



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Liturgical Celebrations
Weekdays: See inside bulletin
Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 am
1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
that fall on weekdays**
Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin
Holy day: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Weekdays: Before Mass
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
Anytime by Appointment

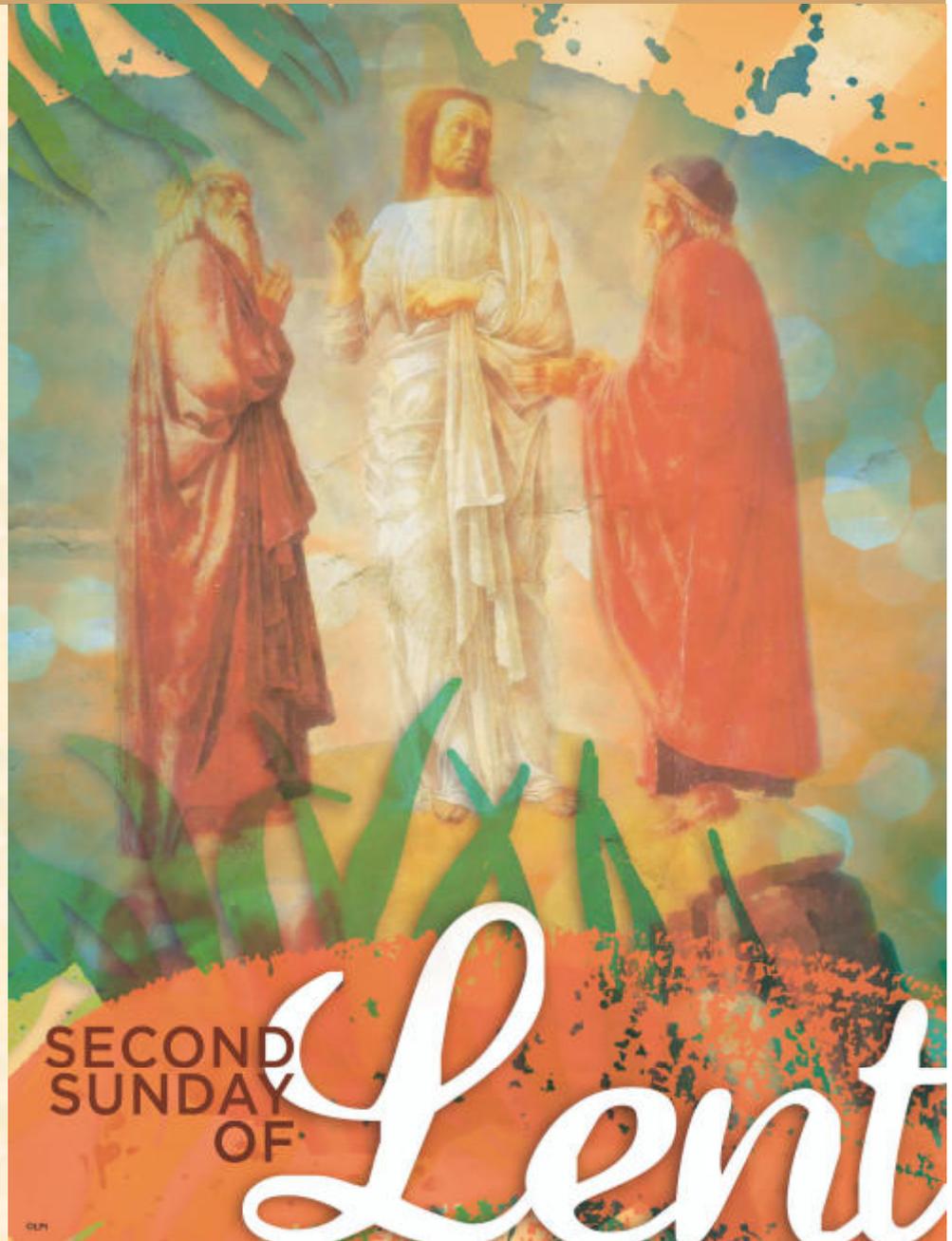
Sacrament of Baptism
Call parish office to set date.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements must be made
with the pastor at least six months prior to the
wedding date.

New Parishioners
You are most welcome. Please
stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline
Monday- 3:00 PM.

Email Addresses:
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3526 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

8:30 AM John & ruth Benhart by Debbie & Mark

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

8:30 AM Terry Stephens

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

8:30 AM Lorraine Hecklinski by St. John's Retirees

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

10:00 AM Carol Trzybinski

1:00 PM For Our Parish Community

1st Reading – Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing – all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:31B-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or, rather, was raised – who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Verse Before The Gospel – Matthew 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend, is holding a drive-thru carryout only **Original Jonah Fish Fry** from **3:30-6:30 PM on Friday, March 5**, in the north (gym) parking lot. **Tickets: \$12.00 (\$10.00 in advance)**. Dinner includes four pieces of fish, coleslaw, sweet and sour cabbage, Polish noodles, and cookie. Advance tickets available from the Corpus Christi Parish office until March 4.

St Adalbert Parish, South Bend, will sponsor a drive-thru, **carry-out only Fish Fry on Friday, March 5, 4-7pm**. Includes fish, fries, and your choice of Polish sides (noodles & cabbage) or American sides (kidney bean salad & cole slaw). **\$12 per carry out**. Enter on Grace St and follow the signs. Remain in your car; we will come to you. Cash only. No advance sales.

St. Bavo Parish, 524 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka will be hosting a **Drive Thru Only original Jonah Fish Fry on Friday, March 12th, from 4-7 PM**. Cost is **\$10 per boxed dinner** and includes 4 pcs of fish, coleslaw, chips, roll and cookies. No presales.

YOU CAN LEND A HAND 2021

Each year, during the month of February, students sell coupon books to raise money for their schools. The pandemic has changed how we are fundraising this year, but it did not cancel it! Donate \$1 to support local Catholic schools at www.youcanlendahand.com and earmark it for a school of your choice. You can choose to have coupons for Burger King, Chili's and Papa Vinos mailed to you or just make a flat donation. We appreciate your support!

Fr. Glenn's Pen

Modern sensibilities would seem to be horrified by the first reading. What kind of God would invite a father to sacrifice his own son? It is sad to say, but context is everything. God had chosen to reveal Himself to Abraham, who became our father in faith. This event happened about 1800 BC, this is several centuries before Moses and the promulgation of the Ten Commandments. God had not revealed; do not lie, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not murder, so Abraham did not have these "rules" to live by. In fact, it is likely that any religion and service to a god entailed sacrifice, likely human sacrifice. As Abraham was having his "spiritual awakening" he would likely have been conditioned to think that this is quite a normal request for a god. It clearly was a test of Abraham's faith. He passed. We also see the real God's intention and reverence for His creation. Recently we heard the story of Cain and Abel and God even for Cain's sin of murder, God did not resort to the death penalty. God is always for life.

True religion will always defend life. Anyone who tries to justify murder or the destruction of an innocent human being has been deceived by the evil one. Many in our society have been deceived into thinking that killing is a good thing, whether it be an unborn child so as to fight poverty, or an elderly person to alleviate their suffering. Christians are called to be champions of life!

Jesus reveals His glory on Mount Tabor to Peter, James and John. May we too recognize God's glory and be transformed

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, every parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have confessions available on Tuesday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

REKINDLE THE FIRE VIDEO SERIES

The men of Rekindle will be premiering a FREE, 30-minute video every 3rd Sunday of the month. We will introduce a video every month leading up to the 2022 conference in Ft. Wayne. Please join us on rekindlethefire.net or the RTF Facebook Page. If you have any questions, email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com or message us through Facebook [@RekindleTheFire](https://www.facebook.com/RekindleTheFire).

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