

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

+ **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.

COHORT NEWS

BLESSING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 6:00 PM

All families from St. Maurice and St. John, especially children, are invited to the Mass at St. Maurice, where Father will be blessing the children, those who have already gone to Heaven, and the unborn in their mothers' wombs.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Mass at St. John the Baptist, Osgood, at 9:00 AM
This is not a holy day of obligation this year, but you are encouraged to attend Mass to celebrate this important Marian feast.

DECEMBER 24 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GREATEST GIFT

Have you ever had the embarrassing experience of showing up without a gift at a gift-exchange Christmas party? "The Little Drummer Boy" reminds us of our awkward and embarrassing empty-handed arrival. In the well-known Christmas carol, he comes to the stable in Bethlehem, sees the Christ Child and is overwhelmed by the solemnity of the moment. Who wouldn't be with so many angels, shepherds, and kings?

Then the kings place their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh before the King of Kings, and the drummer boy blushes, "I have no gift to bring." At first, it's awkward, but then he has a flash of genius: "I have no gift to bring," he sings, that is, except for me and the beating of my drum: "Rum pum pum pum." The little drummer boy understands that his simple playing is enough of a gift for the babe. Showing up is plenty.

Isn't that what Emmanuel ("God with us") is all about? God shows up and is present, and there is no greater gift. He's the gift that changes the world and us forever. And just as God's presence in the world is meaningful to us, our presence can change the lives of others because the gift of true presence is greater than any other.

Many people are lonely, a feeling that often intensifies during the Christmas season. Show up. Be truly present in another's life this Christmas and into the new year. You are anything but empty-handed; your presence is your gift. † Bishop *Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR* - From *Liguorian*, December 2013

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

December 24 Wayne Schutte	December 31 Jerome & Vi Prickel	January 7 Lawrence & Lillian Lustig
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 23 - Lucille Simon Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:00 AM - Amelia Wolter Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00 PM - Al & Myrna Kohlman Monday, Dec. 25 - Bauerle Family Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Craig Simon Saturday, Dec. 30 - Chad White Sunday, Dec. 31 - Dolores Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3875.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 34.33
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 359.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$4268.33
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$180.00
Capital Improvement	\$45.00
Cemetery	\$40.00
Christmas Offering	\$75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$51.00
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU!	

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Sat., Dec. 30 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 31 - 10:00 AM	Sat., Jan. 6 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Jan. 7 - 10:00 AM
GREETERS	Eric Busch Gary Wagner	Kevin Tunny Steve Wagner	Ken Harmeyer Gary Wagner	George & Mary Bultman
SERVER(S)	Morgan Busch	Mason Ryder	Morgan Busch	Mason Ryder
LECTOR(S)	Tara Johannigman	Amy Kinker Ken Powaga	Judy Steuri	David Hardesty Grace Truesdell
GIFTS	Mitchell & Lindsay Wagner	Ken & Janice Fry	Brian & Karen Horan	Ron & Donna Harlemert
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Beth Simon Roseann Wirth (Hall) Judy Steuri Rita Kress	⊕ Vicki Wagner No EM for Hall Susan Schutte Scott Simon	⊕ Terry Harmeyer Roseann Wirth (Hall) Beth Simon Janet Wagner	⊕ Amanda Schutte Dana Newhart (Hall) Leslie Hicks Katie Spreckelson



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).

BLESSING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS – On Tuesday, December 26, all children and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass at 6:00 PM. Father will be blessing the children, those we hold dear in our hearts who have already gone to Heaven, and the unborn in their mothers' wombs. The children and families from St. John and St. Maurice are invited. There will be snacks and drinks in the hall afterwards.

THANK YOU – The family of Rita Struewing wishes to thank everyone for the cards, hugs, and words of consolation upon the death of their mother.

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #1, with Julie Stephens as chairperson, will be cleaning church for the month of January. We thank you ladies for all your hard work!

NO WEEKDAY MASSES – There will be no weekday Masses or Holy Hours at any of the cohort parishes from January 2-24, while Fr. Binu is visiting his family in India. He will resume celebrating Mass on Thursday, January 25, at Millhousen. There will be a Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maurice on Tuesday, January 30, as normal. Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the month.

YOUTH OUTING – The youth group outing for January 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 plan on coming.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – No classes for the next weeks. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 10.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – No classes next Sunday. Classes will resume January 7.

INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE – Monday, January 22, 2024, at Indianapolis, join hundreds of Hoosiers as we march for a culture of life where abortion is unthinkable! 9:00 - 11:00 AM: Youth Event at Indiana Convention Center; 11:30 AM Mass at Indiana Convention Center; 1:45 PM: March begins at Georgia Street & Illinois Street; 2:30 PM: After-March Rally at Statehouse. For any questions, contact Brie Anne Varick at bvarick@archindy.org or at 317-236-1543.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

“This is the real commitment of Advent: to bring joy to others. Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy, and the joy given will be returned to us. Let us seek in particular to communicate the deepest joy, that of knowing God in Christ. Let us pray that this presence of God’s liberating joy will shine out in our lives.” ~ Pope Benedict XVI

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!

Holy Family Shelter is one of the few shelters that serves parents with children, couples, and entire family units.

Making a gift to the United Catholic Appeal means you are supporting the needs of families during a very critical time in their lives.

2024 Goal is \$6.3 million

Give Today



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There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them. Pope Francis

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

**We are 58% towards our goal.
56 donors have pledged \$9,695.
Our goal as a parish is \$16,858.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

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 <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
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		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	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			