

December 3, 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 3 -- First Sunday of Advent



*1st Sunday of Advent*

*You Do Not Know When the Lord of the House is Coming.*

It is the first week of Advent. Ready or not, the time of preparation has begun. The Gospel of Mark sets the tone today for our pilgrimage: *Watch!* We have been busy about God's work in the vineyard; we dutifully care for our own, and our families' affairs; we make lists and check them twice...but God's message to us as we begin this season is to make time to keep watch with Holy Mother Church and to listen in silence as our hearts cry out once more, "*O Come, O Come Emmanuel!*"

**Prayer:** "Heavenly Father, we offer you our hearts that cry out for our Savior. We ask your Holy Spirit to guide us through this pilgrimage of the season of Advent, just like you guided the Holy Family to Bethlehem. May we keep watch with Mary and Joseph, and prepare to welcome Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas day. Amen."



**SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE**

*To me, "set your faith on fire" means to strengthen your faith (belief in God) in thought (spending more time in prayer), word (reading and studying the Bible) and deed (sharing your faith with others).*

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 6	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 8	7:45 AM	NO Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 2	4 PM	Kenny Walke
Sun., Dec. 3	10 AM	Velma Fry
Fri., Dec. 8	6 PM	Rita Ambrose
Sat., Dec. 9	4 PM	Thomas Merkel
Sun., Dec. 10	10 AM	Ruth Gehl

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Friday – December 8 at 6:00 PM

*Greeters:* Ray and Mary Merkel  
Glen and Diane Bohman

*Servers:* Cloey Simon, Kayla Simon

*Cantor:* Scott Simon

*Lectors:* David Hardesty, Jane Pictor

*Euch. Ministers:* Judy Steuri, Mary Merkel  
Rita Kress, Ray Merkel

### Saturday – December 9 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Brian and Karen Horan  
Mike and Cathy Wagner

*Server:* Macey Moorman

*Cantor:* Sharon Miller

*Lectors:* Jack Ferkinhoff, Cathy Wagner

*Euch. Ministers:* Terry Harmeyer, John Wagner  
Gene Moorman, Beth Simon

### Sunday – December 10 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Nick and Jenny Simon - *back*  
Ron and Vicki Wagner - *back*  
Kurt and Shannon Kuntz - *side*

*Servers:* Logan Cobler, Machaela Cobler

*Cantor:* Rachel Toops

*Lectors:* Students

*Euch. Ministers:* Leslie Hicks, Dana Newhart  
Susan Schutte, Ben Harlemert

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2516.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.20
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 236.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2761.20
Capital Improvement	\$846.00

**Thank you for your Treasure!**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn December 3 through December 10 for Ralph Hellmich.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Becky Simon and Vicki Wagner will be there to assist you.

**HOLY DAY** – "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." This Friday, December 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holyday of obligation. Mass for St. Maurice and St. John will be at 6:00 PM at St. Maurice Church.

**ADVENT BOOKLET** – Remember to pick up an Advent Reflection booklet "Between Darkness and Light" at the entrances of church.

**GIVING TREE** – As in past Advents, you are invited to take a flame from the giving tree and purchase the item listed on the back. You will **light the fire of faith** for those women who enter the doors of the Pregnancy Care Center in Greensburg and those women and children who are temporarily at Safe Passages. Please have all gifts back under the tree by Sunday, December 17, in time for Santa to deliver them.

**MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY** – For all women and girls of the parish, this Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 at The Grub. Please bring a \$5 gift exchange, and \$5 for the meal! Sign-up sheets are on bulletin boards, or call Beth Simon.

**PENANCE SERVICE** – Immaculate Conception, Millhousen will have a Penance Service this Wednesday, the 6th, for children and adults. There will be four priests present. You are welcome to attend this celebration of Penance. St. Maurice will also have one the following Wednesday, the 13th, for the children in our RE classes and for adults who wish to come. Both Fr. John and Fr. Bill will be present.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Our youth will go Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 10, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Meet at St. Maurice at 4:00 PM.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Members of the Parish Council will meet Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** – A second collection will be taken up next weekend for our retired religious orders. Your donation provides medications, nursing care and more for sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Envelopes are in your box.

Words from Archbishop Thompson on the Retirement Fund for Religious on December 10: "I recognize this is but one of numerous causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for the faithful service of senior religious, please join me in supporting this collection and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church."

**INSERT** – Please keep the insert that you see in your bulletin today listing all the Advent, and Christmas happenings.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 6, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grade 6 through 11, next Sunday, December 10, 8:30 AM.

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL** – Your gifts do great things - *Provides Help, Creates Hope, Serves All*. Be the light for others through your commitment to UCA. As of today we have pledged **\$9,725** which is **84%** of our goal. We are getting close to **\$11,539**. Wonderful!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?" (Ask Fr. Jim)

## December 3, 2017 - Local News & Events

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### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### **St Maurice**

Saturday	December 23	4:00 PM
Sunday	December 24	No 10 AM Mass
Sunday	Christmas Eve	4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

#### **St John**

Saturday	December 23	6:00 PM
Sunday	December 24	No Noon Mass
Sunday	December 24	6:00 PM
Monday	December 25	9:00 AM

Saturday/Sunday December 30 – 31 Regular Sunday Schedule

Sunday- New Year's Eve Mass December 31 - St Maurice - 6:00PM

**Golden Gate Community Choir** presents The First Noel, Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 PM, Damm Theatre, Osgood. Free Will Offering.

**Southern Care Hospice in Batesville** is offering a 2-hour program for adults who are seeking some support in dealing with their feelings of grief and loss following the death of a loved one. **Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30 to 8:30 PM** Southern Care Hospice Office, 122 S Depot St (directly across from the Big 4 Restaurant). Contact Bereavement Coordinator Shawn Chrisman or Tim Heller, LCSW Social Worker at 812-934-0084

**Healing Mass** at St Nicholas, Sunman on Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM. The presider will be Fr Richard McAlear. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 PM. Confessions will also be available. Let us be embraced by the merciful heart of Jesus.

**Oldenburg Franciscan Center** December Events – [www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org) or 812-933-6437

**December 3 – Coffee Talks** – Advent: St Francis, the Crib & Incarnation, 10:45 AM to Noon

**December 8 – Friday Night Movie** – *Loving*, 6:30 PM

**December 9 - Mindfulness Retreat**, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, 812-933-6437 to pre-register

**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



### Batesville Deanery Corner – Resource Center

[www.batesvilledeanery.com](http://www.batesvilledeanery.com)

18 W ST LOUIS PLACE, WED & THUR 1 TO 6 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT (812-932-0789)

The Batesville Deanery Resource Center will be closed on December 27-28. We will also close early on Thursday, December 21 at 3:30pm. Have a blessed holiday season.