

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

.....693-9578

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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Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

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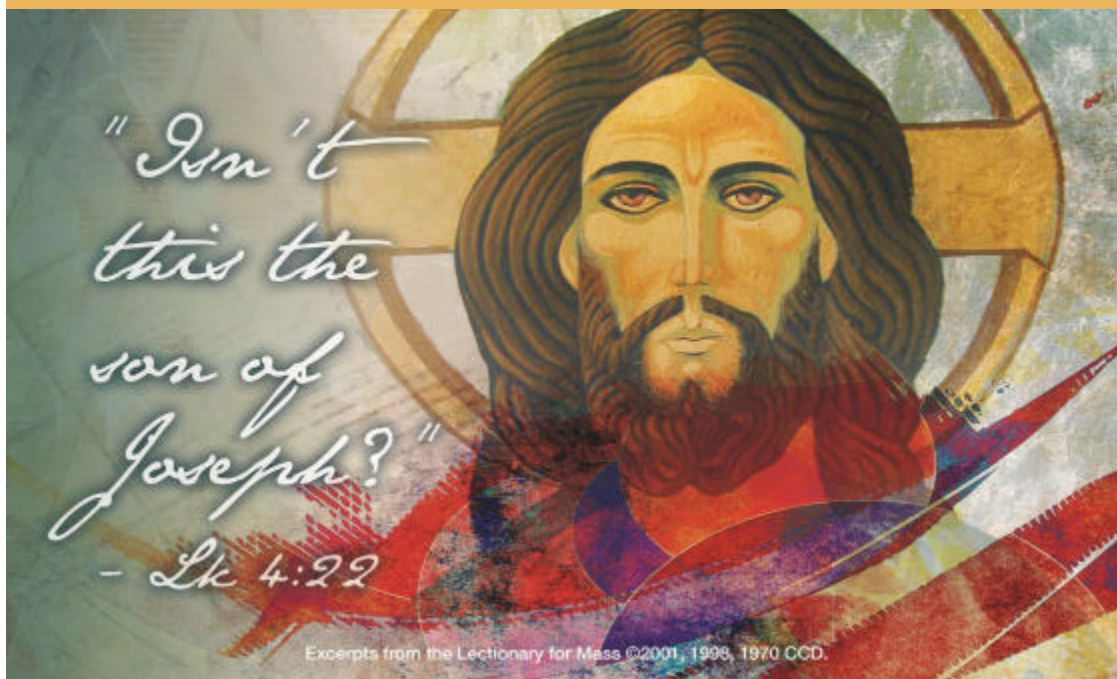
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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, like Jeremiah in the first reading (Jer 1:4-5), God has chosen us from our birth as Christians through our Baptism as the instrument of love to the whole world, in specific areas, families and careers we find ourselves. God has also bestowed on each of us specific gifts and talents to be manifested with love as St. Paul's message and the hymn of love in the second reading tells us (1 Cor 12:31-13:13). Now, we are called to respond in varied ways to love of God through our different charisms for the sake of all peoples, no matter the social status, intellectual status, color, etc.

It is interesting to read how St. Paul spoke of the supernatural gift of love. He said: "Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). This is an important point because it reminds us of the fact that love is the greatest value in life and in religion. Being the most important value in life means that to be fully human is to live and manifest love. In other words, to be fully human is to live out our identity, and our identity is actually none other than the image and likeness of God in which we were made (Gen 1:27); and this is our God whose name is identified as love (1 Jn 4:7).

And being the most value in religion, it means that love underscores our relationship with God. In actual fact, the reality of an authentic and true relationship with God is that it is not to be based on the fear of punishment of Hell or on the enticement of the promise of Heaven, but solely on the love of God for his sake, since he loved us selflessly, not out of fear of what we can do to him or out of what he can gain from us. In other words, if we understand love as the greatest of all virtues, seeing that it points to our true nature and self-actualization, then we should always strive to be channels of love without counting the cost of love, either in our service to others or in our worship of God.

However, as we live out our Christian obligation of witnessing to the love of God to both Jews and Gentiles, which Jesus pointed to in his story about the manifestation of God's love to the Widow of Zarephath and Naaman of Syria (Lk 4:25-27), and the sad reality is that we sometimes meet deep-seated oppositions, grudges, anger and infuriation with our messages and activities of love, especially from people around us, just as it happened to Jesus in the gospel (Lk 4:23-24 & 28). Of course as human beings any such experience and rejection would be quite depressing, but the readings exhort us to implore the grace and help of God in order to persevere with the message and services of love to other people as Jesus did (Lk 4:29-30).

Finally, we do not want to pass over the significance of the fact that not only was a reference made in the gospel about the Syrian Naaman who was cured of leprosy, but also this Sunday is February 3, the feast day of St. Blaise, in whose memory we usually have the blessing of the throat. So it will not be out of place to pray today that through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, that God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. God Bless!!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner with kidney problems who needs dialysis but is refusing treatment.
- Please pray for a parishioner having lung surgery this week for successful treatment and a complete recovery.
- Please pray for a parishioner who has been hospitalized due to her cancer treatments.



Afternoon of Reflection

The St. John Bosco and Ege Afternoon of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will be held on Sunday, February 17th. The program will begin at noon but it will be preceded by a small lunch of pizza in the church basement at St. John's immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please remember to let Deb Humphries know if you will be attending so she can order the pizzas. Call or text her at 260-466-4635 or email dkhumphries@msn.com.

Need a Night Out?

The Youth Group is offering a Valentine babysitting evening on Friday, February 15th, from 6:00—9:00 p.m. We invite families from both St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception Ege to take advantage of this opportunity. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of St. John Bosco Church or contact Janean Vernon at 260-705-0859 or 260-897-2044, email: janeanv@embarqmail.com to register. Free will donation.

Mark Your Calendars

This year's Mardi Gras celebration at St. John Bosco Parish will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. This year we would like to have a LIVE auction along with our SILENT auction. We are asking parishioners if they would like to donate. The LIVE auction will be bigger ticket items. Just to name a few, we have a family pass for four to the DuPont YMCA; dinner and show tickets to the Blue Gate; an overnight stay with diner and breakfast at Don Hall's Guesthouse. If you would like to donate for either auction, please contact a Parish Council member. As in the past, we will be having a beer and wine tasting along with hors d'oeuvres. We are also trying to set up babysitting for the evening so some of our parents can attend. Watch the bulletin for future details.

Donation Statements

I have been working on the year-end donation statements for those who have envelopes. Due to the bad weather and the serious illness and passing of my mother, I am running behind. You should receive your statement by the end of the week. I am sorry for the delay. *Diana*

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 4, 2019

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Wednesday	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention (Tom & Nan)
Sunday	7:00 am	Connie Leffers
	10:30 am	Dick & Marie Beucler

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Sunday	8:30 am	David Brady

Schedule for February 10

8:30 am **Immaculate Conception**
Servers Brooklyn Konger, Logan Holzinger,
 Jack Huelsenbeck & Logan Jacquay

Lector Matt Marshall

Special Ministers Scott, Brenda & James Reynolds

Ushers Dave Rosswurm & Kenny Spieth

10:30 am **St. John Bosco**
Servers Ryan, Luke & Mike Norden

Lector Charlie Schortgen

Special Ministers Ceil Parker, Jillian Warner,
 Darrin & Kelly Geiger

Ushers Scott Raber & Joe Folds

Homebound Steve Bartkus

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, February 4th, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY WORKSHOP Session 11 for the 7th grade students will be held on Saturday, February 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, February 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, February 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — Wednesday, February 20th, in the church basement immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE ROSARY will be said this Sunday, February 3rd at 9:40 a.m. It will be led by the third grade class. Everyone is invited to join us.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY WORKSHOP Session 11 will be held on Saturday, February 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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, February 19th, at 6:30 p.m.



News From Around the Area

2019 REKINDLE THE FIRE MEN'S CONFERENCE — Saturday, February 16th, at the Century Center in South Bend. The featured speakers are: Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Don Calloway, Deacon Harold Burke Sivers, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Join us for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Catholic Vendors and Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The cost is \$45 and lunch is included. For questions, call Joe Witulski at 260-452-6875 or visit the website rekindlethefire.net.

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE FORUM — Join us Saturday, February 16th, for the 17th Annual Pro-Life Legislative Forum to be held at Magee-O'Connor Theater at Indiana Tech, 1600 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with the event running from 9:00–10:00 a.m. Invited panelists include: Senator Liz Brown, Senator Travis Holdman, Rep. Matt Lehman, Rep. Ben Smaltz, Rep. Christy Stutzman, and Vice President for Public Affairs for Indiana Right to Life Sue Swayze Liebel. There will be pro-life legislative briefing; significant time for questions and answers; an opportunity to speak informally with elected officials. Breakfast provided. This event is free, but registration is requested. Visit ichooselife.org/pro-life-legislative-forum/ or

call 260-471-1849.

MERCY & MARY RETREAT — March 8-9 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 52553 Fir Road, Granger, Indiana. Experience the time of Mercy! This retreat includes: 5 conferences with Fr. Gaitley; Coffee & donuts; Lunch with the Marian Missionaries; Retreat Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet; Adoration & Benediction; Personal Testimonies; Book signing with Fr. Gaitley; and more! New special rate of \$49.95. Register Now at events.MarianMissionaries.org. For more information, call 413-944-8500 Extension 10. Hosted by the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy in partnership with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Redeemer Radio.

BECOME A PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATE — Are you looking for spiritual enrichment, support, a community, or a sense of mission? God may be nudging you to become a Providence Associate of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. The Sisters of Providence are inviting persons of all faith traditions to apply to become a Providence Associate. Applications are being accepted for this year until May 31. Contact Debbie Dillow at 317-250-3294 or ddillow@spsmw.org to request an application. Learn more at ProvidenceAssociates.org.

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