

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**MON:** 8:00 AM at St. John  
(ADVENT ONLY - Dec. 4, 11 & 18)

**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

### SUNDAY 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

## AREA PARISH NEWS

### FREE DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY AT ST. TERESA IN BRIGHT, INDIANA

Drive your own vehicle through this FREE and amazing light display to discover joy, hope, and the meaning of Christmas. Featuring more than 20 themed displays, a light tunnel, holiday music, and thousands of lights that will immerse visitors in a megadose of holiday cheer. December 1st through January 6th - every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. 23345 Gavin Lane, Bright, IN 47025. For more information, visit [brightlightsindiana.com](http://brightlightsindiana.com).

### ST. NICHOLAS EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

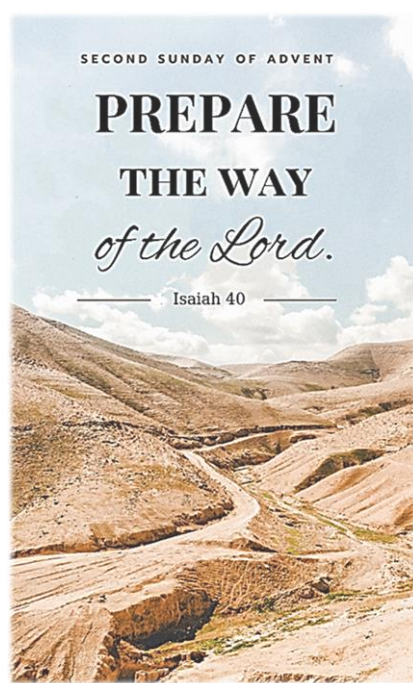
Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, December 19, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman, IN. Confessions 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45 PM; and the service at 7:00 PM. Come, receive prayer!

+ **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.

# DECEMBER 10 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." St. Peter further states this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9-10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words? † *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

December 10 Kenny Walke	December 17 Bertha Wagner	December 24 Wayne Schutte
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 9 – Tony Wagner
Sunday, Dec. 10 – Richard Wagner
Tuesday, Dec. 12 – Ray Bedel
Saturday, Dec. 16 – Kenneth Walke
Sunday, Dec. 17 – Living & Deceased Members of the John & Mary Schutte Family
Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Gene Simon

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$5382.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 28.50
Loose Collection	\$ 373.00
Total Regular Collection	\$5783.50
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$125.00
Capital Improvement	\$850.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$30.00
Christmas Day	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$563.00
Immaculate Conception	\$45.00

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Sat., Dec. 16 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 17 - 10:00 AM	Sat., Dec. 23 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 24 - 10:00 AM
GREETERS	Dennis Wagner Gary Wagner	Steve Wagner Kevin Tunny	Steve Gilland Ken Hellmich	Paul & Arlene Gehl
SERVER(S)	Allie Harmeyer Ella Wagner	Macy Kinker	Volunteer	Macy Kinker Ava Wagner
LECTOR(S)	Judy Steuri	Susan Schutte Julie Stephens	Terry Harmeyer	Julie Stephens Cindy Weisenbach
GIFTS	Carl & Joni Lunsford	Blake & Amanda Sutton	Caleb & Brooke Payne	Greg & Amy Kinker
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Beth Simon No EM for Hall Rita Kress Janet Wagner	⊕ Cindy Weisenbach Vicki Wagner (Hall) Scott Simon Kevin Tunny	⊕ Judy Steuri Roseann Wirth (Hall) Beth Simon Janet Wagner	⊕ Vicki Wagner Susan Schutte (Hall) Scott Simon Leslie Hicks



**Please Remember in Prayer:** Rosemary Mistler, Lou Wolter, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, David Meister, Mary Busch, and Zander Napier.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer line, please call Arlene Gehl (812-852-4394) or Marita Billman (812-593-4674).

**PICKPOCKETS** – The pickpocket buckets are at both entrances of church this weekend. Please help give to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

**CAROLING** – This Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass, the youth group will be going Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. All are welcome to join!

**LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY** – This Monday, December 11, all ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas Party in the hall, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Come and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun!

**RESEARCH INITIATIVE** – The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesan-wide research initiative to help shape communications strategies. Hiron, an Indianapolis-based communications firm, will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. For questions or participation information, please contact [research@archindy.org](mailto:research@archindy.org).

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to Mike Spreckelson for his time and talent in making the beautiful crucifix placed on the makeshift altar in the hall.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED** – Zander Napier, son of Greg and Heather (Volz) Napier, was put on the prayer line last week. He is in Cincinnati Children's Hospital with severe respiratory infection.

**BAMBINELLI BLESSING** – We ask everyone to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scenes to the Masses next weekend. The children will come forward with their Baby Jesus to be blessed, while the rest of the congregation will hold their Baby Jesus up for the blessing. If your family forgets, there will be a few extra on hand for the children to bring forward so they might **all** come forward for the blessing.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** – Thank you to those who donated to Wreaths Across America. The wreaths will be picked up next week and placed on the graves at the cemetery the weekend of December 16th. If anyone wants to help set out the wreaths, call Joyce Muckerheide.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED** – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, December 13, 6:45 PM.

**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Grades 6 through 11, next Sunday, December 17, 8:30 AM.

We are... *United* in the Eucharist

As a Church, we are stronger together. The impact of your gift is essential to the people of our archdiocese and the mission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



SCAN to see a story about *Charities in Schools*

## UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

**We are 27.2% towards our goal.  
17 donors have pledged \$4,580.  
Our goal as a parish is \$16,858.**

The United Catholic Appeal is ongoing. There are envelopes and pledge cards at both entrances of church. You can take one to mail, or the envelope can be dropped in the collection basket. Please help our parish meet its goal.

**BLESSING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** – On Tuesday, December 26, all children are invited to come to the Mass at 6:00 PM, following the Holy Hour at 5:00. Father will bless the children, the unborn still in their mothers' wombs, and he will also bless those who have miscarried or are suffering the loss of a child. There will be snacks and drinks in the hall afterwards for the children.

**YOUTH OUTING** – The youth group January outing will be tubing at Perfect North Slopes. This will be on Sunday, January 21, leaving St. Maurice after Mass. Please let Joyce know by the second week in January if you are going.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The Sanctuary Light list has many openings for next year. The cost is \$5, and it will burn for the week in memory of a loved one. You can put the money in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" with the name of the person you wish to remember.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – "The brain is amazing. It begins working from the time we are born, and works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, right up to the time you get up to speak in public." (via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
No Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 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
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM  <b>175th Anniversary Mass - 10:00 AM</b> <i>with Archbishop Thompson</i>  Catered Meal Following Mass	Advent Mass at St. John - 8:00 AM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS  Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8:00 AM Mass at St. John  9:00 AM Holy Hour 10:00 AM Mass at St. Maurice  6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  Pickpockets  Confession Before & After Mass
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM  Pickpockets  Confession Before & After Mass Caroling After Mass	Advent Mass at St. John - 8:00 AM  	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM  Penance Service at Immaculate Conception 6:00 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM  Bambinelli Blessing  Confession Before & After Mass  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM  Mass - 10:00 AM  Bambinelli Blessing  Confession Before & After Mass	Advent Mass at St. John - 8:00 AM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary RE CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:45 - 8:00 PM  Penance Service at St. John 6:00 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM  Confession Before & After Mass
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
No Religious Ed Mass - 10:00 AM  Confession Before & After Mass  Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>    Christmas Mass 10:00 AM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM  BLESSING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS	No Elementary Religious Education Classes			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b>  For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.	
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  No Religious Ed Mass - 10:00 AM  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD   9:00 AM Mass at St. John		No Elementary Religious Education Classes			