

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

Mass Schedule

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

Parish Ministry Team

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, as we approach the great celebration of Christmas, the tone of joy are seen in the readings. This is represented in the pink and third candle of the Advent wreath that is lit this Sunday. Thus, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as the *Guadete Sunday*, so-called from the Latin translation of 'Rejoice,' which is the first word of this Sunday's Entrance Antiphon Phil 4:4-5. This points to the joyful expectation of the birth of Christ, his coming in our life events and at the end of time, as well as the rejoicing of God's people at the marvelous things God has done, particularly in sending the Savior into the world in crises, chaos and slavery to sin.

However, our joy is put in perspective with these questions: Do I believe that God loves and cares for me personally? Do I always see the overwhelming size of my difficulties and life challenges? Do I see others always as a burden, etc.? These are pertinent questions that determine our joy, since we cannot talk of rejoicing and sharing joy if we do not have some joy in us; and we cannot have some joy in us if we are not convinced that God cares for us. So, from this perspective, this weekend's liturgy offers us an opportunity to reflect on the joyful things God is doing in our life and the lives of those close to us, even in the midst of hardships and difficulties. In other words, the readings maintain that the love of God manifests in his care of us, and this gives us joy, which then propels us, too, to care for others as the Philippians were exhorted to be in the second reading: "Show a gentle attitude towards everyone..." (Phil 4:5).

Now, this means that today's liturgy calls us to reflect on the joy that comes with performing charitable actions, being generous, being involved in Christian services to the sick, assisting the needy, and even personal visits to relatives or friends in difficulties, which we make through cards or phone calls and prayers. As seen in the gospel, those who questioned John the Baptist on what to do after they heard his preaching of the baptism of repentance and purification last Sunday (Lk 3:3), John the Baptist (Lk 3:10-14) talked to them about sharing their food with those who do not have; he talked to the tax collectors on social injustice, fraud, dishonesty and greed. He talked to the law enforcers, the strong and the powerful, on extortion, bullying intimidation and legal injustice. All these are charity in words and actions which each of us is exhorted to practice at this season to bring the joy of Christ into the lives of others, thereby guaranteeing the triumph of Christian joy over the sadness and sorrow of human sufferings.

Now, the first reading articulated this triumph of joy over sorrow and sadness, calling on Israel to shout with joy for the Lord is coming to save them, to renew them and to dwell in their midst (Zeph 3:14-18). This is to say that ultimate joy comes fully when the Lord himself dwells with us. But still, we are encouraged to engage in creating and sustaining joy in the lives of others, too, knowing that our joy as Christians, which is not the equivalent of pleasure, is mostly found in relationships, and in the loving things we do for others. Hence, St. Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice always (4:4), meaning that they would rejoice in the Lord when they embrace unselfish kindness, gracious gentleness and patient forbearance (4:5-7), as well as when they experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in the community, in the liturgy, sacraments, word of God and communion with the Lord in prayers. May we continue to open up to the loving union with Christ in our charitable relationships and communion with others, in order to be filled always with the joy of the Lord in abundance!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers as they miss Christmas with their families to protect us.
- Please pray for those who are alone and depressed; those struggling to feed their families; those who are caretakers for the ill in their families, etc.



Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party for St. John Bosco Parish will be held on Sunday, December 23rd, in the church basement immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There is a sign up sheet posted in the back of church for cookie donations if you are able to help out. Be sure to come down for some refreshments and fellowship while the children visit with Santa!!

Bulletin Deadline

With Christmas rapidly approaching, Liturgical Publications has changed the dates for the publication of our bulletin. The bulletin for the weekend of December 22 & 23 will be sent on Monday, December 17. The bulletin for the weekend of December 29 & 30 will be sent on Friday, December 21. If you have any items for the bulletin, please have them to the parish office by noon on those days. Thanks for your understanding.

Volunteers for Christmas

There are sign up sheets posted in the back of both churches for the various Christmas services. Please stop and sign up to help at the service you are attending. We appreciate your help!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

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| • Regular Collection | \$3,716.25 |
| • Human Development | 20.00 |
| • Retirement Religious | 1,690.63 |
| • Catholic Charities | 50.00 |
| • Votive | 91.00 |
| • Rosary Dues | 4.00 |

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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| • Regular Collection | \$1,808.00 |
| • Retirement Religious | 902.25 |
| • REMC Refund | 446.89 |
| • Rosary Dues | 1.00 |



Mass Intentions for the Week

December 17, 2018

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Michael Brase
Friday	8:00 am	Fr. Donald Isenbarger
Saturday	5:00 pm	Loretta Meinzen
Sunday	7:00 am	Special Intention (W & L Deck)
	10:30 am	Adam Ross

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Larry Schenkel
Saturday	7:00 pm	Amy Bradley
Sunday	8:30 am	Suzu Bianski

Schedule for December 23

8:30 am Immaculate Conception
Servers Steven Lawson, Brady & Gage Crick

Lector Joe Eichman

Special Ministers Scott, Brenda & James Reynolds

Ushers Mark Miller & Scott Reynolds

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers Nicholas & Gabby Orth,
 Charles & Isaak Gierscher

Lector Darrin Geiger

Special Ministers Deb Humphries, Jennifer Orth,
 Jamey & Cher Fischer

Ushers Scott Raber & Joe Folds

Homebound Gerard Muegerl

A REMINDER THAT ALL GIFTS AND FOOD ITEMS FOR THE GIVING TREE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

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

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will NOT meet on Monday, December 18th. We are taking a break for the holidays. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 7th, at 8:30 a.m. See you then!!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will not meet on Sunday, December 30th. Have a wonderful holiday!! Classes will resume on January 6th.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, January 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, January 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY — is this Sunday, December 16th, in the church basement after Mass. Please come down for some refreshments and fellowship while the children visit with Santa!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will not meet on Sunday, December 16th, or on Sunday, December 30th. Classes will resume on January 6th. Enjoy your holiday break!

HOLY NAME MEETING — Attention all men of the parish — the Holy Name Society has the responsibility of maintaining the buildings and grounds of the parish. Our meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend the meetings. Refreshments are served and it is a time for good fellowship.



News From Around the Area

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has an immediate opening for a full-time Principal. Queen of Angels School has a rich tradition of academic excellence and is dedicated to providing a first-class education to students. interested parties need to have a valid Indiana Teacher's License and an Indiana Administrative License or working towards achieving an Administrative License. This position provides competitive benefits which include: health insurance, dental/vision insurance, 403 (b) Retirement Plan, and life insurance. For more information and to apply, please contact Stephanie Howe at the Catholic Schools Office at 260-422-4611 or through email at showe@diocesefwsb.org.

UPCOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

A long time ago you both said "I Do." It's time now to say "We Will," by continuing to love and honor each other. What a better way to do that than by refreshing your love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Be careful, you might just start holding hands again. Discover the love that never went away.

Online applications are being accepted now. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends in the Northeastern Indiana area will be January 25-27, 2019, and March 22-24, 2019. The January Weekend will be in Auburn. The March Weekend will be in South Bend. For further information visit wwme-ni.org to apply or wwme.org to learn more about the weekend. Not online? Questions? Call Greg & Jen at 260-422-0803.

CATHOLIC EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE — Come and sail away on a seven night Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father James O'Neill on February 16–23, on Holland America's Oosterdam out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Ports of Call: Grand Turks, Turks and Caicos Islands; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Prices begin at \$1548 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Ask us about our lower non-refundable snap fares. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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