  
Sun., 8:30...Catalina Velasquez & Bethany Elkins

**NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS**

Be sure to check out our new bulletin ad sheets. These 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:

**EVENT PRINT  
THANK YOU!**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

If you would like to form a team for the annual K of C Bowling Tournament to be held Saturday, October 6 at 1pm, please contact Jim Cale. The tournament will be held at Northside Lanes in Hartford City. The 5-member team is \$125.; lane sponsors are \$25.

There will be 50/50 and door prizes, food and drink is on your own tab.

All proceeds support the many parish and community projects that the Knights help fund. Thank you.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

## THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people will meet on this Tuesday and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic:** Jesus' Ministry Begins

## THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 25, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 26, K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 29, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 30, Haiti at St. John's

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us. We are studying Wisdom, God's Vision for Life by Jeff Cavins.

## NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

If you are regularly attending St. Mary's or St. John's Parish and have not registered with the office and would like to do so, sign-up forms are located on the bookcases at each Church. Return completed form via collection basket or deliver to office.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**WIS 2:12, 17-26; PS543-6 and 8; JAS 3:16-4:3; MK 9:30-37**

This week's readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our "me-first" culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers.



Jesus illustrates in today's Gospel. "Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, 'Whoever

receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

In this context, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise."

They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them.

Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life.

This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom to see the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself.



## 25th 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.

## 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.