

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM - ST. MAURICE

4:00 PM - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 AM - ST. MAURICE

**Remember to attend Mass twice next weekend,
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas!**

+ **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 17 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY REFLECTION: WHO ARE YOU?

So far, the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, as we read in John 1:19, "Who are you?" Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting!

~ by Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

December 17 Bertha Wagner	December 24 Wayne Schutte	December 31 Jerome & Vi Prickel
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 16 – Kenneth Walke
Sunday, Dec. 17 – John & Mary Schutte Family
Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Gene Simon
Saturday, Dec. 23 – Lucille Simon
Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:00 AM – Amelia Wolters
Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00 PM – Al & Myrna Kohlman
Monday, Dec. 25 – Bauerle Family
Tuesday, Dec. 26 – Craig Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2401.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 57.25
Loose Collection	\$ 271.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2729.25
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1034.00
Capital Improvement	\$52.00
Smorgasbord Donation	\$50.00
Christmas Offering	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$23.00
Immaculate Conception	\$458.00
Pickpockets	\$341.52

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Sat., Dec. 23 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 24 - 10:00 AM	Sun., Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE	Mon., Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY
GREETERS	Steve Gilland Ken Hellmich	Paul & Arlene Gehl	Steve Gilland George & Mary Bultman	Kevin Tunny Paul & Arlene Gehl
SERVER(S)	Volunteer	Macy Kinker Ava Wagner	Sam Simon Mason Ryder	Macy Kinker
LECTOR(S)	Terry Harmeyer	Julie Stephens Cindy Weisenbach	Jack Ferkinhoff	Donna Harlemert Ron Bauerle
GIFTS	Caleb & Brooke Payne	Greg & Amy Kinker	Kevin & Kara Huff	Steve & Ann Wagner
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Judy Steuri Roseann Wirth (Hall) Beth Simon Janet Wagner	⊕ Vicki Wagner Susan Schutte (Hall) Scott Simon Leslie Hicks	⊕ Judy Steuri Roseann Wirth (Hall) Leslie Hicks Katie Spreckelson	⊕ Susan Schutte Kevin Tunny (Hall) Amanda Schutte Vicki Wagner



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).

THANK YOU – We would like to thank the 175th Committee for a relaxed, elegant, and memorable 175th Anniversary Celebration on December 3rd, with Archbishop Charles Thompson, Fr. Joe Rautenberg, Fr. John Geis, Sister Shirley Gerth, Fr. Bill Turner, and Fr. Binu Mathew attending. The committee consisted of Tara Johannigman, Mary Bultman, Marge Thole, Patty Simon, Joyce Muckerheide, Greg Kinker, Judy Steuri, Susan Schutte, Jenny Hardesty, and Arlene Gehl.

With many hours of research, interviews, and design work, they were able to present a 175th Anniversary History Book to every family in the parish. Thanks to the Mary and Martha Circle for paying the printing cost of the book. Copies of the 175th Anniversary History Books are available in the back of church along with your envelopes.

K OF C HONOR – **Susan Schutte** was honored by the Batesville Knights of Columbus as their November Family of the Month. Susan was selected for her dedication to her St. Maurice church family, serving for many years as the church secretary. She officially "retired" in July of 2023, but she is still very active in church activities. Susan serves as a sacristan in the church, setting up for Mass, funerals, Holy Hours, and holy days. She is also a lector and a Eucharist minister and helps Fr. Binu visiting the sick and giving Communion. Congratulations, Susan, on this well-deserved honor!

PICKPOCKETS – Thank you to our pickpockets last weekend, Mason Busch, Hadley Wagner, and Alice and Avery Nobbe, who raised **\$341.52** for the local food pantry.

IN APPRECIATION – A big thank you to all who joined in the caroling to the shut-ins last Sunday. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Also, thank you to all who planned, decorated, and performed at the Ladies Christmas Party. What a wonderful evening celebrating the season!

CHRISTMAS MASSES – The full Christmas Mass schedule is listed on the front of the bulletin.


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.

If you are sending Christmas cards, consider sending one to the following parishioners:

<p>Frances Borgman 3518 W Napoleon Wilson St. Batesville, IN 47006</p>	<p>Rosemary Mistler 6569 N Old Michigan Rd. Osgood, IN 47037</p>
<p>Eileen Wagner 3896 W County Rd 525 N Osgood, IN 47037</p>	<p>Frances Werner 6568 S CR 700 E Greensburg, IN 47240</p>
<p>Lou Wolter Morning Breeze 950 N Lakeview Dr. Greensburg, IN 47240</p>	<p>Sue Tunny Manderley Health Center 806 S Buckeye St. Osgood, IN 47037</p>

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!





The Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. Without it, there is no Church.

Without vocations, we would have no priests. Without priests, there would be no sacraments, namely the Eucharist.

Supporting the United Catholic Appeal means you are supporting vocations, allowing young men who are answering God's call to flourish.

2024 Goal is \$6.3 million

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UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are 46.7% towards our goal.
48 donors have pledged \$7,870.
Our goal as a parish is \$16,858.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesday, December 20, 6:45 PM, for their Christmas party!

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – No classes for the next two weeks. Classes will resume January 7. Merry Christmas!

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The Sanctuary Light list has many openings for next year. If you wish for the light to burn in memory of a loved one for the week, you can put \$5 in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" with the name of the person.

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM 175th Anniversary Mass - 10:00 AM with Archbishop Thompson 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
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No Religious Ed Mass - 10:00 AM Confession Before & After Mass Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM	CHRISTMAS DAY  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
31	1	2	3	4	THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH 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			