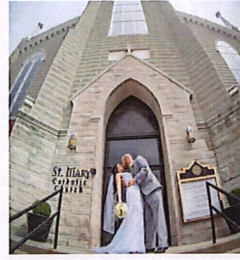


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February 12, 2023



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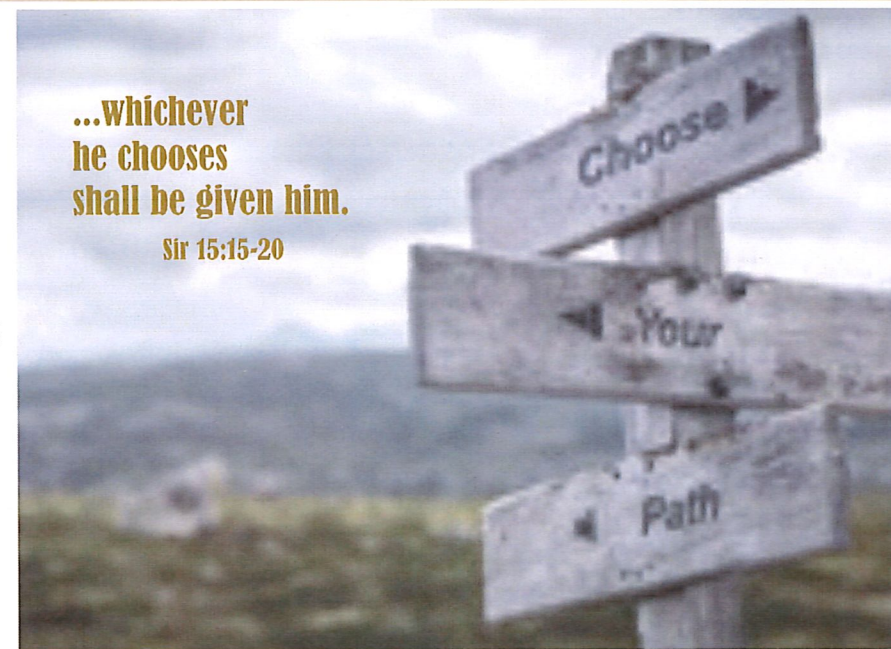
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm  
**Food Pantry Hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm  
Sunday Mass 10:00 am | Confession 9:15-9:45 am  
Sunday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm



...whichever he chooses shall be given him.  
Sir 15:15-20

**Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation** Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.

**Become Catholic - RCIA** We welcome you and are here to help answer all those questions from the call that God is inviting you to follow. Contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage** Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

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**This Week in the Parish**

Sunday 2/12	Monday 2/13	Tuesday 2/14	Wednesday 2/15	Thursday 2/16	Friday 2/17	Saturday 2/18
<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am  Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  RCIA 6 pm	<b>St. Valentine's Day</b> Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2023**

First Reading; Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
 Second Reading; 1 Cor 3:16-23  
 Gospel; Mt 5:38-48

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 2/11	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun. 2/12	10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Burek and Supinsky families
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Mon. 2/13	12:05 pm	Fr. Blessinger
Tues. 2/14	12:05 pm	Stan Taraska
Thurs 2/16	12:05 pm	Al Folz
Fri. 2/17	12:05 pm	Elvera Fieth
Sat. 2/18	4:00 pm	In Memory of Ramon Curameng
Sun. 2/19	10:00 am	Daniel Spaetti
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 2/20	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues. 2/21	12:05 pm	Art and Minnie Logel
Wed. 2/22	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
	5:30 pm	Stan Logel
Thurs. 2/23	12:05 pm	Repose of the soul of Ann Behrens
Fri. 2/24	12:05 pm	Patrick Lamey on his birthday (L)
Sat. 2/25	4:00 pm	John M. Dunn Jr.

**MASS INTENTIONS...** Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or you can fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church and drop it in the stewardship basket or go to our website.  
**PRAYER CHAIN...** Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, something or someone you would like us to pray for.

**Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!**

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish home or have been attending here for awhile and not registered, we invite you to register here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. We would love to welcome you as a member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

**Weekly Collection February 4-5, 2023**

Mass Time	Collections
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 1,571.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,812.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,652.00
Electronic	\$ 262.47
Office Mail in	\$ 1280.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,222.07</b>

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 Thank you for your generosity and all you do for our Parish.

Let us pray...That our faith grows and we as Christian Stewards generously share out of love and not out of obligation.



Bobbie Schutz, Angela Smith, Lee Ann Kipta, Donna Leader, Emma Majewski, Jan Howell, Ray Bigge, Bill O'Nan, Mary Eichenberger, Carolyn Staggs.

**Pray for our loved ones in the**

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**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/12 Kyle Bonnell, Susie Fox
- 2/13 Briar Baumgart, John Bober
- 2/14 Karen Hahn, Becky Luzio
- 2/16 Martin Ohlsen, Kathy Oxby
- 2/17 Matthew Gaddis
- 2/18 Paul Bragin, Larry McBride, John Stephenson
- 2/19 Gladys Lane
- 2/20 August James-Young
- 2/21 Jamie Gribbins
- 2/22 Charlie Jochim
- 2/23 Lisa Gwaltney, Paul Johnson
- 2/24 Lee Ann Kipta



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS** This week your St. Vincent de Paul Committee received 14 referrals from the district St. Vincent de Paul which serves as the organizing body for all 19 conferences in the diocese. We helped one person with her utilities, and two households with their water bills. Most of the other "neighbors" needed help with rent, or help to obtain a few furnishings for what were otherwise pretty bare-bone housing units. We have tried to assist all these requests where we are able, and often enlist the District St. Vincent de Paul to help counsel some of the applicants who are deeply in arrears. Thanks for helping us help those truly in need.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the church at 5:30 pm. Fridays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.



**LENT SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday Masses | February 22; 12:05 pm & 5:30 pm  
 Stations of the Cross | Fridays of Lent at 5:30 pm  
 February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Holy Thursday Mass | April 6, 7:00 pm  
 Good Friday Service | April 7, 7:00 pm  
 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass | April 8, 8:00 pm  
 Easter Sunday Masses | April 9, 7:30 am and 10:00 am  
 (No 4:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

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**Ash Wednesday is February 22...** How are you preparing for Lent? Check out our website Resource page on Lenten information. [stsmariandjohnparish.org/resources](http://stsmariandjohnparish.org/resources).  
**Lenten Reflection Books** to accompany on your Lenten journey will be available in church starting this weekend.

**FISH FRYS AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**St. Benedict Cathedral All You Can Eat Fish Fry; February 24 and March 3; 4:30 -7:00 pm.** Adult buffet; \$16/ ages 6-12 \$8/ 5 under free. Carry out meals available \$13. buffet - 3 types fish, sides, tea lemonade and dessert. Craft Beer from St. Benedict's Brew Works.

**St. James Haubstadt, IN Famous Fish Fries are back! Friday, February 24 and Friday, March 10; 4:30 - 7:30 pm.** Dine-in Madden Hall or Carry-out in the cafeteria; Baked or Fried Alaskan Cod Fish OR Grilled Cheese, German potato salad, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, cornbread; Desserts & a Drink! \$14 for adults / \$7 kids

**The Journey Men's Group of Holy Cross Annual Fish Fry on Friday March 3.** Come between 4 and 6 PM and enjoy a delicious meal of fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, slaw, and cornbread. Dine-In and Carry-Out options available. Holy Cross School, 202 S. Church St., Fort Branch. Prices: \$12 adult/ \$6 child

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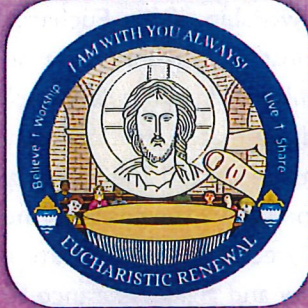
**February 12, 2023 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear. It's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee, not a true Steward.

# Encountering the Eucharist

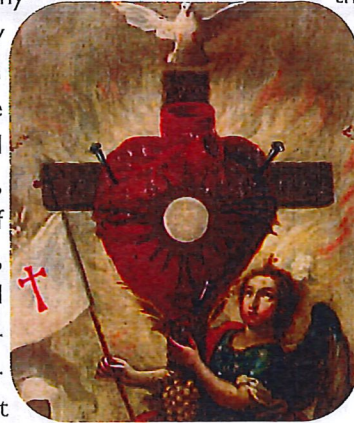
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Wherever the Eucharist is reserved, a "Sanctuary Lamp" should be burning. This is a wax candle, is generally in a red glass container and is kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return. In Judaism, the sanctuary lamp is known by its Hebrew name, *Ner Tamid* (Hebrew: "eternal flame"). Hanging or standing in front of the "ark" in every Jewish synagogue where the sacred scrolls are kept. It also symbolizes God's eternal presence and is therefore never extinguished. In a sense, the Sanctuary Lamp can be likened to the "beating heart" of every church.

## What We Believe... Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

During the month of February our thoughts usually turn to expressions of love and other amorous acts of affection such as giving or receiving Valentine's Day cards, bouquets of roses, and boxes of chocolate candy. Whatever one's opinion about Valentine's Day, each of us look for affirmation, acceptance, and affection from others. It's simply part of our human nature. Those are legitimate human needs that we desire. But have we ever thought about the fact that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ also desires to receive affirmation, acceptance and expressions of loving affection? This might sound slightly odd, that Jesus would need or desire any-



thing. Nevertheless, when the Second Person of the Trinity He assumed a fully human nature. The Definition of Chalcedon says that in the ed a true human nature and confusion, mixture, division, words, when the Son of possessed the divine nature, nature, each nature retained nature did not become hu- did not become divine. Nei- together such that Christ hybrid, neither truly human nor truly divine. No, Christ was and remains the God-man. Therefore, in His human nature, Jesus also looks to receive affirmation, acceptance, and affection from us. But how often do we actually give Him these expressions of love? Don't we often come to Him and ask Jesus to give us something? How often are we even conscious of His presence? Unfortunately, at best Jesus is maybe taken for granted or, at worst, utterly ignored. During the month of February we see lots of heart shapes to symbolize human love. As far back as the antient Greek philosophers, it was agreed that the heart was linked to our strongest emotions, including love. Curiously, whenever there has been a validated Eucharistic miracle where the host has turned into actual flesh, the subsequent scientific investigations of the substance have usually all concluded that the structure of the transformed fragment of the host was identical to the myocardial (heart) tissue of a living person who is nearing death. Thus, in the Eucharist, Jesus is giving us His heart! In other words, Jesus is trying to show His affirmation, acceptance, and affection towards us, His bride! Unfortunately, His gestures are more often met with unrequited love. Jesus has strong intimate feelings toward us but often we do not feel the same way. When this happens between persons, there arises feelings of profound sadness, disappointment, and frustration accompanied by a sense of rejection. As Christ has a fully human nature, there is a way in which He still suffers when His divine love is not returned. It might be worth considering that, as we are being more intentional offering tokens of love to each other this month, perhaps we might also offer an act of love to our Lord Jesus Christ too.

## Sharing Our Very Life: Eucharistic Adoration



**"You should adore our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes Himself present to us on the altar, so that we might offer Him the homage and adoration we owe. Your most loving Heart, O Jesus, dwells in this Sacrament burning with love for us. It is there continually performing thousands of good deeds towards us."**

-St. John Eudes

One traditional Catholic devotion that seems to be coming back is Eucharistic Adoration. When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory,' respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications" (CCC #2628). We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mother Theresa says, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." Perhaps spending some time in adoration this month would be the perfect way to give back to Our Lord the affirmation, acceptance, and affection that He always shows us every day.

## Life in the Eucharist: Little Li: Child Martyr of the Eucharist

The little Catholic girl has been given a name—Li—but we don't know if that was really her name. Her age is usually given as 10 or 11, but we don't really know about that, either. We know she lived in the twentieth century, and there is a strong likelihood that it was the mid-



twentieth century, right after Mao Zedong completed his communist takeover of China. Government troops invaded her parish church and imprisoned the parish priest. Then the soldiers broke into the tabernacle, took the ciborium because it was made of gold, and scattered the Hosts on the floor in an act of desecra-

tion. After nightfall, Li slipped back into the church and observed a Holy Hour in front of the Hosts scattered on the church floor. After she finished the devotion, she carefully bent down and consumed just a single one of the Hosts with her tongue. Li patiently returned to the church night after night to observe her Holy Hour and consume another precious piece of the Body of Christ. There were 32 Hosts on the floor. On the very last night, she was caught by a soldier guarding the church and killed. The imprisoned priest watched all this from his window.

## Adoro te Devote: Feast of The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

On 9 November 1921, Pope Benedict XV instituted the feast of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus to be celebrated on the Thursday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart. In instituting the feast, Pope Benedict XV wrote: "The chief reason of this feast is to commemorate the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. By this means the Church wishes more and more to excite the faithful to approach this sacred mystery with confidence, and to inflame their hearts with that divine charity which consumed the Sacred Heart of Jesus when, in His infinite love, He instituted the Most Holy Eucharist, wherein the Divine Heart guards and loves them by living with them, as they live and abide in Him. For in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist He offers and gives Himself to us as victim, companion, nourishment, viaticum, and pledge of our future glory." Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, gracious companion of our exile, I adore Thee. I will keep silent in order to listen to Thee.



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**Ray Wilson** of Faith in Place presenting "Thriving Faith Communities, How to Save Energy and Money."

Gardening Tips from **Frank Nellis**, "Keeping Your Garden Prosperous by Keeping It Weed-Free without Chemicals."

**Featured also:** Artist **Dawn Murtaugh** displaying her art created from salvaged and recycled items.



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