

**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 Folds .....416-2244

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

### Religious Education Coordinator

Judy Egolf..... 705-4577

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### Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

### SVDP Food Pantry

Francis Bianski.....693-3937

### Youth Group Leaders of Both Parishes:

Niki Kiester.....615-4272

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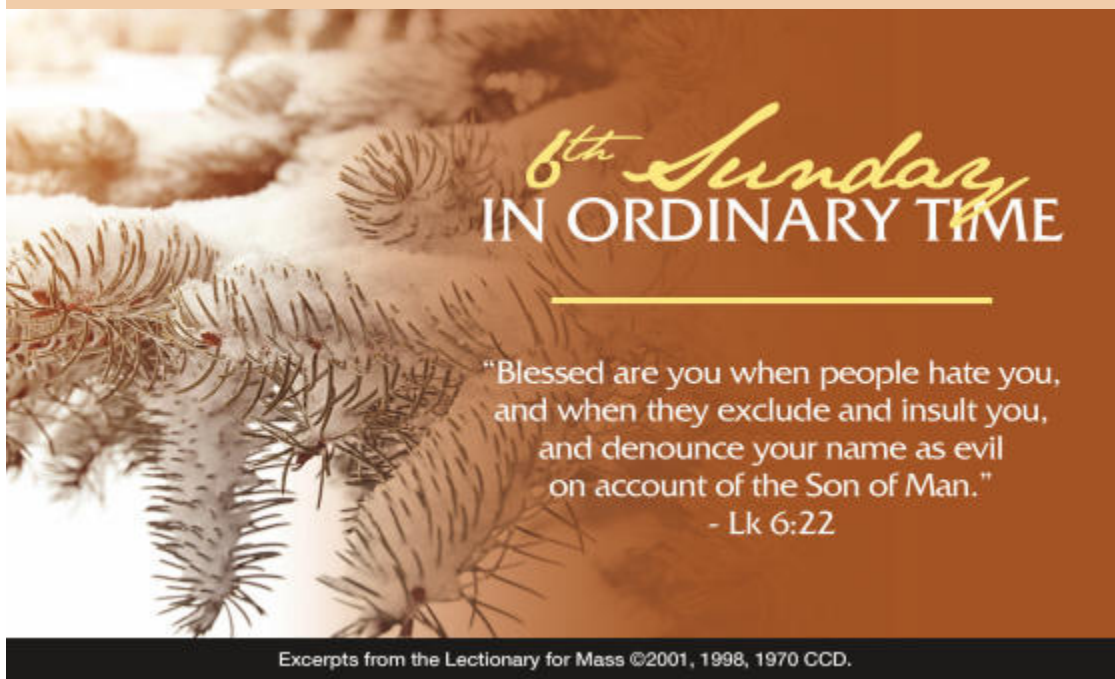
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*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.”  
- Lk 6:22

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, I thank God for journey mercies since by His grace, I got back on Thursday after my visit to my Country. My flight to and from Nigeria was quite uneventful. Thank you for your good wishes and for your prayers, as well as for keeping the faith. My family and I always appreciate your prayers, and I pray that our Good Lord will continue to provide, protect and bless you and your families today and always. It was a good vacation and a great time to visit with and to participate in many events and activities with my family and friends. It was a wonderful time to be with them; nevertheless, it is still good to be back!

We read in the readings of this weekend about curses and blessings in an antithetical manner, beginning with Jeremiah in the first reading (Jer 17:5-8). We know that God has chosen us from our birth as Christians through our Baptism, for blessing and not for curse, since we are his beloved sons and daughters, who in turn become the instrument of his love to the whole world in specific areas, families and careers we find ourselves. This is why God has bestowed on each of us specific gifts and talent to be manifested with love. Hence, St. Paul speaks of our love in the second reading, saying that it is the basis for our Christian assurance of blessing (1 Cor 15:12, 16-20). However, there is always this choice we have to make: to choose for God or for the world; to choose for others or for the self; to choose to remain with the first Adam or to go with the second Adam, as these are presented in the second reading.

It is never an easy choice especially when it seems that we are at the river/water, but still have to suffer to get to drink the water. For instance, why should we who have Jesus have to suffer?

Now in the first reading we read about the blessing of God to those who put their trust in God, just as trees growing near streams of water (Jer 17:7-8), yet in the gospel Jesus tells us that the blessed are those who have suffered some persecution and challenges in life and in the practice of their faith (Lk :17, 20-26). Of course, the natural human thing would be to avoid suffering, but the readings are emphatic that suffering for the sake of Christ is the only way to true blessedness/beatitude. St. Paul also proposed the same idea in the second reading where he spoke of the death of Jesus and his resurrection which gives meaning to the life and death of a Christian as well as the assurance that the dead will be raised to life (1 Cor 15:20). In other words, the resurrection of Jesus guaranteed the veracity of the aphorism that without the cross there is no crown; and that all who sleep in death will be raised (1 Cor 15:20). This is not only the physical resurrection at the end of life, but also the spiritual resurrection from sin, as well as the joyful resurrection from suffering equally.

Finally, we end with the wisdom from St. Therese of the Child Jesus, one of the powerful contemplatives of the modern times, who noted the paradox of the cross saying that it is through the cross that one attains glory; a lesson from her life experiences. Shortly before her death, St. Therese of the Child Jesus was given a red liquid medicine which she drank and then told the sister beside her. "This medicine appears to be excellent but I never knew anything more bitter. This is the precise image of my life; to the eyes of others it always seemed vested in the most joyful colors, they thought I was drinking a delicious liqueur, in reality, it was only bitterness" (Father Raymond de Thomas de Saint-Laurent, *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*, 12). May God assist us to persevere with our hidden personal sufferings!

*Fr. Francis*

## Prayer Requests



- Please pray for a parishioner with reoccurring brain cancer.
- Please pray for a parishioner who is under a lot of stress for peace.
- Please pray for those who are seriously ill, undergoing treatment for cancer and other diseases, etc.

## Lent Radio Challenge

Redeemer Radio has issued the Lent Radio Challenge! Visit [LentRadio.com](http://LentRadio.com) and join us for 40 days of Redeemer Radio! Sign up at [LentRadio.com](http://LentRadio.com) and join the diocese-wide challenge to reset all your presets to Redeemer Radio 106.3 FM throughout all of Lent! We'll send a daily e-boost to your inbox, providing you with local, faithful inspiration as we journey with Jesus into the desert. Sign up at: [LentRadio.com](http://LentRadio.com)

## St. John's Religious Ed News

- Attention Parents: The doors to the Religious Education Building are locked at 9:05 every Sunday. If your children are late, they will need to ring the doorbell on the upper right hand side of the door. Please try to be on time. The doors are unlocked at 10:10 a.m. Thanks for helping with the safety precaution.
- Second Grade First Communion Parents: There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the back of Church.

## Weekly Collection

February 3, 2019

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Regular Collection | \$4,280.00 |
| • Black & Indian     | 10.00      |
| • Overseas Relief    | 10.00      |
| • Votive             | 48.00      |
| • SVDP Food Pantry   | 858.07     |

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Regular Collection | \$1,544.19 |
| • Fuel               | 15.00      |
| • Votive             | 162.00     |
| • Special Projects   | 165.00     |

February 10, 2019

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Regular Collection | \$3,496.01 |
| • Fuel               | 60.00      |
| • Latin America      | 10.00      |
| • Votive             | 10.00      |
| • Rosary Dues        | 7.00       |

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Regular Collection | \$1,484.38 |
| • Rosary Dues        | 5.00       |



## Mass Intentions for the Week

February 18, 2019

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Special Intention (Tom & Nan)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Joe & Bernice Buchtman
Friday	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention (Cox Family)
Sunday	7:00 am	Chris Boseker
	10:30 am	Harold & Adena Fairchild

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Norbert Karst
Thursday	8:00 am	For the People
Saturday	7:00 pm	Joseph & Mary Riecke Family
Sunday	8:30 am	Suzu Bianski

## Schedule for February 24

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<i>Servers</i>	Steven Lawson, Brady & Gage Crick
<i>Lector</i>	Rodney Stayner
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Garry Polakovic, Jenna Ott & Kevin Crick
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave Rosswurm & Kenny Spieth
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b>
<i>Servers</i>	Madison Fischer, Justin, Maddie & Nathan Davis
<i>Lector</i>	Laura Stout
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Charlie Schortgen, Ceil Parker, Jamey & Cher Fischer
<i>Ushers</i>	Joe Orth & Brian McComb
<i>Homebound</i>	Diane Tiede

Contribution statements are in the mail. Please check carefully and if you see a discrepancy, call the parish office. I had a lot of software problems and will be happy to issue you a new statement if necessary.

## News From Around the Area

**THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND** is currently seeking candidates for the position of Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Catholic Schools are a ministry of the Church, and this position works with the Bishop and the Secretary for Catholic Education to ensure the integration of faith and life, reverence for truth, growth in virtue, formation in Christian discipleship, and commitment to prayer. The superintendent oversees the formation of 13,000 students in 39 elementary schools and 4 high schools in Northern Indiana. For more information and to apply, please visit the diocesan careers webpage at [www.diocesefwsb.org/Current-Job-Postings](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Current-Job-Postings).

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH ARCOLA** will have an all you can eat fish fry on Friday, March 8th, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All you can eat fish, potato salad, coleslaw, applesauce and dessert. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available for kids. Adults \$10.00, Seniors 60+ \$9.00, child (5-10 yrs) \$5.00, children 4 and under free. Drive thru and carry outs available.

**MERCY & MARY RETREAT** — March 8-9 at St. Pius X Catholic Church,

## Parish Activities



### ST. JOHN BOSCO

**THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Monday, February 18th, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

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

**SPARC MEETING** — Wednesday, February 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION** — Saturday, March 2nd, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for a beer and wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, LIVE auction and more!!

**CHILDREN'S FOOD OFFERING** — Sunday, March 3rd. Please bring your items to Religious Education Class.

**SECOND GRADE PARENTS' MEETING** — Sunday, March 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**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, March 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.



### Saturday, March 2nd

Join us after the 5 pm Mass in the church basement for a beer and wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent and a LIVE auction. Lots of wonderful prizes. If you would like to donate something for the auction, please see any Parish Council member. See you there!!

52553 Fir Road, Granger, IN. 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! Special rate of \$49.95. Register Now at [events.MarianMissionaries.org](http://events.MarianMissionaries.org). For more information, call 413-944-8500 Extension 10. Hosted by the Marian Missionaries in partnership with the Diocese and Redeemer Radio.

**COME AND SEE THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE** — Where is God calling you? Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 and 42? The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, invite you to a Come and See Retreat. The retreat begins at 7 p.m., April 12, and concludes at 2 p.m., April 14. Explore where God is calling you. Learn what life is like as a Sister of Providence. Meet the newest sisters in the Congregation. Get to know more about foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, and spend time in prayer and reflection. Register online at [ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org](http://ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org) or contact Sister Editha Ben at 82-230-4771 or [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org).

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