

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

**“ALL THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM
WERE BEING BAPTIZED BY HIM.”**

**Now, we, everywhere,
ache in holy hunger
waiting for you.**

**Come to us all, Lord Jesus.
Turn our crooked roads
into smooth paths.
Send gentle rain
and teeming harvests of
justice and healing.**

**Make all well,
and make each and every one
a channel of your peace.**

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

December 6 – Kenny Walke
December 13 – Joseph and Alan Spreckelson
December 20 – Frank and Diane Schmalenberg

MASS INTENTIONS

December 5 – Kenneth Walke
December 6 – Dale Tunny
December 12 – Marjorie Haunert
December 13 – Gary Stier
December 19 – Harriet Kunz
December 20 – Ada Meister

11/17/20-11/30/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$3109.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 515.00
Campaign for Human Dev. Collection	\$ 204.00
Cemetery Collection	\$ 105.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$ 20.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$ 20.00
Turkey Dinner Donations	\$ 24.00

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



*O Mary, conceived without
sin, pray for us who have
recourse to thee.*

Lord our God, you have made the Virgin Mary the model for all who welcome your word and who put it into practice. Open our hearts to receive it with joy and by the power of your Spirit grant that we also may become a dwelling place in which your Word of salvation is fulfilled. Amen.

HOLY DAY MASS – Mass for this Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at St. John Church on Tuesday, December 8, 5:30 PM. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Mass begins at 5:30 PM and not 6:00 PM.

**“A MAN NAMED
JOHN WAS SENT
FROM GOD.”**



In John the Baptist we find the ultimate prophet. He points to Jesus in all that he does. The first reading from Isaiah describes what a prophet truly is: one who has been anointed by God to proclaim “glad tidings to the poor,” healing to the brokenhearted, and freedom to those imprisoned. We also have been anointed as “priest, prophet and king.” How do the words we speak and the life we lead bring the good news of Jesus to others?

FOR YOUR USE – Copies of “Today’s Missal” as well as Advent booklets are in the vestibule of church and the hall for your home use.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL: HOPE FOR TOMORROW – A reminder to send your gift to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and join parishioners in “giving hope for tomorrow.”

AIN’T NO RAFFLE – **Final Amount: \$34,578.00.**
Thanks!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will have Religious Ed classes on December 9th and 16th, beginning at 6:45 PM. There will be some kind of Christmas party on the 16th in the classrooms.

Junior High and High School Religious Ed classes will be held on December 6th and 13th.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES – Thank you for all who picked up their 2021 church envelopes. The remaining boxes can be found on a small table at the side entrance of church. If you can help deliver some to friends or neighbors, the Finance Committee would be most grateful.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – The Christmas wreaths for veterans will be placed on the graves in our cemetery on December 19th and remain there until the first of January. There will be a brief ceremony sometime on the 19th. We are grateful to Machaela Cobler for undertaking this project and for all who donated to this project.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE – Thank you to Ken Hellmich for constructing the outdoor Advent candles and to the Liturgy Committee for changing our church environment from Ordinary Time to Advent. Thanks also to Kyle and Lindsey Black for the use of their camera for church use.

Gene and Patty Simon wish to thank you for your many cards and prayers in the time of their illness.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE – Masses will be at St. Maurice on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and on Christmas Day at 9:00 AM.

Mass at St. John on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM.

New Year’s Eve Mass will be at St. Maurice on Thursday, December 31, 4:00 PM.

PIES NEEDED – Any ladies (or men!) willing to bake a pie or two for the Community Christmas Dinner at St. John's, please call Arlene Gehl (812-852-4394). This take-out or delivery dinner is for anyone who is alone or in need of Christmas cheer!

SPIRIT OF GIVING – During this season of giving you have the opportunity to help the residents of the Silver Memories Health Care facility in Versailles and/or the retired Sisters at Oldenburg. The ornaments in the window sills are items for the Sisters. The gifts for the residents in the nursing home can be found on Facebook.

For those who are attending Mass at home, you are welcome to send a gift card or monetary gift to the office and someone else will do the shopping. Thank you.

Place your gifts near the baptismal font or in the large boxes on the back porch of the rectory.

NURSING JOB OPPORTUNITIES – The following are Nursing Employment Opportunities with the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg, IN:

- Nurse Assistant, 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, 40 hours a week
- Nurse Assistant, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift, 40 hours a week
- Nurse Assistant, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift or 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, Part-time hours
- LPN/RN, 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, 16 hours per pay

For more details, contact Connie Luers, RN, DON, 812-933-6402, cluers@oldenburgosf.com.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – With the Bishop's closure of Mass and thus of collections, followed by roping off every other pew during the coronavirus quarantine, the church janitor recognized the extra strain on the pastor of their rural parishes. But in cleaning the sacristy, the janitor was still shocked to see on a notepad on the counter, in the mild-mannered pastor's handwriting, this message: “Hang the Pope and the Bishop!” It wasn't until days later, after seeing the pictures of the Pope and Bishop newly hanging in the church vestibule, that the janitor realized that the pastor's note had conveyed respect, not retaliation. (Fr. Jim Friedrich, Wagner, SD, The Joyful Noiseletter)

Hunter & Minta Memorial Ripley County Community Christmas Dinner

This year marks the 36th Anniversary of the Community Christmas Dinner. In December of 2014, steps were taken to keep this dinner around for years to come and it became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization known as the Hunter & Minta Memorial Ripley County Community Christmas Dinner Inc. We have been able to provide a hot meal to those who are less fortunate or alone during the holiday season. This has been a tradition for many families in our community for many years, and we are looking forward to it becoming a tradition for others as well.

We welcome volunteers from all over our community. The dinner takes 2-3 days to prepare, serve, deliver, and clean up! Each year we provide meals (majority of which are delivered) consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade dressing, green beans, homemade bread with butter, a slice of homemade pie, as well as a beverage (usually milk or bottled water). The recipients of the meals LOVE that they can have something homemade during the holidays, and our dressing, bread, and pies do just that!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year we expect that our requests for meal will increase over the years past as this virus has taken a toll on our community in so many ways. We hope that each of you can lend a hand in helping us to help our community during this holiday season, whether it be with donating your time, a pie, bread, or a monetary donation to help with supplies.

Our homemade bread is donated by members of Finks Church. Our pie donations come from 4 local churches: St. Maurice Catholic Church – Napoleon, St. John’s Catholic Church – Osgood, Hopewell Baptist Church – Holton, and St. John’s Lutheran Church – Napoleon.

We cut/bag the bread and cut/box the pies the day before delivery so frozen or refrigerated pies are not recommended. In the past years we have averaged about 20-40 pies, based on the number of meals being provided. If you would like to donate pie/pies, please contact Keri or the designated contact for your parish below.

If you know someone who needs a meal, please have them call 812-689-3322 and leave their complete name, address, phone number, and number of meals requested.

Due to COVID-19 we will not have a meal in the hall, but you may pick up a carry-out from St. John’s Catholic Church Hall – please make a reservation for delivery or carry-out meals so we can ensure to have enough available. **Deadline to place an order for a meal is Saturday, December 13th by 7:00 PM.**

Due to COVID-19, there will be no in-hall dining, and all volunteers and those picking up carry-out meals will be required to wear a mask.

Volunteers can contact Keri Johnson at 812-689-3322 or via email at ripleycountychristmasdinner@hotmail.com.

If you, someone you know or a local business would like to make a financial donation please make check/money order payable to the Hunter & Minta Memorial Ripley County Community Christmas Dinner Inc. and mail to: PO Box 82, Osgood, IN 47037.

Parish Contacts:

St. John’s – Keri Johnson (812) 689-3322

St. Maurice – Arlene Gehl (812) 852-4394

St. John Lutheran – Wilma Peetz (812) 852-4825

Hopewell Baptist – Sara Lee Cumberworth (812) 528-8067