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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.

AREA CHURCH NEWS

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Crossroads)
664 South State Road 229, Batesville, IN

1/2 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Variety of Desserts. \$15 (Cash or Check Only). All proceeds will help with the window repair project.

MARY'S WAY DINNER TUESDAY, MAY 7, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Louis Activity Center - 17 St. Louis Place, Batesville Speaker: Danielle Bean. Catholic speaker who helps struggling moms and families to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in family living. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase, call the St. Louis Parish Office, 812-934-3204.

MARCH 17 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



DO I HAVE TO DIE?

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living person is the desire to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27, "I am troubled now." Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later.

The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendorous future, we will have to die, just like the grain.

Our Lenten meditations will focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation.

This is why we claim that death is not the end of life, but the gateway to new life. So as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus, we must die in order to enter new life. + Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS				
MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 31		
Keith & Barb Coyner	Harold Huff	Harvey Borgman		

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16 - Mary Gilland Sunday, March 17 - Caleb Kramer Tuesday, March 19 - Dot Stier Saturday, March 23 - Delmar and Evelyn Fry Sunday, March 24 - George Griffith Sr. Tuesday, March 26 - Gene Simon

PARISH SUPPORT				
Adult Envelopes	\$2524.00			
Children's Envelopes	\$ 21.10			
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 400.00</u>			
Total Regular Collection	\$2945.10			
Capital Improvement	\$50.00			
Easter Flowers	\$30.00			
Church in Africa	\$20.00			
Catholic Relief Services	\$809.00			
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING!				

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST							
	PALM SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Saturday, March 23 4:00 PM	Sunday, March 24 10:00 AM	Thursday, March 28 6:00 PM	Friday, March 29 3:00 PM	Saturday, March 30 6:00 PM	Sunday, March 31 10:00 AM	
GREETERS	Steve Gilland Joe Wagner	Kevin Tunny Steve Wagner	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ken Harmeyer Bill Deller	George & Mary Bultman	
SERVER(S)	Ava Wagner Ella Wagner	Macy Kinker	2 Volunteers	Mason Ryder Macy Kinker	Allie Harmeyer	Mason Ryder Macy Kinker	
LECTOR(S)	Tara Johannigman Narrator: Jack Ferkinhoff Speaker: Terry Harmeyer	Ron Bauerle, Amy Kinker Narrator: David Hardesty Speaker: Cindy Weisenbach	Arlene Gehl Donna Harlemert	Judy Steuri, Ron Bauerle Narrator: Susan Schutte Speaker: Donna Harlemert	Jack Ferkinhoff Tara Johannigman	Amanda Schutte Julie Stephens	
GIFTS	Caleb & Brooke Payne	Matt & Leslie Hicks	Ron & Donna Harlemert	N/A	Chris & Valorie Parker	Nate & Courtney Wagner	
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Judy Steuri Roseann Wirth (Hall) Rita Kress Beth Simon	⊕ Amanda Schutte Kevin Tunny (Hall) Katie Spreckelson Scott Simon	⊕ Vicki Wagner No EM for Hall Terry Harmeyer Judy Steuri	Cindy Weisenbach	⊕ Judy Steuri Beth Simon (Hall) Rita Kress Janet Wagner	⊕ Cindy Weisenbach Kevin Tunny (Hall) Katie Spreckelson Leslie Hicks	

If you would like to add someone to the prayer line, please call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) or Marita Billman (812-593-4674).



Please Remember in Prayer: Rosemary Mistler, Lou Wolter, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, Sandy Wenning, Evette Jackson, Donnie Kohlman, Kathy Bedel, Dana Newhart, Janice Vawter, Mark Wirth, Jerry Potts, Lisa Wallpe, and Marvin Stier.

<u>WAY OF THE CROSS</u> – The Way of the Cross will be held Friday, March 22, 6:00 PM, at St. Maurice.

SPRING SMORGASBORD – Thanks to all who donated hamburger and corn for our upcoming smorgasbord. Ladies, you will be hearing from your chairperson soon about your donations.

Also, there are now flyers in the back of church advertising our smorgasbord. Please help us by taking one to your workplace or other appropriate venue to spread the word. We need everyone's help for this event!

<u>SERVERS NEEDED</u> – If any <u>present or past servers</u> are able to assist on Holy Thursday at the 6:00 PM Mass, please let Fr. Binu or the church office know. <u>Two</u> servers are needed. Thank you.

<u>PASSION PLAY</u> – The 5th, 6th, & 7th Grade will be presenting the Passion Play on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:15 PM, in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend this special event!

<u>ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED</u> – There will be no classes for Preschool through Grade 5 next Wednesday, March 20. Enjoy your Spring Break!

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, March 24, at 8:30 AM.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – There are still a few openings on the sanctuary light calendar this year: November 10 &17, and December 1, 8, 15 & 29. 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.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS — Many people...would like to "see Jesus," to meet him, to know him.... We too must respond with the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God—closeness, compassion and tenderness.... It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples.... (Angelus, Rome, March 21, 2021)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER - Sunday school teacher: "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"

"A teacher," Harold replied. (via Risa Samra Saginaw, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)





SATURDAY, MARCH 30 10:00 AM

The Faith Formation Committee invites all children age 8 and under, and their families, to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, also featuring story time and a snack!

Kids are asked to meet in the Parish Center and bring their own baskets.



UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$16,858 Pledged: \$13,155 Percentage to Goal: 78% Donors: 73

If you would still like to give, there are pledge cards at both entrances of church, or you can donate online at www.unitedcatholicappeal.org/donate.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Soup Luncheon + Welcome Celebration for Fr. Binu After Mass	20	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM	23	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Pickpockets Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Pickpockets	Martha & Mary Circle Meeting 4:00 PM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM Penance Service for Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 (First Confession for Grade 2) 7:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Confessions Before & After Mass
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Confessions Before & After Mass 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY NO Religious Ed Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Confessions Before & After Mass	18	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM 19 SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	NO Elementary Religious Education Classes (SPRING BREAK) Penance Service at Millhousen 6:00 - 8:00 PM 20 NO Elementary Religious Education Classes (SPRING BREAK) Penance Service at St. John, Osgood 6:00 - 8:00 PM	21	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence 22 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon Way of the Cross 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Confessions Before & After Mass 23 Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Confessions Before & After Mass
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Palm Sunday JH/HS Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Confessions Before & 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 Passion Play 7:15 PM	Maundy Thursday Mass at St. Maurice 6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross at 9:00 AM - NO ADORATION - Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM Holy Saturday Mass at 6:00 PM
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter He is Risen! Alleluia!		Fr. Binu's Birthday Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM		Fo wh	THE POPE'S PRAY FOR THE N or the New Martyrs: N no risk their lives for the rts of the world inflan eir courage and mission	MONTH We pray that those e Gospel in various ne the Church with

Mass at 10:00 AM