

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

NOVEMBER 11

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, November 12

0:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, November 13

5:30 p.m...Rosemary Helm (St. John's)

Wednesday, November 14

12:00noon...Bill & Pat Schantz (St. John's)

Thursday, November 15

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (St. Mary's)

Friday, November 16

10:00 a.m...Lottie Atkinson (Bridgewater Centre)

Saturday, November 17

5:00 p.m...Robert Heiser (St. John's)

Sunday, November 18

8:30 a.m...Curt Smith (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER:

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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

HELP YOUTH HELP MILITARY

St. John's Youth Group is collecting donations (monetary or items) to send to Operation Gratitude Care packages. They help retired, deployed and new service men and women.

Items we could use include: travel size deodorant, gum, drink mix packets, lip balm, playing cards, socks (black crew length), sunscreen (non-aerosol), puzzle books, all-purpose wipes (30 ct or less), jerky, hand warmers, knit hats or scarves, travel size sewing kits. Place items in the boxes at either church entrance.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 12: [St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr] Ti 1: 1-9; Lk 17: 1-6

Nov. 13: [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin] Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14; Lk 17: 7-10

Nov. 14: Ti 3: 1-7; Lk 17: 11-19

Nov. 15: [St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church] Phlm 7: 20; Lk 17: 20-25

Nov. 16: [St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin] 2 Jn 4: 9; Lk 17: 26-37

Nov. 17: [St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious] 3 Jn 5: 8; Lk 18: 1-8

Nov. 18: Dn 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will meet Monday at 6pm. Hostesses this month are: Jane Crouch & Laverne Watson. All ladies are invited.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

St. John's Altar & Rosary will hold a bake sale at the Santa's Depot Craft Show at Blackford High School next Saturday, Nov. 17, 9am-3pm sponsored by Tri Kappa Sorority. Calling chains will contact this week asking for your donation of baked goods, candies, cookies, pies, cakes, snack mixes, etc., or monetary donations to help cover paper products and Ziploc baggies and table rent. All proceeds help fund the wine, hosts, candles, gardens, and other special projects throughout the year. Thank you.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S NOV. 17 & 18

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Juan Velasquez & Lance Manley

L.I.F.E.

Next Sunday, Nov. 18, during religious education classes students and their parents will be presented with the annual program on child protection from sexual abuse and making wise choices on social media. Please plan to attend class that day.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Oct. 28 Collection: \$634.61

Missions \$55.00

Votives: \$22.00

Sunday Nov. 4 Collection: \$825.00

All Souls: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,583.00

Haiti: \$93.00

Building Fund: \$110.00

Food Pantry: \$120.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

CANCER BENEFIT MEAL & AUCTION

Hartford City Elks Lodge #625 will hold their annual Cancer Benefit next Saturday, November 17. Baked Tenderloin Meal is from 5-6:30 with the auction beginning at 7:15. Tickets are \$11 available by calling 348-4349 and leaving a message. Limited to 150 tickets. Open to the public.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

If you or someone you know is not able to attend Mass because of a lack of transportation or you don't drive after dark, perhaps the Knights of Columbus can help you. To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

The expectation is that the rider can get around on his/her own, but simply needs a ride.



A & R DECEMBER OUTING

St. John's Altar & Rosary is planning a trip to the Muncie Civic Theatre for the presentation of ***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*** on Sunday, December 9 at 2:30pm. We will gather in the parking lot at 1pm to carpool. Tickets are \$15. Call the office to reserve your spot by Monday, Nov. 19.

ALL SOULS' COMMEMORATION

St. John's annual candle display at the base of the altar will run through November 18, with each candle representing a parishioner deceased from our parish from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose funerals were held at either St. John's or St. Mary's during this past year, as well as for all souls. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, with the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent members of St. John's will be able to have an ornament placed on a family Christmas tree at church. Your ornament should reflect what Christmas means to you this year. Please gently place ornaments in the box at the church entrances or drop off at the office. The St. John's Family tree will be lit beginning Christmas Eve. Your ornaments will be returned to you after Epiphany. (Might want to put name on back of ornament or a name tag.) Thank you in advance for participating!

PRAY THE ROSARY

With November being the month of the saints, let us pray the rosary in thanksgiving for the example of all saints to live the life Jesus calls each of us to live and for the repose of all souls that they may find eternal rest in Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.



In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows

were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and *Whose* they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

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:** Paul's Final Days

“WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

The Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal pledge phase runs through the end of the year. **Later in November we will begin the contact phase of those households that have not returned their pledge cards.** Even if you are not able to make a pledge at this time, please return your card. If you need a replacement card, they can be found on the bookcases at either church.

As of October November 2, pledges for St. John's total \$15,110. toward a goal of \$44,717 and for St. Mary's only five households have been returned with pledges totaling \$4,200 of \$13,697.

Please 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 “Walk Together in the Light of Christ.” **DJN**

THIS WEEK:

Monday 12, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday 13, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Cemetery Board 6pm at St. John's
Wednesday 14, RCIA 6pm at St. John's
Saturday 17, Altar & Rosary Bake Sale at Santa's Depot at BHS

Reconciliation after 5pm Mass at St. John's

HISTORY SERIES - WWI

Another in our history series will be presented from 6-7pm at the Hartford City Arts Center on Wednesday, Nov. 14, sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Blackford Historical Society. Please come and bring your own family's WWI story. Chris Reidy will be presenting the 2nd half of his WWI history program, "End of the War." The program is free and open to all.



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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

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**St. John the Evangelist,
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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.