December 1, 2019

St. Maurice Church, Napoleon

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Three unique parishes joined in mutual support to live and spread the gospel, provide enhanced worship opportunities, further faith formation, welcome and reach out in love to those in need. (Cohort Mission Statement)

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Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months.
Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of Anointing is available upon request.
December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – December 7 at 4:00 PM

**Greeters**: Gary Wagner
Brian and Karen Horan

**Servers**: Kayla Simon, Sam Simon

**Cantor**: Scott Simon

**Lectors**: Dottie Hellmich, Jack Ferkinhoff

**Euch. Ministers**: Arlene Gehl, Terry Harmeyer
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

**Sunday** – December 8 at 10:00 AM

**Greeters**: Jeff and Cindy Weisenbach
David and Jenny Hardesty

**Servers**: Machaela Cobler, Luke Simon

**Cantors**: Students

**Lectors**: Students

**Euch. Ministers**: Paige Simon, Katie Spreckelson
Leslie Hicks, Cindy Weisenbach

**PARISH SUPPORT**

- Adult Envelopes: $2348.00
- Children’s Envelopes: $12.98
- Loose Collection: $315.75
- Total Regular Collection: $2676.73

$3,193.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections: $515.00
+ Capital Improvement - $186.00
+ Campaign for Human Development - $329.00

Thank You!

“The truth is we are all changing the world. Every word, thought – yes, even our thoughts – and action changes the world in ways that echo throughout the world, touching people and places you will never meet, for ages to come.”

~ Matthew Kelly

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“THEREFORE, STAY AWAKE! … SO TOO, YOU ALSO MUST BE PREPARED.”

Come, Lord Jesus, make us ready for your kingdom.

Let us find you in the crimson-colored dusk, in the crescent moon and flying geese,

Let us see you in laughing children, in our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Make us always awake, watching for you, prepared, with our hearts open wide.

Teach us how to “greet you the days we meet you and bless when we understand.”

COME, LORD JESUS

The “ripe time” has come, the time to wake up for the coming of the Lord! We do not know exactly when He will come, but we do know that the time is already ripe, so we must “stand up now for Jesus!”

Advent is a time of expectancy. We wait for the next step in the Lord’s plan for his creation and for each of us. He came once as a baby, He comes to us in our worship and daily lives, and He will come again in full power, glory, and majesty. Are we, are you ready to meet Him face to face?  (Text, Philip J. Sandstorm, STD, 2001. Used with Permission.)

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(Quotation from “The Wreck of the Deutschland” by G.M. Hopkins)
SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 1 through December 8 for Ambrose and Elizabeth Volk.

ADVENT PONDERING – How would you like to prepare spiritually for the feast of Christ's nativity? What is Jesus calling you to "wake up" to this Advent?

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to Laramie Grace Hooker, the daughter of Alex and Jodie Hooker, who was baptized on Saturday, November 23. “I have called you by name. You are mine,” says Jesus.

CHURCH SECURITY – TODAY the ushers will begin locking all the doors to our building ten minutes after Mass begins, except the main doors of Church in the back of the vestibule. Two of the ushers will remain in or near the vestibule during Mass.

If you or your child need to use the restroom during Mass, it is best to use the one near church. But if that is not available, you are able to use the bathroom in the parish center. If the parish hall is NOT rented, you will be able to return to church by way of the doors leading into the classrooms. If the hall IS RENTED those doors will be locked, so you would need to come back to church by way of the main doors in the vestibule of church.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY – All ladies of the parish are invited to the Mary & Martha Circle Christmas Party in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 3, beginning with social gathering at 5:30 PM. It will be an evening of holiday cheer with a catered dinner, a cappella choir, door prizes, and joyful fellowship amid the sights and sounds of Christmas. Sign the sheet in the back of church, or call Arlene (812-852-4394) or Roberta (812-756-4191). Plan to attend, and bring your daughters, mothers, and friends!

GIVING TREE – Part of our Advent preparation is our annual Giving Tree. Our gifts this year will go to the Silver Memories Nursing Home in Versailles. This will be the first time for assisting this nursing home. We will also be assisting the infirm and retired Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg. Please return all packages by Sunday, December 22.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – The Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 PM, at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen. On Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM, Fr. John and Fr. Bill will hear confessions here for the children in Religious Education classes. Adults are also welcome to come to this time of

UPDATING PHONE NUMBERS – If you have changed phone numbers (e.g., dropped your landline and switched to a cell), please let the parish office know your correct number.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – We have received our first report from the Archdiocese on the amount given thus far from our parish toward the United Catholic Appeal. Our goal is $13,683.00, and the amount pledged thus far is $7,550.00. This amount is from 43 households. Let us support this appeal for our needy, for our families, and for our clergy.

USHER MEETING – On Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 PM, the usher training session will be repeated for those ushers who still need to attend. It will be held in the St. Francis Room. Please make every effort to attend this session. If you are unable, please call Jack Ferkinhoff or Brian Horan.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend, December 7-8, in the St. Anne Room following the Masses.

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 4, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served: Chicken Nuggets.

Classes for Grades 6-11 next Sunday, December 8, 8:30 AM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Not one of the five invited pastors showed up at a Thanksgiving civic gathering. The chair was forced to ask an actor, who often played the part of a minister, to say grace. The assembled bowed their heads. The sepulchral tones of the actor's cultured voice reverberated in the hushed silence.

"Since there are no clergy present,” he boomed, “Lord, we have a bountiful feast with no clergy. Therefore, we are all thankful.” (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL)
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33RD ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY
St. Anthony Church in Morris will host its 33rd Annual Live Nativity on **Friday and Saturday, December 13 & 14th** from 5-9PM. There will be a live manger scene, live animals, local church and school choirs performing both indoor and outdoor throughout the evenings. Sweet treats and hot beverages will be served. Crafts & activities for kids. All are welcome to this free event. 4773 Church Rd., Morris, IN

**A DAY OF QUIET RENEWAL**
December 10.  9AM to 4PM, $20 includes lunch.  $70 with Spiritual Direction. Experience a day of renewal and relaxation. Spend time to center and renew yourself.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**  Wednesday, 3 to 4:30 PM, December 4.  We practice contemplative prayer, share God’s movement in our lives and reflect on our experiences through the process.  All are welcome!  Spiritual Direction and Counseling by appointment.

**MOVIE NIGHT**  – Friday, December 13.  6:30 to 9:00 PM.  **BREAKTHROUGH**  – is based on the inspirational true story of one mother’s unflinching love in the face of impossible odds.  When Joyce Smith’s adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost.  Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John’s recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY ENRICHMENT**
https://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/index.html

**A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**  gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your Sacrament. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Dates: Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis - **February 14-16 (2020)*** Mt St Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany - **April 24-26 (2020)**  -  For more information:  www.wwme.org.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA**  February 1, 2020, St Malachy, Brownsburg; March 2, 2020, Nativity, Indianapolis.

**VIGIL FOR LIFE**  – January 21, 7 to 9PM, beichhorn@archindy.org.  -  St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 126 W Georgia St, Indianapolis.  Come pray for a greater Respect for Life with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and worship.

**INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE**  -  Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 12:00 PM.  March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building.  **Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  – January 22, Brie Ann Varick, 317-236-1543, beichhorn@archindy.org.

For more info call us at (812) 933-6437 or visit our website:  http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org