

**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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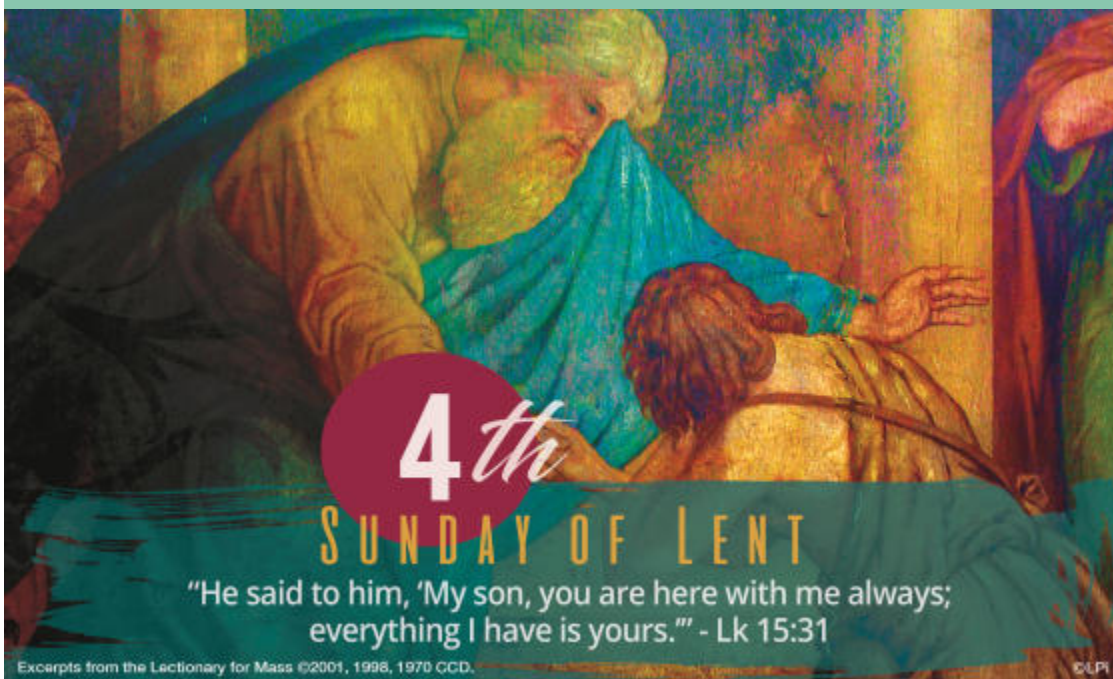
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4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 31, 2019**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, we read this Sunday the popular parable of the prodigal son in Luke's gospel (15:11-32), which has also been called the parable of the "lost son," the parable of the prodigal father, the parable of the merciful and loving father (etc.). Each of this identification is legitimate since on one hand, it is the story of the son who desired freedom and pleasure, but repented of his bad decisions and ways, turned a new leaf and became a changed person. And on the other hand, it is the story of a father who is ravishingly extravagant in love and mercy because of his immense love for his son, and this in a way made him the actual hero of the parable.

In other words, we are presented with the awesome and overwhelming graciousness, kindness, compassion and mercy of God our Father (Ps 103-8). He is so merciful to us because he has an abundant, continuous, seeking, understanding, forgiving and sacrificial love for us, even as we keep making wrong decisions, misusing our freedom and living contrary to the commandments and will of God. His great love leads us home to the promised land and its fruits, just as it led the Israelites from slavery into freedom, which they celebrated and enjoyed at Canaan (Jos 5:9-12).

Now, there are also two major actors in the scene, who call for our attention. The first is the younger son, who thought he needed a detachment from his father and went ahead to sever the relationship with his father and family. In our own individual relationship with God and our Christian family, we have at numerous times been in the same position of abandoning the love of God and the love of our brethren. But we can also take from the younger son the great courage he showed, which exhorts and encourages us to rise up from our wrong paths and sins, reconcile with God and with others, as to become a new being, the best version of ourselves. He was able to do this because he felt secure enough to admit his failures and sins, for he knew that relationships grow with the asking of forgiveness, just as confession restores fellowship.

We also have the elder son, the other actor in the scene, who calls for our attention. In a way, he represents us when we remain in our relationship with God and the community, not because we love God for himself, but because we want to avoid infringing on God's commandments and his laws, as the elder son summed up: "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. . . ." (Lk 15:29-30). In other words, our focus is just on what we can gain. Loving God means loving and accepting his will for us and for others. That is why the story was left open-ended by Jesus since he wanted us to complete the story with our own decisions — either to go in to reconcile and feast with our repented brothers and sisters in the family of God, which we accomplish by forgiving all who have wronged us, or on the other hand, to claim righteousness and holy pride, and walk out from the party/feast like the Pharisees and Scribes (Lk 15:1-3).

I suggest that we decide to reconcile and join with others to worship God, because we appreciate God's love for us. This means that we try to reconcile with our parents, siblings, children, friends, family members, etc., remembering what St. Paul said: that God made us his friends, a new being, through Christ and gave us the task of making others his friends also (2 Cor 5:17-21). This will change our attitude and attention at Mass and common spiritual exercises and activities, and make them great opportunities to really rejoice as the Sunday theme of *Laetare* (Is 66:10-11) invites us, while we anticipate the joy of Easter.

*Fr. Francis*

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner's aunt who had three stents for good healing.
- Please pray prayers of thanksgiving for a parishioner as he/she is healing.



## 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!!

## 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!

## Religious Ed News

St. John's sixth, seventh and eighth grade Religious Education classes will meet in the church on Palm Sunday, April 14, to pray the Stations of the Cross. We will not be going to our classrooms that day. Parents please drop off and pick up your sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at church that Sunday.



For those who have been asking about our Holy Week schedule, here is a brief synopsis.

### HOLY THURSDAY:

- Immaculate Conception 5:30 p.m.
  - St. John Bosco 7:00 p.m.
- With adoration until midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY:

- St. John Bosco:  
Stations of the Cross 12:30 p.m.  
Service 1:00 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception:  
Stations of the Cross 4:30 p.m.  
Service 5:00 p.m.

### EASTER VIGIL: St. John's

### EASTER SUNDAY:

- St. John Bosco: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Immaculate Conception 8:30 a.m.

## Weekly Collection

### ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,242.30
- Votive 63.00
- Special Projects 120.00

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,582.00
- Overseas Relief 65.00



## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 1, 2019

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Leo Garlitz
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Joe & Bernice Buchtman
Friday**	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	8:00 am	Gorman Ludwig
Saturday	5:00 pm	Rita Muldoon
Sunday	7:00 am	Evelyn Geiger
	10:30 am	Harold & Adena Fairchild

\*\*First Friday Mass, Benediction, Reconciliation and Holy Hour until 12:00 noon.

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Henry & Bernie Karst
Saturday	7:00 pm	Clarence & Mildred Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Dec. Frank Bianski Family

## Schedule for April 7

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<i>Servers</i>	Jack Huelsenbeck, Olivia Konger & Graham Smith
<i>Lector</i>	Joe Eichman
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Jeryl Marshall, Sally Riecke & Krista Holzinger
<i>Ushers</i>	Volunteers
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b>
<i>Servers</i>	Keegan McComb, Gabby, Audrey & Nick Orth
<i>Lector</i>	Charlie Schortgen
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Joe & Toni Folds, Darrin & Kelly Geiger
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy Schreiber & Jamey Fischer
<i>Homebound</i>	Gerard Muegerl

## Parish Activities



### ST. JOHN BOSCO

**THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Monday, April 1st, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

**SOUP & STATIONS** — Friday, April 5th, 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.

**ROSARY MEETING** — Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**SPARC MEETING** — Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** — Wednesday, April 10th, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Rectory Classroom.



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**SOUP & STATIONS** — Tuesday, April 2nd, starting with soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**WORKNIGHT** — Wednesday, April 10th, at 5:30 p.m. Help clean up the grounds!

**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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY** — 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, an 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@chooselife.org](mailto:Abigail@chooselife.org).

**THERE WILL BE** Masses interpreted for the deaf during Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Here are the dates and times: April 16, Chrism Mass at 7:30 p.m.; April 19, Good Friday Service at 1:00 p.m.; April 21, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. Learn more at [www.diocesefwsb.org/Deaf=Ministry](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Deaf=Ministry).

**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.diocesefwsb.org/Teacher-Recruitment-Fairs>. Contact Stephanie Howe at 260-422-4611.



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