

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

AREA CHURCH NEWS

ST. NICHOLAS LENTEN MISSION

Sunday through Wednesday, February 18-21

Join us for our Lenten Mission at St. Nicholas: Deepening Your Eucharistic Devotion, presented by Fr. Tony Stephens from the Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Tony is an engaging speaker who will challenge and encourage you to grow in your Eucharistic relationship with the Lord! Confessions begin at 5:00 PM every evening, with talks beginning at 6:30. There will be a closing Mass on Feb. 21 at 6:30 PM, with a reception afterwards. All are welcome!

"Merciful God, encourage those who are facing a long illness, strengthen those who care for the sick, and comfort those who must witness a loved one's suffering. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

— The Redemptorists

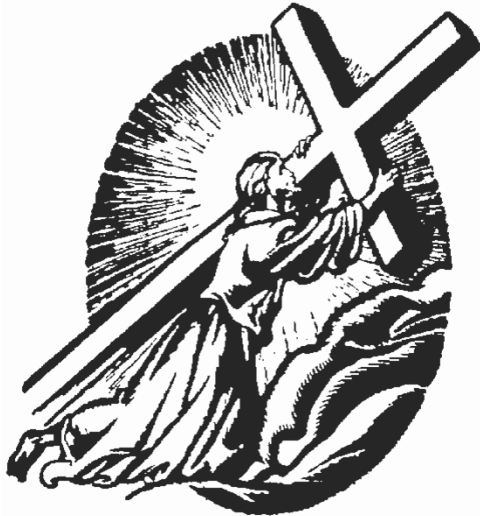
+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ 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.

FEBRUARY 4 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GRIN AND BEAR IT



**TO COMPLAIN TO GOD CAN BE
A PROFOUND PRAYER, FOR IT
ADMITS OUR HUMAN INABILITY
TO FIX EVERYTHING.**

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So, what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

† Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 4 Jim & Glenna Schuler	FEBRUARY 11 Bernard & Irene Effing Family	FEBRUARY 18 Delmar & Evelyn Fry
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 3 - Lynn Herbert
 Sunday, Feb. 4 - Richard Wagner
 Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Dolores Wagner
 Saturday, Feb. 10 - Mary Gilland
 Sunday, Feb. 11 - Janet Meyer
 Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Dot Stier

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2725.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 35.81
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 228.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2988.81
Utility Fund	\$10.00
Criterion	\$160.00
Capital Improvement	\$1273.00
Church in Latin America	\$795.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Sat., Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Feb. 11 - 10:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Feb. 14 - 7:00 PM	Sat., Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM	Sun., Feb. 18 - 10:00 AM
GREETERS	Brian Horan Dennis Wagner	Steve Wagner Kevin Tunny	Volunteers	Ken Hellmich Gary Wagner	George & Mary Bultman
SERVER(S)	Sam Simon	Macy Kinker	Volunteer	Sam Simon	Macy Kinker
LECTOR(S)	Terry Harmeyer	Amy Kinker Amanda Schutte	Arlene Gehl Jack Ferkinhoff	Jack Ferkinhoff	Julie Stephens Ken Powaga
GIFTS	Dennis & Flo Wagner	Daniel & Becca Harlemert	Children	Dennis & Flo Wagner	Spencer & Laura Gilland
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Judy Steuri Roseann Wirth (Hall) Janet Wagner Rita Kress	⊕ Susan Schutte Cindy Weisenbach (Hall) Dana Newhart Katie Spreckelson	⊕ Vicki Wagner No EM for Hall Dana Newhart Judy Steuri	⊕ Terry Harmeyer Judy Steuri (Hall) Beth Simon Janet Wagner	⊕ Vicki Wagner Cindy Weisenbach (Hall) Leslie Hicks Katie Spreckelson



Please Remember in Prayer: Rosemary Mistler, Lou Wolter, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, Mary Busch, Sandy Wenning, Evette Jackson, Donnie Kohlman, Eleanor McCullough, Kathy Bedel, Dana Newhart, and Jane Pictor. *If you would like to add someone to the prayer line, please call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) or Marita Billman (812-593-4674).*

BLOOD DRIVE – The Napoleon Winter Community Blood Drive will be held in our parish hall on Monday, February 5. Appointment times are 12:00 until 2:00 PM, and 3:30 until 6:00 PM. You can schedule your appointment online at hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or you can call Arlene Gehl at 812-614-3388.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION – Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$795.50 to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you still wish to donate, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Your gift makes a difference!

FINANCE MEETING – Members of the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:45 PM.

SAVE THE DATE – Please join the Faith Formation Committee for their annual soup luncheon on Sunday, February 25th, after the 10:00 AM Mass. We will also use this event to officially welcome Fr. Binu into the parish, in which he will give a presentation on his time in the ministry thus far. We hope to see you there!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 this Wednesday, February 7, 6:45 PM.

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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES – If you did not have your picture taken for our new pictorial directory but would like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$20. Please contact Mary Bultman, 812-525-6408, about obtaining one.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – If you want to become a member of our parish and/or start using our parish contribution envelopes, please contact the church office.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – There are still openings for the sanctuary light on 4/14, 5/12, 6/23, and 6/30. The cost is \$5, and it will burn for the week in memory of a loved one. You can put the money in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" with the name of the person you wish to remember.

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!



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THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$16,858	Pledged: \$11,695
Percentage to Goal: 69%	Donors: 65

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Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities in the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/cee.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – I turn a grateful thought to all those who, in their life and work, are close to the sick every day....And I pray in a special way for all the sick, in every corner of the world, especially for those who are most alone and have no access to healthcare services. (Video Message from World Day of the Sick 2022)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "FOR SALE BY OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$400 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married. Wife knows everything." (via Risa Samra Saginaw, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Last Day to Sign Up for Legacy Gala at Indianapolis		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Pickpockets Blood Pressure Checks
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT ST. MAURICE AT 7:00 PM Religious Education Students Will Attend Mass		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM <i>Day of Abstinence</i>	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	 ★ HAPPY ★ PRESIDENTS DAY	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM	Hall Rented	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM <i>Day of Abstinence</i>	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Soup Luncheon + Welcome Celebration for Fr. Binu After Mass		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH For the New Martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.	