January 14, 2018 St. Maurice Church, Napoleon

& the Catholic Cohort of Immaculate Conception, St. Maurice, St. John

Three unique parishes joined in mutual support to live and spread the gospel, provide enhanced worship opportunities, further faith formation, welcome and reach out in love to those in need. (Cohort Mission Statement)



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Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation** Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM

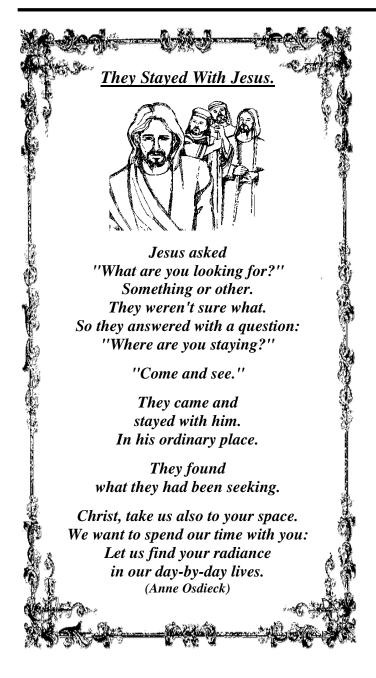
Sacrament of **Reconciliation** Sunday: 7:30-7:45 Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation** Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment. Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

> Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

> > Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.



SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Just as he did when he came in dreams to Samuel, God reveals himself to us and offers an invitation to follow him. Our response allows God to bless us with his great power and so the kingdom may advance.

Today the voice of God comes to each one of us, inviting us to respond with the words of Samuel: "Speak, for your servant is listening."

When there is no reply, or a "busy" signal, God will come again. God's patience is infinite. (Deacon Dick Folger)

PRAYER SERVICES

| Wed., Jan. 17 | 7:45 AM | NO Morning Prayer |
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| Fri., Jan. 19 | 7:45 AM | NO Morning Prayer |

MASS INTENTIONS

| Sat., Jan. 13 | 4 PM | Dale Tunny |
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| Sun., Jan. 14 | 10 AM | Thomas Merkel |
| Sat., Jan. 20 | 4 PM | Mark & Julie Eckstein |
| Sun., Jan. 21 | 10 AM | Thomas Merkel |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| <u>Saturday</u> – January 20 at 4:00 PM | | |
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| Greeters: Steve and Katy Schmidt | | |
| Kyle and Bridgette Horan | | |
| Servers: Cloey Simon, Kayla Simon | | |
| Cantor: Brooke Payne | | |
| Lectors: Judy Steuri, Terry Harmeyer | | |
| Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Katy Schmidt | | |
| John Wagner, Gene Moorman | | |
| Sunday – January 21 at 10:00 AM | | |
| Greeters: Paul and Dolly Stirn - back | | |
| Daniel and Becca Harlemert - back | | |
| Mike and Janice Simon - side | | |
| Servers: Blake Simon, Brady Borgman | | |
| Cantor: Rachel Toops | | |
| Lectors: David Hardesty, Amy Kinker | | |
| Euch. Ministers: Sharon Miller, Cindy Weisenbach | | |
| Katie Spreckelson, Amanda Schutte | | |
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PARISH SUPPORT

| Adult Envelopes | \$3322.00 |
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| Children's Envelopes | \$ 7.28 |
| Loose Collection | <u>\$ 217.00</u> |
| Total Regular Collection | \$3546.28 |
| Capital Improvement | \$60.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$490.00 |

Thank You!

Our free will is the only thing that is really our own. Our health, our wealth, our power – all these God can take from us. But our freedom he leaves to us, even in hell. Because freedom is our own, it is the only perfect gift that we can make to God. ~ Fulton J. Sheen **STEWARDSHIP** – In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn January 14 through January 21 for Mark Eckstein.



OUR CHILDREN – From the voices of children, Lord, come the sound of your praise! Thank you, again, to the children who sang at our Christmas Eve

Mass, to the parents who waited during the practices, to Patty Simon for her assistance and Mark Wirth as our faithful organist.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE – The parish gave Mary Ann Schwering \$200 for Christmas for her winemaking for our church. She sent a note of thanks for the gift stating that she wanted to continue her husband's work and enjoyed making the wine for us.

<u>COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE</u> – St. Maurice is hosting a community blood drive on Monday, February 5, from 1:00 until 6:30 PM. For more information, call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEALS</u> – Some volunteers are needed to help with serving the meal that is served to the children in the Religious Education classes on Wednesday evenings. It doesn't need to be a commitment for every week but to help fill in. You would be needed from 5:40 to 7:10 PM, sometimes less than that. If you are able to help or would like more information, call Jenny Simon at 812/756-0843</u>. **The youth group is also welcome to come and help!**

MEETINGS: WEEK OF JANUARY 22

Liturgy - Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 PM Directory - Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 PM Faith Formation - Thursday, January 25, 4:30 PM Parish Council - Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM **<u>RELIGIOUS ED</u>** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, January 17, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, January 21, 8:30 AM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking.

The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh, we have wheat fields that are at least twice as large."

Then they walk around the ranch a little and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as these."

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a mob of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks, "And what are those?"

The Aussie asks with an incredulous look.

"Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"

THE POWER OF WEAKNESS

In Tramp for the Lord, Corrie ten Boom & describes traveling to Russia during the Cold War — when Christians were being persecuted — to thank an old woman who'd been secretly translating Christian books (including ten Boom's). Ravaged by multiple sclerosis, the woman could move only an index finger. Yet with it she typed constantly, translating words while praying for people who'd eventually read them.

Ten Boom's reaction was, "Oh Lord, why don't you heal her?" But the woman's husband said God had a purpose in his wife's suffering. Although the secret police closely watched *other* Christians, they left this woman alone, assuming she couldn't accomplish anything.

Jesus works through our weaknesses, making his power perfect in them (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). He doesn't ask if we're capable — only if we're willing. (The Newsletter Newsletter)

January 14, 2018 - Local News & Events

St. Maurice will be hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Monday February 5, from 1:00 until 6:30 PM. Donors can schedule online at

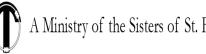


www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene 812-852-4394.

Deanery & Beyond Events

Oldenburg Franciscan Center

www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org or 812-933-6437



A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide presented by: Sisters' Women's

Issues Interest Group. Tuesdays: Jan 23, Feb 13, 27, March 13, 27. 2:00 – 3:00 PM Film, Faith & Franciscanism Friday, January 26, 6:30 to 9:00 PM - WONDERSTRUCK. Ben & Rose are children from two different era who secretly wish that their lives were different. They both set out on an epic quest to find what they are missing.

Humor & Real Life Examples - Standing Strong as a Parent, A Talk with Dr Ray Guarendi January 19, 7-9 PM, St Luke Catholic Church, Indianapolis. Sr Diane Carollo at dcarollo@stluke.org.

St Mary's Alumni & Friends Association Cash Raffle We will be giving away \$10,000 in three hours on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Annual Chili Supper and Family Fun Night. Drawings take place every 15 minutes. Tickets are \$20. It will be a great night of food, fun and prizes! St Mary's School, Greensburg. Doors open 5PM. If interested, see bulletin board for details.

St. Peter's Catholic Church will have their 16th annual whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast, Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 7:30 to noon. Located at the St. Peter's Community Building on St. Peter's road between Blue Creek Road and Highland Center Roads. A free-will donation benefits the St. Peter's Parents for Catholic Education Fund. Tammey Robben at throbben@etczone.com.

Oldenburg Academy & The RAA Will Be Hosting The Christian Band The Lasting

Hope on Friday, February 2 at 7PM in the OA auditorium. Admission is free. Prior to the concert, the Knights of St John Commandery of Oldenburg will host a ham dinner in the Holy Family cafeteria from 5-7PM. Free will offering. Carryouts available.

The Celebration of Love will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 6:00-11:00pm at the Batesville Knights of Columbus. Gather your friends as we celebrate LOVE! The night will include dinner and a keynote speaker. A dance, wedding cake and a champagne toast will complete the evening! Reservations will be taken in the New Year. Stay tuned for more details!

February 10 Chocolate Event At St. Anthony Church In Morris In at 5PM in the hall ~ All Women, Men & Kids are invited. Tickets are \$10.00 (kids 10 & under free). Join us for a variety of chocolate items for your tasting pleasure, a silent auction in the lower hall, vendors with different items for sale, including a dinner booth selling hot dogs, pulled-pork sandwiches, slaw, chips & nachos. The talented Oldenburg Academy Singers will perform at 5:30. Sponsored by the St. Anne's Ladies Society. Tickets available at the Church Office 934-6218 or at the door.