

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

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Music Director

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PARISH WEBSITES: stjohnboscochurubusco.org & iccege.org



From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, as we celebrate the fourth weekend of Advent, we welcome all our visitors this weekend who are already returning or visiting to worship and celebrate the birth of Christ with us, beginning on Monday (24th) evening. This reminds us that though this weekend is the fourth weekend of Advent, Christmas is very near. So we shall reflect on this weekend's readings, but we shall also incorporate some reflections on the feast of the Birth of Christ Our Savior.

The liturgy of this fourth weekend points to the Advent theme of peace. So, we thank all who have attended Advent reconciliation, since true peace begins from the inside of the individual. Also, as the readings tell us, true peace comes from a humble and faithful obedience to the will of God. For instance in the gospel, we see that the greatness and blessedness of Mary, the third major Advent figure, lies in her humble acceptance of the will of God for her as Elizabeth pointed out when Mary visited her, saying: "Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's promises to her will be fulfilled" (Lk 1:45), as prophesied in the first reading (Mic 5:1-4). This acceptance gave Mary peace of mind even as she continued to live her life of generosity and assistance to those in need.

Equally, the second reading articulates the same lesson reminding us that the Son of God in coming into the world said: "Here I am to do your will, O God, just as it is written of me in the book of the Law" (Heb 10:7). And because Jesus Christ did the will of the Father, making an offering of his own body once and for all, we are purified of our sins (Heb 10:10). When we reconcile with God, others and self, we gain that peace Jesus brought us through obeying the will of God, reconciling us to God. So, too, as we obey God's will by reconciling with God, others, and self, then this our YES to God's will changes lives around us, just as Mary's YES changed history.

Now, at Christmas, starting this Monday evening, we celebrate the love of God made manifest when he sent his only begotten Son born of a woman at the appointed time (Gal 4:4). God spoke to us earlier through signs and nature and prophets, but in our own time he speaks to us and manifest his love to us in his Son (Heb 1:104). So, the newborn baby will save his people, bringing peace to Jerusalem and the people of the world (Lk 2:8-20). He is the Word itself and the Light that lightens the darkness of the world (Jn 1:1-18), so that the people that lived in darkness can see a great light (Isa 9:1-6), the manifestation of the love of God, which then impresses on them to give up ungodly and worldly passion, and then live self-controlled, upright and godly lives (Tit 2:11-14). So, the true celebration of Christmas is allowing Christ to be born in us and then through our words and actions, bringing him into our families, towns and society.

We appreciate those who prepared our churches for worship in wonderful colors and decorations both for the Advent and the Christmas seasons. Equally, we thank all those that have participated in the liturgies at this time, as Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians, the Religious Ed kids and their Catechists, and the Youth Group and their Team Leaders as well as all other volunteers in the various ministries in our parishes. *(continued next column)*

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner recovering from surgery and for successful results.
- Please pray for an 8 year old boy with a rare form of leukemia who is not doing well at all.
- Please keep our policemen and women in your prayers for their safety.



Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE:

- 4:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco
- 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception
- 10:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco

CHRISTMAS DAY:

- 8:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception
- 10:30 a.m. at St. John Bosco

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

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| • Regular Collection | \$4,102.48 |
| • Christmas Gift | 25.00 |
| • Retirement Religious | 30.00 |
| • Votive | 40.00 |
| • Rosary Dues | 2.00 |
| • Special Projects | 799.73 |

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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| • Regular Collection | \$1,488.98 |
| • Retirement Religious | 35.00 |
| • Special Projects | 531.94 |

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Finally, remember the collection for the Catholic Charities on Christmas Day to support them in their mission of serving those in need as Christ would have us do. My prayer at this time is that you and your families and friends have a wonderful and fun-filled Christmas celebration!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 24, 2018

St. John Bosco

Monday	4:00 pm	Knott Family
	10:00 pm	Beucler, Smith & Muehlfeld Fm.
Tuesday	10:30 am	Joe & Bernice Buchtman
Wednesday	NO MASS	
Friday	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	5:00 pm	Leonard Wall
Sunday	7:00 am	Frank & Ila Hosler, Deb Mock
	10:30 am	Shirley Rosswurm

Immaculate Conception

Monday	6:00 pm	Kate Gebhart
Tuesday	8:30 am	Paul Konger
Thursday	8:00 am	For the People
Saturday	7:00 pm	Clarence & Mildred Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Ben Konger

Schedule for December 30

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
<i>Servers</i>	Brooklyn Konger, Logan Holzinger, Jack Huelsenbeck & Logan Jacquay
<i>Lector</i>	Bob Marshall
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Chris Felger, Robert & Linda Plant
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Miller & Scott Reynolds
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
<i>Servers</i>	Catlyn Newmark, Evan Stresemann, Dawson & Ryle Meeks
<i>Lector</i>	Deb Humphries
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Joe & Toni Folds, Darrin & Kelly Geiger
<i>Ushers</i>	Jamey Fischer & Randy Schreiber
<i>Homebound</i>	Keston Smith

News From Around the Area

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE — Do you have a high school student in your life? Sign them up to travel to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life! This annual trip will run from January 16th through January 19th, 2019. Students will participate in the National March for Life, have time to sight see, tour the Capitol building with Congressman Jim Bangs and his staff, and meet their congressional representatives! Please register at www.ichooselife.org. Only 65 seats remain. Register soon!!

UPCOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

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Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

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

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP is taking a break for the holidays. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 7th, at 8:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES will not meet on Sunday, December 30th. Have a wonderful holiday!! Classes 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will not meet on Sunday, December 23rd or 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.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, January 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Attention Both Parishes

- We need volunteers for our Christmas services. Be sure to sign up today on your way out of Mass.
- The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th, 25th, and 26th. It will also be closed on Monday, December 31st, and Tuesday, January 1st, for New Years.
- Father Francis will be leaving for his holiday in Nigeria on Sunday, December 30th. While he's away, there will be no weekday Masses at either parish and no 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at Ege.

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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