

# 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

### COHORT NEWS

#### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES FOR BATESVILLE DEANERY

- Dec. 1, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: All Saints, St. Martin Campus
- Dec. 5, 7:00 PM: St. Mary, Greensburg
- Dec. 6, 6:30 PM: St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
- Dec. 12, 6:30 PM: St. Catherine of Siena, St. John the Evangelist Campus
- Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 PM: St. Michael, Brookville
- Dec. 13, 6:00-8:00 PM: Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
- Dec. 14, 7:00 PM: St. Louis, Batesville
- Dec. 14, 7:00 PM: Holy Family, Oldenburg
- Dec. 15, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora
- Dec. 15, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: St. Joseph, Shelbyville
- Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 PM: St. Michael, Brookville
- Dec. 20, 6:00-8:00 PM: St. John the Baptist, Osgood
- \*Weekends of Dec. 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24: Before and After Weekend Masses at St. Maurice, Napoleon

+ **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 3 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## *First Advent Candle: Hope*

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle,” the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. (Hallow)

*Blessed Advent to You!*

### SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

December 3 Charles Simon	December 10 Kenny Walke	December 17 Bertha Wagner
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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 2 – Charles Simon
Sunday, Dec. 3 – Kenny Walke
Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Dot Stier
Friday, Dec. 8 – Mary Gilland
Saturday, Dec. 9 – Tony Wagner
Sunday, Dec. 10 – Richard Wagner
Tuesday, Dec. 12 – Ray Bedel

### PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2902.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 63.10
Loose Collection	\$ 294.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3259.10
Campaign for Human Development	\$40.00
Capital Improvement	\$220.00
Smorgasbord	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Sat., Dec. 9 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 10 - 10:00 AM	Sat., Dec. 16 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 17 - 10:00 AM
<b>GREETERS</b>	Paul Simon Ken Harmeyer	Tom & Joyce Muckerheide	Dennis Wagner Gary Wagner	Steve Wagner Kevin Tunny
<b>SERVER(S)</b>	Sam Simon Ella Wagner	Macy Kinker	Allie Harmeyer Ella Wagner	Macy Kinker
<b>LECTOR(S)</b>	Tara Johannigman	Amanda Schutte Ron Bauerle	Judy Steuri	Susan Schutte Julie Stephens
<b>GIFTS</b>	Dennis & Flo Wagner	Steve & Ann Wagner	Carl & Joni Lunsford	David & Jenny Hardesty
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>	⊕ Terry Harmeyer Roseann Wirth (Hall) Beth Simon Judy Steuri	⊕ Vicki Wagner Dana Newhart (Hall) Leslie Hicks Katie Spreckelson	⊕ Beth Simon No EM for Hall Rita Kress Janet Wagner	⊕ Cindy Weisenbach Vicki Wagner (Hall) Scott Simon Kevin Tunny



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

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



**175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – St. Maurice Parish welcomes Archbishop Charles Thompson to celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass in commemoration of our 175th anniversary, with a catered meal in the hall after. We have a 175th Anniversary history/photo display in the Parish Center and will leave it up until December 12 for everyone to have time to reminisce and enjoy.

**HOLY DAY** – Friday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States of America. **St. Maurice will have a Holy Hour at 9:00 AM, with Mass following at 10:00 AM. There will be no regular adoration.** St. John, Osgood, will have Mass at 8:00 AM on Friday; and Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, will have Mass at 6:00 PM.

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee."

**LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Monday, December 11, all ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas Party, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please come and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun, and bring your mom, sister, daughter, or friend! You can sign up on the sheets at the entrances of church, and let us know the number of guests who plan to attend.

**PICKPOCKETS** – The pickpockets will be at both entrances of church next weekend, December 9 and 10, seeking donations for the local food bank.

**CAROLING** – The youth will be Christmas caroling to the shut-ins next Sunday, December 10, and invite anyone in the parish to join them. They will meet in the hall after the 10:00 AM Mass and carol until 1:00 PM.

**ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES** – Confession will be offered here at St. Maurice before and after the weekend Masses on December 9 & 10, 16 & 17, and 23 & 24. The front page of the bulletin has a full list of the penance services being offered at the Batesville Deanery parishes this Advent season.

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

**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, December 10, at 8:30 AM.



**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.

**BAMBINELLI BLESSING** – The **Blessing of the Bambinelli** is a tradition first instituted by St. John Paul II. The children are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to both Masses on the weekend of December 16th and 17th, the Third Sunday of Advent. This Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church, but we are extending this new tradition to everyone. We ask everyone to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scenes to Mass. The children will be asked to 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 to bring theirs the day of the blessing, there will be a few extra on hand for the children to bring forward so they might **all** come forward for the blessing.

**BULLETIN CHANGE** – The greeters will now be listed in the section with the other liturgical ministers, not in a separate list for the whole month. The full monthly list will be published on the parish website.

**SYNOD TALK** – At Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indy, 4:00 PM on Wed., Dec. 6, come hear a talk given by Rev. Timothy Radcliffe, OP, on his role as spiritual advisor to the assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality.

# 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> <b>Catered Meal Following Mass</b>	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			