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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice WED: 8:00 AM at St. John THUR: 6:00 PM at IC FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John (Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM at St. Maurice 5:00 PM at St. John

5UNDAY OBLIGATION 7:30 AM at St. John 9:00 AM at IC

10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice 12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC 3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM Saturday 4:45 PM

IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM After Sunday Mass

ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before weekend Masses

- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



The most joyful people are those closest to God. As the Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Joy has a somewhat disreputable reputation in the Church, though. And that's a tragedy not only because joy is necessary, but also because it has a distinguished history among the saints and spiritual masters as an essential element for spiritual health. When you meet someone truly in touch with God, isn't that person joyful? Think of the holy people in your life. Are they not full of the spirit of the Resurrection? Full of joy?

† From "Laughing With the Saints" by James Martin, SJ

SEPTEMBER 15 ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FAITH OR WORKS? by Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa. It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS						
SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29				
Eunice Disque	Riley Duerstock	John Hamson				

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14 - Mary Gilland Sunday, September 15 - Dot Stier Tuesday, September 17 - Lou Wolter Saturday, September 21 - Janice Vawter Sunday, September 22 - Amelia Wolter Tuesday, September 24 - Mary Gilland

PARISH SUPPORT					
Adult Envelopes	\$3399.00				
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.50				
Loose Collection	\$ 577.00				
Total Regular Collection	\$3991.50				
Capital Improvement	\$1310.00				
Religious Education	\$295.00				
Catholic University	\$434.00				
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BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST						
	Saturday, September 21 4:00 PM			Sunday, September 29 10:00 AM		
GREETERS	Ken Hellmich Kenny Harmeyer	Steve Wagner Kevin Tunny	Joe Wagner Steve Gilland	Tom & Joyce Muckerheide		
SERVER(S)	Ava Wagner Ella Wagner	Mason Ryder Carter Black	Sam Simon Morgan Busch	Mason Ryder Aleena Hicks		
LECTOR(S)	Jack Ferkinhoff	Cindy Weisenbach Ken Powaga	Judy Steuri	David Hardesty Donna Harlemert		
GIFTS	Chris & Valorie Parker	Nate & Courtney Wagner	Mitchell & Lindsay Wagner	Spencer & Laura Gilland		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		⊕ Terry Harmeyer Beth Simon (Hall) Rita Kress Janet Wagner	⊕ Vicki Wagner Cindy Weisenbach (Hall) Amanda Schutte Kevin Tunny		



Our Shut-Ins: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Omer & Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, Mary Ann Schwering Those Needing Prayer: Sandy Wenning, Jim Tunny, Joe Werner

To add someone to the prayer line, please call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) or Marita Billman (812-593-4674).

THANK YOU – Thank you to those who attended the parish pitch-in put on by the Faith Formation Committee, and to Scott Simon for doing the grilling. Thank you to Dottie Hellmich for making the beautiful banner to introduce our new theme: Reflecting Our Faith. We are excited to explore this theme over the next couple years as a parish.

KIDS' ENVELOPES – The second installment of the kids' envelope initiative, presented by Faith Formation, can be picked up in the back of church. These envelopes get sent out to elementary-aged children, and this installment focuses on aspects of our new theme. If you have a child in kindergarten through Grade 6 who does not have an envelope, please contact Tara Johannigman.

2025 INTENTIONS – You are welcome to begin sending in your sanctuary light intentions and Mass intentions for next year.

The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10, and there are envelopes to use in the back of church.

The sanctuary light will burn for a week in memory of a loved one, and the cost is \$5. You can put the money in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" with the name of the person you wish to remember.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE – Nicole Wirth and Joshua Schuler will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage next Saturday, September 21, 1:30 PM, in St. Maurice Church. Their reception will be in the parish center, so no Mass in the hall that day.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – If anyone is willing to be the St. Maurice liaison for the cemetery wreath laying for Wreaths Across America, please contact Lauren in the office.

<u>LITURGICAL MINISTRY</u> – We would like anyone who would like to be a Eucharist minister, reader, cantor, greeter, or server to contact the office.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Kindergarten through Grade 5 this Wednesday, September 18, 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM.

<u>JR./SR. HIGH RELIGIOUS ED</u> – Classes for Grades 6 through 10 next Sunday, September 22, at 8:30 AM.

PRAYER – Holy God, help us to hear the teachings of Jesus, to believe the truth of the Gospel, and to live what we believe in our everyday lives. Amen.

RUMMAGE SALE – The Mary & Martha Circle will be holding their annual fall rummage sale on Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5. Your donations of good, clean clothing, jewelry, shoes, purses, toys, books, linens, furniture, household items, and starts of plants are appreciated. Note: If you are donating bed linens, curtains, or similar items, please label what they are, the size, and how many pieces are in the set.

We expect this sale to be our biggest one yet, so we would greatly appreciate extra help! We will begin setting up in the parish hall on Sunday, September 29, and will continue to put out items through Thursday, October 3. We will box up all remaining items starting at noon on Saturday, October 5.

You can bring your items to the hall on Sunday, September 29, through Wednesday, October 2, no later. If no one is in the hall, you can leave your items in the shelter.

If you have any questions or you are able to help set up, work at the sale, or clean up after, please contact Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191.

HEALING SERVICE – Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service this Tuesday, September 17, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman. Confessions 6:30 to 8:30 PM; praise & worship music begins at 6:45; and the service at 7:00 PM. Personal prayer will be offered.

MASS – All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the National Eucharistic Congress being held this Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 PM, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Archbishop Charles C. Thompson will be the principal celebrant. A reception will follow across the street at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center. For more information, contact Beth Roberts at broberts@archindy.org or 317-236-7325.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's religious education class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate what happened.

Little Johnny drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat behind the wheel was a man, and in the back seat, a man and a woman.

The teacher didn't understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. But Little Johnny explained: "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!" (*The Book of Catholic Jokes* by Deacon Tom Sheridan)

September 2024



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH

For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	HAPPY: Labor Day	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	ST. MAURICE DAY CELEBRATION AFTER MASS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
First Class for Jr./Sr. High Religious Education + Parent Meeting 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	Mary & Martha Circle Meeting 3:00 PM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	First Class for Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY Jr./Sr. High Religious Education 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Jr./Sr. High Religious Education 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	MEMORIAL OF ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		MEMORIAL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Jr./Sr. High Religious Education 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Setting Up For Rummage Sale	Setting Up for Rummage Sale	MEMORIAL OF ST. THERESE Setting Up for Rummage Sale Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Setting Up for Rummage Sale Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM	Setting Up for Rummage Sale	MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 AM - Noon Cleaning Up After Rummage Sale Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM