

Sacrament of Baptism
Usually during or after a Sunday Liturgy. Call the office to arrange a date and time.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Must participate in Diocesan Preparation Program. Call the office six months before setting date. One of the parties must be a registered practicing Catholic member of this parish.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please keep us informed of the sick and shut-ins especially when there is serious illness.

Moving Parishioners
Please notify office of any change in address.

Religious Ed. Classes
St. John Bosco
Classes are from 9:00—10:15 am Sunday from Sept. through Apr.
Immaculate Conception
Immediately following the 8:30 am Sunday Liturgy from Sept.—Apr.

Rosary Society
St. John Bosco
2nd Tuesday—6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception
3rd Tuesday—6:30 pm

Holy Name Society
2nd Sunday — 6:30 pm

Prayer Line
Call Parish Office
693-9578

Homebound Communion:
At Ege: Call Jeryl Marshall at 693-6365.
At St. John's: Call Scott Raber at 403-2624

SVDP FOOD PANTRY:
Wed. 3:30-5:00 pm

EGE CEMETERY:
John Konger—693-3790
Ryan Konger—693-0694

St. John & Immaculate Bosco Conception Catholic Church

Churubusco, Indiana

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday & Friday 8:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm
1st Saturday 8:00 am

Holydays

Eve 7:00 pm
Day 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:15-4:45 pm; after Friday am Mass

Parish Ministry Team

Religious Education

Director, Donna Macino.....693-3332

Assistant, Deb Humphries.....693-9609

Music Director, Steve Palmer.....438-8710

SVDP Food Pantry

Shirley Schlotterback693-2353

Marriage Preparation

Darrin & Kelly Geiger.....615-0978

Custodian

Toni Folds416-2244

Ege, Indiana

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Saturday..... 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am

Holydays

Evening 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:15 am; after Thursday am Mass

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, once more we enter a new liturgical year this weekend with the first Sunday of Advent. Advent reminds us of the different comings of the Son of God. We read in the Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar: "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time" (Universal Norms, n. 39). Because of this tone of preparation, the Gloria is omitted, the use of organ and other musical instruments as well as the decorations of the altar with flowers, are done in a moderate manner. And for this New Liturgical Year, the Sunday readings will be taken from Year C and the weekday readings from Cycle I.

Now, the readings for this first Sunday of Advent remind us that it is a time of great expectation and hope, as signified in the first candle of the Advent Wreath, a popular Advent symbol in our Churches. It is a wonderful opportunity to prayerfully, vigilantly and joyfully expect and wait for the coming of Christ, and the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation to his people, as the first reading remind us (Jer 33:14-16). And the second reading exhorts us in the type of life we have to live at this time, to be ready to welcome Christ when he comes: a life of holiness and love for all peoples (1 Thes 3:12-4:2). In other words, Advent calls us to be vigilant and properly occupied in the mission of Christ and endeavor to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man, both at Christmas, in the sacraments, at the end of our lives and at the end of time (Lk 21:25-28; 34-36).

We welcome and pray for this year's Candidate for full communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Bosco, and as we remember that Advent commemorates a joyful waiting for Jesus, which contains promise, love, and fulfillment, and requires preparation, alertness, reflections, prayers, and a new beginning, we exhort you to encourage the Candidate, Lori, on her journey of faith, as she prepares to welcome Christ into her heart, in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Now, this Saturday, December 8th, is the solemnity of Immaculate Conception, and as the patronal feast of United States, it remains a Holy Day of Obligation. We read from the Office of Worship: "Since the Second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 9) outranks Immaculate Conception, all Masses in the evening (after 4:00 p.m.) of Saturday, December 8, should use the prayers and readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. Nonetheless, attending Mass on Saturday evening can count towards either the Sunday obligation or the Immaculate Conception obligation — but not both. The two obligations must be fulfilled at two separate Masses" (*Letter to Parishes*, November 9, 2018). With the solemnity, we recall that Mary was chosen to reverse the sin of Eve and because of her obedience to the will of God mankind knows the salvation of God. See the bulletin for the Mass schedules for the solemnity and for the second Sunday of Advent.

Finally, please help us reach our Annual Bishop's Appeal goal in both our parishes. And next weekend, Sr. Joyce Shanabarger, OSF, will be speaking at all our Masses on the Retirement Fund for Religious, as organized by the USCCB and our diocese annually. We express our gratitude to you for contributions to this fund and encourage you to keep supporting this collection as one way to continue fulfilling your mission of the Church. May God bless you and make this year's Advent spiritually renewing and fulfilling for you and your families! *Fr. Francis*

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner with gastro-intestinal problems for correct diagnosis and successful treatment.
- We have numerous parishioners with serious health problems. Please keep them in your prayers.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a holyday of obligation. On Friday, we will have a 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass at St. John Bosco and a 7:00 p.m. vigil Mass at Immaculate Conception. On Saturday, there will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Bosco. Our schedule for the Second Sunday of Advent weekend Masses will follow our usual times.

Special Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. Sister Joyce Shanabarger OSF will be coming to our parishes on the weekend of December 8th and 9th to speak about this topic. Please be as generous as you are able.

Attention Holy Name

The Holy Name Christmas Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of church if you are planning to attend.

Giving Tree

- The Giving Tree is up in the back of church at Immaculate Conception. Please take a tag and help make Christmas merry for someone who needs it!
- The Giving Tree is also up in the back of St. John's Church. Please take a tag and support this good cause. Items are due back no later than Sunday, December 9th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party at Immaculate Conception will be held on Sunday, December 16th, in the church basement immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We need donations of cookies for the party. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of church. Thank you!

Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,359.25
- Votive 38.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,230.43
- Fuel 20.00
- Human Development 5.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

December 3, 2018

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Deceased Muegerl Family
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Phyllis Riecke
Friday*	8:00 am	Marg Hoot
Friday	5:00 pm	Leonard Wall
Saturday	8:00 am	Inn Bolen
Saturday	5:00 pm	Rita Muldoon
Sunday	7:00 am	Paul Gene Martin
	10:30 am	Joan Parrot

*First Friday Mass & Holy Hour

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Charles & Lena Ludwig
Friday	7:00 pm	Georgia Schenher
Saturday	7:00 pm	Donald Konger Family
Sunday	8:30 am	Amanda Bianski Espy

Schedule for December 9

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
<i>Servers</i>	Brooklyn Konger, Logan Holzinger, Jack Huelsenbeck & Logan Jacquay
<i>Lector</i>	Sally Riecke
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Krista Holzinger, Matt Marshall & Chris Felger
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Miller & Scott Reynolds
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
<i>Servers</i>	Tessa Vernon, Maggie & Isaac Warner
<i>Lector</i>	Toni Folds
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Jennifer Orth, Jillian Warner, Matt & Rachele Shambaugh
<i>Ushers</i>	Joe Orth & Randy Schreiber
<i>Homebound</i>	Scott Raber

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

FIRST RECONCILIATION — This Sunday, December 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. for the second grade class.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, December 3rd, in the church basement immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — Wednesday, December 5th, in the church basement immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

FESTIVAL OF GIVING — Sunday, December 9th.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION — Sunday, December 16th, at 11:30 a.m., for the 7th and 8th grade classes.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY — Sunday, December 23rd, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

REHEARSAL for the Christmas Program is Sunday, December 9th.

HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS MEETING — Sunday, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of church if you are planning on attending.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Sunday, December 16th, followed by refreshments in the church basement. No Religious Ed Classes.

Advent Penance Services

Our Advent Penitential Services at both parishes are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco
 - Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception
- We will have several guest confessors available, so please come and be spiritually prepared to welcome the Christ child this year.

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE:

- At Immaculate Conception, 57 families out of 142 have replied.
- At St. John Bosco, 92 families out of 245 have replied.

We need your help to make our goals. Please consider giving to this worthy cause.

News From Around the Area

GOOD SHEPHERD BOOKS & GIFTS (formerly Cathedral Books) will be having their annual St. Nicholas Sale! Saturday, December 1st through Saturday, December 8th. 20% off your entire purchase! Free Hot Wassail and cookies! St. Nicholas will be here to visit with children on Saturday, December 1st from 10am-4pm. St. Nick will be our guest reader for story time at 2pm! Please call 260-399-1442 for more information.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE COURTHOUSE — It is the time of year we begin to think of Christmas. It is in this spirit the Community Christmas Committee is reaching out to local churches for cookie donations which are distributed during the Christmas Around the Courthouse event. The dates are December 7th and 8th. It takes place in and around the Whitley County Courthouse from 6:00—8:00 p.m. If interested in baking cookies, contact 260-609-1530 by text or call or email linda.palmer55@gmail.com.

MOTORCOACH TRIP to Savannah, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island & Beaufort, SC benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fort Wayne. April 28th—May 4th. Bus departs from St. Pe-

ter's Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne. \$759 per person, double occupancy. Trip includes 6 nights lodging, 10 meals. Guided tours of Savannah, Beaufort, SC, St. Simons and Jekyll Islands. Visit to Parris Island Marine Base. Evening show at the famous Savannah Theater. \$75 per person due upon signing. Final payment due 2/21/19. Contact Neil or Kathy Coonrod (260) 623-6708 for more information and to register.

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