

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 3

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 4

0:30 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, February 5

5:30 p.m...Larry Bogenschutz, Jr. (St. John's)

Wednesday, February 6

12:00noon...Clarence & Bernice Pahl (St. John's)

Thursday, February 7

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

Friday, February 8

11:00 a.m...Rosemary Helm (Miller's Merry Manor)

Saturday, February 9

5:00 p.m...William Whitacre (St. John's)

Sunday, February 10

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

10:30 a.m...Luella DiBattiste (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

The Pundits and The Prophets

written by Anna Carter for LPI

Whether we're activists, doctors, carpenters, or stay-at-home parents, the power of the Gospel of love can and must shine out through our daily lives. And if we are fighting for justice in this world, if we feel the call to bold, prophetic witness stirring in our hearts, the words of Paul are for us as well. Without love, we become a "clanging gong" or "clashing symbol." Without love, our witness and works will "be brought to nothing."

OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

This is the study for those who are looking for a little silence in their lives at home and for those who would enjoy a small group for discussion on Sunday morning and everyone else in between! The Sunday Morning Bible Study group is reading **Into the Silent Land, A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation** by Martin Laird. Weather has interfered with our meetings, but the books are here and we can start reading at home! Contemplation is a long time Christian practice of prayer. The Desert Fathers in the 4th Century called it "rest"! We are built for contemplative prayer, according to Martin Laird, "Communion with God in the silence of the heart is a God-given capacity." Contemplative prayer is not a spiritual technique; it is a skill which means we can learn it! The focus of the book is on practical aspect many of us face when we try to silence the inner noise in our heads—even for a minute or two. The study of this book is self-paced to suit our own situations with opportunities to learn from each other. We meet when Religious Ed meets. Join us on Sunday mornings after Mass until the children's Religious Ed classes dismiss. Coffee and donuts are available.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

JER 1:4-5, 17-19; PS 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 COR 12:31-13:13 or 1 COR 13:4-13; LK 4:21-30

How do I know if the Time, Talent and Treasure I offer God in grateful return is "enough?" What is the measure?

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today — the "measure" is the love that we put into each of these aspects of our lives. "If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I



give away

everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves.

Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul's letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-seeking and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable; especially then. Love looks like Jesus. It lives like Jesus.

Sometimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him.

We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 9 & 10

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

Sun., 8:30...Kayli Henderson & Jenna Payne

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,420.00

Haiti: \$324.00

Building Fund: \$105.00

Food Pantry: \$65.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$120.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

PRAY THE ROSARY

With the beginning of a new year, may we find time for Adoration and prayer through the Eucharist and the Rosary. Pray the rosary this month for peace and unity amongst all walks of life, that each my live by The Golden Rule.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday, from 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us. We are beginning the series "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins.

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of learning about the Catholic faith and reflecting on one's personal faith journey using Scripture, prayer, questions, and discussion. We will meet each Wed. between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.

TAX TIME

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2018 contributions, please contact the office for a statement of your giving to be sent. stmaryjohn@att.net or 765-348-3889.

PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS PRAYER WARRIORS!

We will be revamping the prayer chain at St. John's. If you would consider praying for someone at a time of need, please contact the office to have your name added to the calling list. Prayer works, but we need people willing to be a part of that prayer circle.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 5, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

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

Thursday 7, Reconciliation after Mass at St. Mary's
Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Sunday 10, Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's
Food Pantry at St. Mary's

NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING SHEETS

Be sure to check out our 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:

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THANK YOU!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 4: Heb 11: 32-40; Mk 5: 1-20

Feb. 5: [St. Agatha, virgin & martyr] Heb 12: 1-4;
Mk 5: 21-43

Feb. 6: [St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs]
Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk 6: 1-6

Feb. 7: Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24; Mk 6: 7-13

Feb. 8: [St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita,
virgin] Heb 13: 1-8; Mk 6: 14-29

Feb. 9: Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mk 6: 30-34

Feb. 10: Is 6: 1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 5: 1-11

ENCOUNTER JESUS

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

St. John's parish recently purchased a kiosk from Augustine Institute that includes prayer pamphlets, CD's and various full-length books all addressing various topics on the Catholic faith.

One CD will be featured every two weeks in the bulletin. These items are located in the parish hall.

Many of today's great Catholic speakers such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Gray, Jeff Cavins, Venerable Fulton Sheen and others present these materials in such a way for all to engage in and understand covering various topics such as Mary, the Mass, confession, Why be Catholic, prayer, sexuality, Mother Teresa, and more. There are even materials for children. These materials are printed through Lighthouse Catholic Media.

We are excited about this new addition to our parish hall and invite all to check it out and share with your friends, so please consider sharing your CD once you've listened to it! Don't delay, start today while you are hibernating from old man winter!

It is our hope that this will bring about more adult catechesis and enhance our faith life and learning. May the Holy Spirit guide us to a stronger faith and greater understanding of Christ.

"LUKE – STORIES ON THE ROAD"

Presented by Frank Runyeon

February 13, 2019, 7pm

St. Lawrence Church, Muncie

They're some of the most famous stories ever told: The prodigal Son; the Good Samaritan; The Sower of Seeds. Stories we have heard many times, or have we? In an evening that is both entertaining and eye-opening, Frank Runyeon performs the famous parables in Luke's travel narrative, and then pauses to reflect on how we hear each story—and miss what it is really saying. Frank Runyeon does what Luke himself did. He starts with Jesus speaking at the synagogue at Nazareth, and takes us on a journey to Jerusalem, so we can hear these famous stories in order, and begin to hear what Jesus was really saying. Hope to see you on February 13!



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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.

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

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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.