

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.

PONDERING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

I can relate to the image of Mary bent over her infant son in the Christmas crèche, marveling at this new life. But unlike that most perfect of mothers, I can well imagine what would fill my thoughts: You put your newborn child in what? With all of those smelly animals around? What kind of mother are you? Surely, if any mother was "good enough," Mary must have known herself worthy of that label. But to be the mother of such a Son? And what was good enough for that child? To be born without an earthly father? To spend his first night on a bed of straw? The miracle of birth is too much for any of us to understand, but the miracle of this birth was on a different scale altogether. Mary did well to ponder these things in her heart.

- From *"The Christmas Crèche: A Franciscan Tradition"*
by Kathleen M. Carroll

DECEMBER 8 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH BY SR. DIANNE BERGANT

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there, and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason this world is holy.

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 8 Andrew Niese	DECEMBER 15 Helen & Casey Powaga	DECEMBER 22 Don & Mary Gilland
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7 – Kenny Walke
Sunday, December 8 – Dot Stier
Monday, December 9 – Rosemary Schroeder
Tuesday, December 10 – Lou Wolter
Saturday, December 14 – Rita Struewing
Sunday, December 15 – Elsie Voegele
Tuesday, December 17 – Janice Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3663.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 66.30
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 493.00</u>
Total Collection	\$4222.30
Capital Improvement	\$375.00
Cemetery	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$492.00
Religious Retirement	\$165.18
Smorgasbord	\$20.00

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Monday, Dec. 9 4:30 PM	Saturday, Dec. 14 4:00 PM	Sunday, Dec. 15 10:00 AM	Saturday, Dec. 21 4:00 PM	Sunday, Dec. 22 10:00 AM
GREETERS	Joe Wagner Paul Simon	Bill Deller	Kevin Tunny Steve Wagner	Dennis Wagner Gary Wagner	Tom & Joyce Muckerheide
SERVER(S)	Volunteers	Sam Simon Jack Parker	Students	Allie Harmeyer Ella Wagner	Macy Kinker Aleena Hicks
LECTOR(S)	Susan Schutte Terry Harmeyer	Judy Steuri	Students	Tara Johannigman	Julie Stephens Amy Kinker
GIFTS	Dennis & Flo Wagner	Kevin & Kara Huff	Students	Ken & Terry Harmeyer	Ron & Donna Harlemert
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Vicki Wagner No EM for Hall Judy Steuri Janet Wagner	⊕ Beth Simon No EM for Hall Rita Kress Terry Harmeyer	⊕ Cindy Weisenbach Kevin Tunny (Hall) Scott Simon Leslie Hicks	⊕ Terry Harmeyer No EM for Hall Janet Wagner Beth Simon	⊕ Susan Schutte Cindy Weisenbach (Hall) Katie Spreckelson Vicki Wagner



Our Shut-Ins: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Omer & Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, Mary Ann Schwering
Those Needing Prayer: Sandy Wenning, Jim Tunny, Joe Werner, Rita Duerstock

To add someone to the prayer line, please call Lauren Wagner at the Parish Office number, 812-852-4237, or her cell, 812-756-2062.

GIVING TREE – You are welcome to take an ornament from the Giving Trees in front of church.

- ❖ BLUE tags contain items for 29 individuals from Silver Memories Nursing Home in Versailles.
- ❖ GREEN tags contain items for personalized gift baskets for the parish's shut-ins.
- ❖ RED tags are for those wanting to donate to the people of western North Carolina. We will be coordinating with the Upper Room Cafe for deliveries to the areas that are still struggling, especially this winter season. Please donate these supplies in durable containers.
- ❖ WHITE tags are for the Sisters of Saint Francis in Oldenburg for their daily supplies that they so desperately need to help offset their budget. Please donate these supplies in reusable bags.

BULLETIN BOARD ACTIVITY – Let's show how we can light up the season with kindness by adding a paper cutout to the bulletin board in the hallway by the classrooms. Simply take a cutout, write down something kind you did, and glue it to a tree on the bulletin board. Adults and children are welcome to participate. Thank you, St. Maurice! ~ From Your Kindergarten Class

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS – If you gave your Christmas flower donation in memory of someone, their names will be listed in the December 20th bulletin for Christmas.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Kindergarten through Grade 5 this Wednesday, December 11, 6:45 PM. At 7:00 PM, children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will attend the Advent Penance Service in church to have their Confessions heard.

JR./SR. HIGH RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 10 next Sunday, December 15, 8:30 AM.

UCA UPDATE – These are our current numbers for the United Catholic Appeal:

Number of donors: 37

Amount pledged: \$7,275 Goal: \$16,951

Percentage to goal: 43%

If you still wish to pledge, there are envelopes and pledge cards at the back of church. You can take one to mail, or the envelope can be dropped in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Did you hear the one about the man who opened a dry-cleaning business next door to the convent? He knocked on the door and asked the Mother Superior if she had any dirty habits. (*The Book of Catholic Jokes* by Deacon Tom Sheridan)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States, this is a holy day of obligation in America. It is a celebration of Mary's conception without the taint of original sin, "full of grace" of God.

Mass at St. John - 9:00 AM

Mass at St. Maurice - 4:30 PM

Mass at Immaculate Conception - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited, and bring your daughters, mother, sisters, and friends for an evening of Christmas festivity and fun!

+ 5:30 PM - Social Gathering

+ 6:00 PM - Catered Dinner + Music

+ 7:30 PM - Door Prizes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. MAURICE

with Fr. Binu, Fr. Bill, and Fr. John Geis

6:00 - 8:00 PM

NOTE: At 7:00 PM, Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be coming in for their Confessions.

ADDITIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE DEANERY

Dec. 10, 6:30-7:30 PM: St. Michael, Brookville

Dec. 11, 6:30 PM: St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County

Dec. 12, 6:30-8:00 PM: Immaculate Conception Millhausen

Dec. 17, 6:30 PM: St. John the Evangelist Church of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County

Dec. 17, 6:30-7:30 PM: St. Michael, Brookville

Dec. 18, 6:00-8:00 PM: St. John, Osgood

Dec. 18, 6:30-7:30 PM: St. Peter, Franklin County

Dec. 19, 7:00 PM: St. Louis, Batesville

Dec. 20, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: St. Mary, Aurora

Dec. 20, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: St. Joseph, Shelbyville

CONSIDER SENDING A CHRISTMAS CARD TO THESE PARISHIONERS:

Frances Borgman
3518 W Napoleon Wilson St
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Rita Duerstock
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Batesville, IN 47006

Rosemary Mistler
6569 N Old Michigan Rd
Osgood, IN 47037

Sue Tunny
Manderley Health Center
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Eileen Wagner
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Omer & Frances Werner
6568 S Co Rd 700 E
Greensburg, IN 47240

December 2024



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH
For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ADVENT BEGINS No Jr./Sr. High Religious Education Celebration of Mass with Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall Pick Pockets		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 Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall BP Checks Pick Pockets
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Jr./Sr. High Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM + Pick Pockets + BP Checks Cocoa & Cookies with Santa after Mass	HOLY-DAY-OF-OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass at St. Maurice 4:30 PM Ladies Christmas Party 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM Penance Service at St. Maurice 6:00 - 8:00 PM	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Penance Service at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen 6:30 - 8:00 PM	MEMORIAL OF ST. LUCY Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Jr./Sr. High Religious Education 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass with 8th & 9th Grades 10:00 AM		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Ed Christmas Party 6:45 - 8:00 PM Penance Service at St. John, Osgood 6:00 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Hall Rented After Mass
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Jr./Sr. High Religious Education 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM		CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM Masses at St. Maurice & Immaculate Conception 7:00 PM Mass at St. John, Osgood	 9:00 AM Mass at St. John, Osgood 10:00 AM Mass at St. Maurice	FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN	FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY No Jr./Sr. High Religious Education Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	HOLY-DAY-OF-OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD No Elementary RE Classes		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM