

December 17, 2017

# 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.

# December 17 -- Third Sunday of Advent



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*

*"My Soul Proclaims  
the Greatness of the  
Lord.*

*My Spirit Rejoices in  
God My Savior."*

*"Rejoice!" Mary's  
prayer echoes the  
psalms of praise that*

*would have been so familiar in Jewish  
households, and also the prayer of praise  
and joy of Hannah, at the arrival of her  
son Samuel, who would be the one to  
anoint the King, David. This joy has its  
foundations in recognition and gratitude  
for the work of God in their lives.*

*Especially now, as we look forward to the  
coming of Jesus, with the Blessed Mother,  
we delight in the Father's love in sending  
His Son to us, and in our salvation.*

**Prayer** - *"Most Blessed Mother help us to  
make your prayer truly our own, to help us  
recognize and rejoice in the gift of Jesus,  
and to delight in God's work in our lives,  
and in the lives of those we serve in our  
ministries. Amen."*

SET  
YOUR  
FAITH  
ON FIRE

*Setting my faith on fire, to me, means  
trying to be generous and forgiving,  
patient and helpful, and making an effort  
to set a good example for others.*

*My parents helped set my faith on fire,  
one Catholic and one Protestant, both  
living life as a faithful Christian.*

*Who helped set my faith on fire? A  
number of missionaries around the world  
whose work I read about on a monthly  
basis, both religious and lay.*

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 20      7:45 AM      Morning Prayer  
Fri., Dec. 22      7:45 AM      Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 16      4 PM      Mike Fasbinder  
Sun., Dec. 17      10 AM      Special Donor  
Sat., Dec. 23      4 PM      Albert Schoettmer  
Sun., Dec. 24      4 PM      Aloysius & Myrna  
   Kohlman  
Sun., Dec. 24      10 PM      Irene Barnhorst

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – December 23 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Nathan and Courtney Wagner  
Bob and Mary Busch

*Servers:* Kara Merkel, Kayla Simon

*Cantor:* Rachel Toops

*Lectors:* Tara Ricke, Teha Merkel

*Euch. Ministers:* Roseann Wirth, Bill Deller  
John Wagner, Janet Deller

### Sunday – December 24 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Daniel and Becca Harlemert - *back*  
Mike and Janice Simon - *back*  
Joe and Janet Wagner - *side*

*Servers:* Connor Toops, Jodie Muckerheide,  
Blake Simon

*Cantor:* Scott Simon

*Lectors:* Ron Bauerle, Donna Harlemert

*Euch. Ministers:* Dana Newhart, Katie Spreckelson  
Ben Harlemert, Judy Steuri

### Sunday – December 24 at 10:00 PM

*Greeters:* Paul and Arlene Gehl

George and Mary Bultman

*Servers:* Lilly Simon, Shaylee Volz, Caleb Simon

*Cantor:* Sharon Miller

*Lectors:* Paul Gehl, Arlene Gehl

*Euch. Ministers:* Roseann Wirth, Patty Simon  
Amanda Schutte, Susan Schutte

*Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do  
the miraculous. When you have God, you don't have to know  
everything about it; you just do it. ~ Mother Angelica*

**STEWARDSHIP** – All of the people in today's readings -- the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist -- seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn December 17 through December 24 for Aloysius and Myrna Kohlman.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** – Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's collection. May God bless you!

**REST IN PEACE** – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to Linda Wagner and her family upon the death of her mother, Hazel Terry. May she join the angels this Christmas in singing her Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**GIVING TREE** – If you forgot your gifts today, you can bring them to the parish office this week. If no one is there, place them on the back porch. And thank you for all your giving ways!

**CAROLING** – Thank you to our youth, Emma Wagner, Layla Miller and Elena Leemans, and adults, Sharon Miller and Joyce Muckerheide, for bringing the gift of joy to some of our homebound with their Christmas caroling.

**REMEMBER** – There will be NO Sunday morning Masses on December 24th. All three parishes will have a Saturday evening Mass, 4:00 PM here and at Millhousen, 6:00 PM at Osgood. Refer to the cohort page or the purple insert for the Christmas and New Year Masses.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Adult Envelopes	\$2365.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00
Loose Collection	\$ 228.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2606.00
Religious Retirement	\$1133.00
Immaculate Conception	\$120.00
Capital Improvement	\$20.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$50.00

**May the God of Abundance Bless You!**

**CHURCH DECORATING** – The Liturgy Committee will decorate church this Monday, the 18th, at 6:00 PM if you would like to help them.

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL** – We have surpassed our goal by 146%, with over \$14,000 being pledged. I am grateful for your response to this annual appeal!



**EPIPHANY PARTY** – Christmas continues with the Feast of the Epiphany. You are invited to an Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 7, 4:00 - 6:00 PM in our hall. Soup Supper, Singing, Live Tree Burning, and Children's Skit of the Arrival of the Three Kings.

**BABYSITTING** – The question has been asked if any of our youth would babysit with your children. Here is a list for you: Macey Moorman, Shaylee Volz, Elizabeth Newhart, Gracie Simon, Jodie Muckerheide, Elena Leemans and Grace Truesdell. You can call Joyce Muckerheide at 812/363-5929 or 812/933-5440 if you wish to have their phone numbers. If I had children, I would call on any of these young people!

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Have you been married **40+ years**? If so, call or e-mail the office with this information and let us know how many years. We'd like this information before March 1. Do it now or you might forget!

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 20, 6:45 PM. The children will have their Christmas Party this evening. No meal will be served.

No classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, December 24. Classes will resume January 7.

**2018 CALENDARS** – Calendars are available for your taking in the back and side entrances of the church. We thank Neal's Funeral Home, who sponsored them.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHER** – I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother. (Rita Rudner)

# December 17, 2017 - Local News & Events



## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Volunteers needed. Contact Keri Johnson at 812-689-3322 or email at [ripleycountychristmasdinner@hotmail.com](mailto:ripleycountychristmasdinner@hotmail.com)

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Saturday	December 23	Regular Mass Schedule
Sunday	December 24	No 10 AM or Noon Mass
Sunday	Christmas Eve	4:00 PM St Maurice
Sunday	Christmas Eve	6:00 PM St John
Sunday	Christmas Eve	10:00 PM St Maurice
Monday	December 25	9:00 AM St John
Sat/Sun	December 30	Regular Mass Schedule
Sunday	December 31	New Year's Mass 6:00 PM St Maurice



## Deanery & Beyond Events



A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

**Oldenburg Franciscan Center**

[www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org)

or 812-933-6437

**December 16 – Spiritual Spa Day**, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, 812-933-6437 to pre-register

**December 19 – Will & Estate Planning**, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, \$15 includes lunch

**December 30 – Audubon Bird Count** at Michaela Farm, 7:30AM to 1:00 PM, \$10 for lunch

**Batesville Deanery Corner – Resource Center** will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays DURING ADVENT from 1-6. Stop in and pick up something for you and family to read or watch during this season and over Christmas break. We have many great titles to help you and your spiritual journey to the CHRIST CHILD. View our online library: [batesvilledeanery.com](http://batesvilledeanery.com) or call 812-932-0789



**Humor & Real Life Examples - Standing Strong as a Parent**, A Talk with Dr Ray Guarendi

Dr Ray is a father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, radio/television host. **January 19**, 7-9 PM, St Luke Catholic Church, Indianapolis. Contact Sr Diane Carollo at [dcarollo@stluke.org](mailto: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! Bring the family and join us for a free will offering chili supper, along with games, basket raffle and silent auction. St Mary's School, Greensburg. Doors open 5PM. If interested, see bulletin board for details.

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

February 24, 2018 at East Central HS. Register on line at [www.e6catholicmensconference.com](http://www.e6catholicmensconference.com)