

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

Religious Education Coordinator

Judy Egolf..... 705-4577
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Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

SVDP Food Pantry

Francis Bianski.....693-3937

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PARISH WEBSITES: stjohnboscochurubusco.org & iccege.org



3rd Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 24, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, the God who manifested to Moses in this weekend's first reading as the I AM, is the All Holy God who heard the cries of the people of Israel, and delivered them from their slavery and suffering at the hands of the Egyptians, and brought them to a rich and fertile land (Exod 3:1-8, 13-15). We are then reminded that today still, when we cry out to God in our difficulties, sufferings and trials, or when we come to him for salvation from our slavery to sin, material things and worldly ambitions, he shows us his mercy, forgiveness, restoration, renewal and fulfillment. No sin is beyond the mercy and pardon of God provided we can bring ourselves to express our sorrow for our sins. This is why in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we recollect and examine ourselves, and then are able to make a good confession. However, the reading also reminds us that the heart of confession is not just the confession of sins, after which one receives pardon, absolution and a penance for restoration and healing, but it is our profession of faith and trust in the I AM, the God of eternal mercy and love, who forgives and heals us. So, the first point is to trust and believe in God's eternal love and mercy.

The second point is to recognize our imperfections and faults as Moses who recognized his short comings and was then restored and strengthened by God (Exod 3:11-4:17). Sometime we tend to manifest such self-righteousness as shown by the people in the gospel (Lk 13:1). So, we are called in this season to be real and recognize our short comings and missed marks, so that we can work on them with the Lord. This is the process called conversion, which means to respond to God's call at baptism and his care for us, and to devote ourselves to a life of constant vigilance as we strive constantly to cooperate with the grace of God given to us especially in the Sacraments. As Jesus said in the gospel, those Galileans Pilate killed or those on whom the tower fell, did not meet their death because they were the worst of sinners (Lk 13:1-5); thus reminding us that even our little faults need to be recognized since our relationship is with the All Holy God (Ex 3:5&12). Otherwise, we may meet the same end or the fate of the Old Testament people who fell back into sin and idolatry as Paul warns (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12) or the fate of the fig tree as Jesus implied in the gospel (Lk 13:6-9). We could die spiritual death if we are not vigilant.

Now, from this third weekend of Lent, the Church celebrates the Scrutinies for the Catechumens and Candidates for full communion. Even when there is no one from the parish in these respects, we are encouraged to pray that those Candidates all over the world may be continually led by the Word of God to a deeper knowledge of Christ and his love and compassion in their lives, just as the Samaritan woman experienced in her encounter with Jesus at the well (Jn 4:5-42), in the case of the first scrutiny. May people are thirsting for true knowledge and life that can only be given by Jesus, the fountain of life. In the gospel episode, Jesus' thirst for water symbolized his thirst for her soul, but the woman's thirst for the water that never finishes, symbolized her yearning for the eternal living water, plentiful nourishment and abundant fullness of the Holy Spirit. Thus we should accompany with our prayers all who publicly or privately are on this search and journey.

Finally, next Sunday, March 31, at noon, we have rescheduled our half-day recollection (a two-hour retreat) for those involved in various ministries in both our parishes, as the diocese requires of us. This includes the Lectors, the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Ushers. Lunch will precede the recollection at 11:20 a.m. Thanks for your ministry at our parishes, for your devotion, dedication and stewardship in both our parishes. Peace!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner with a serious health problem.
- Please pray for a parishioner recovering from hip replacement for good healing.
- Please pray for those suffering from depression or other similar illnesses for a return to good health and mind.



Youth Group News

The Youth Group will be selling vehicle window clings for \$5.00 each after all the Masses. All proceeds will go to support the Youth Group.

Work Night

Attention Ege: Mark your calendars and plan to come to a work night on Wednesday, April 10th, at 5:30 p.m. We will be doing a spring clean up of the grounds. Your help would be very much appreciated!!

Afternoon of Reflection

St. John's and Immaculate Conception's Afternoon of Reflection has been rescheduled for March 31. There will be pizza in the church basement after the 10:30 a.m. Mass with the program starting at noon. All Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Ushers are urged to attend as this is in accordance with the stipulations of the Diocese.

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to order a flower in honor or memory of a loved one, the cards are in the pews at St. John Bosco. The cost is \$8.00 each. Please use a separate card for each flower ordered. This makes our church beautiful for our Easter services and, once the services are over, you may take them home and enjoy them!

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,226.07
- Black & Indian 30.00
- Votive 54.90
- Mardi Gras Income 2,169.00
- Special Projects 877.80
- SVDP Food Pantry 30.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,383.00
- Black & Indian 25.00
- Special Projects 401.87



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 25, 2019

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Willard Billotte
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Phyllis Riecke
Friday	8:00 am	Al DiGregory
Saturday	5:00 pm	Joseph & Rose Wise
Sunday	7:00 am	Joseph Swenda
	10:30 am	Shirley Rosswurm

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Emily Ludwig
Saturday	7:00 pm	Suzy Bianski
Sunday	8:30 am	Ben Konger

Schedule for March 31

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
<i>Servers</i>	Logan Holzinger, Brooklyn & Corbin Konger
<i>Lector</i>	Rodney Stayner
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Jenna Ott, Matt & Jill Marshall
<i>Ushers</i>	Jimmy Schener & Paul Sade
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
<i>Servers</i>	Madison Fischer, Justin, Maddie & Nathan Davis
<i>Lector</i>	Toni Folds
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Todd Brinker, Jennifer Orth, Jamey & Cher Fischer
<i>Ushers</i>	Scott Raber & Joe Folds
<i>Homebound</i>	Diane Tiede

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, March 25th, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

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

SOUP & STATIONS — Friday, March 29th, starting with soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FOOD OFFERING — A reminder that Sunday, April 7th, is the monthly food offering by our Religious Education students. Please bring your items to class with you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CONFESSIONS after Mass this Sunday, March 24th, for the 5th & 6th grade class.

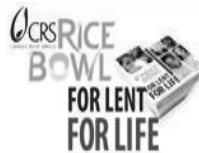
SOUP & STATIONS — Tuesday, March 26th, starting with soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

ROSARY MEETING has been changed to Saturday, March 30th, at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning the kitchen, followed by lunch and a meeting. Bring a dish to share and come and help out!!

THE ROSARY will be led by the 1st Grade Class on Sunday, April 7th, at 9:40 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

CONFESSIONS after Mass on Sunday, April 7th, for the 3rd & 4th grade students.

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.



REMINDER: RICE BOWLS ALMSGIVING CONTINUES THROUGH THE LENTEN SEASON. BOWLS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS DURING HOLY WEEK. THANK YOU!

News From Around the Area

UNPLANNED PREMIER — March 27th, 6:45 p.m., AMC Theater, 3930 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Tickets benefit Allen County Right to Life! Limited premier tickets available! Order yours now at www.ichooselife.org or 260-471-1849. **Unplanned** is showing at AMC days following the premier and at Regal Cinemas, March 28-April 3. Tickets bought at the theater for these later showings do not benefit Allen County Right to Life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY — March 29, and April 5 and 12, at the St. Joseph School Gymnasium, 300 W. Houston St., Garrett, IN. Menu: Fish, coles slaw, baked potato/mac-n-cheese, green beans, dinner roll/bread, applesauce, pudding and beverage. Serving 4:00 p.m. until gone. \$9.00 per person with beverage included. \$5.00 kids under 12. Carry-outs available.

RUMMAGE SALE — Immaculate Conception Church on the corner of Oak and Diamond Streets in Kendallville will have a Rummage Sale on Friday, April 5th, from 9:00–5:00 and on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00–11:30. Saturday, the sale is \$2.50 per paper grocery bag full!

ORATORY CONTEST — Allen County Right to Life is holding an Oratory Contest on Saturday, April 13th, at 10:00 am at the ACRL Office, 2126

Inwood Dr., Ft. Wayne. All high school students are eligible to participate in the contest. Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. The speech is to be 5-7 minutes in length. Dramatic presentations are not acceptable. Contestants may use notes although memorization is encouraged. Judging will be based on introduction, content, presentation, and conclusion. Prizes: 1st — \$100 cash; 2nd—\$50 cash. Applicants should submit an application by April 8 and send a copy of the student's speech no later than April 10 to Abigail@ichooselife.org.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend invites you to attend a Teacher Recruitment Fair in Fort Wayne at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Ft. Wayne, on Tuesday, April 30, from 5-8 p.m. The diocese has 39 elementary schools and 4 high schools in the northeast corner of Indiana. Come interview with Catholic school principals at the fair. Twenty-minute interview slots are available for the schools that will be present. Website: <http://www.diocesefswb.org/Teacher-Recruitment-Fairs>. Contact Stephanie Howe at 260-422-4611.

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