

**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**

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Beth Konger.....693-2724

**SVDP Food Pantry**

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## PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, with the celebration of Palm Sunday this weekend, we enter the Holy Week. Since the beginning of Lent, we have made personal sacrifices, mortified ourselves and struggled to fulfill our spiritual exercises and discipline of Lent through our intense prayers, almsgiving, community penance services and the Lenten Soup and Stations at St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception. And it has been a great and wonderful time of spiritual and personal growth in our faith and fellowship. We thank all the groups, families and individuals, who provided the Soups at both parishes. Now, as we enter the Holy Week, we look at the mysteries we celebrate within the week, especially as they are events we celebrate only once a year.

The Holy Week, the week preceding Easter, is the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical cycle. In the Vatican Council II liturgy, Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, not only because this week the Passion of Christ is read in full two times, on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday; but more so because in the liturgies of Holy Week, God's saving action through Christ's passion and resurrection is celebrated in a special way. Its effects are made present to the believing community who through baptism, renewal of baptismal commitment, personal conversion, and penance are joined to the passion of Jesus the Christ. Now, the *Passion of Christ* is a traditional designation for the last events of Jesus' life. It refers to the suffering, torture and death of Jesus Christ, the humble suffering servant of God that offered his life on the cross (Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23), as also seen in the gospels and readings of the Masses this week. Also, the liturgical ceremonies of the week represent in many cases the preservation of earlier liturgical rites dating back to the early Christian communities. The intents of these Rites are to provide commemoration of and participation in the events of the last days of the life of Christ and an opportunity to relive the paschal mystery by which Christ reconciled the world to his Father. Hence we can say that Holy Week is the week of salvation.

On Palm Sunday, we remember that it was during the annual Jewish Passover that Jesus passed through suffering and death into new life. This was a divine act that saved all of humanity and creation from final damnation or death; just as the Jewish Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Palms to be used the next Ash Wednesday are blessed at a suitable site and carried in procession into the church, depicting Christ's triumphant entry from Bethany into Jerusalem as the Messiah and the Savior of the world (Lk 19:28-40). Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week is regarded as preparation days (spiritually and otherwise), for the holy days of *Triduum* — the name given to the three most important days in Holy Week — *Maundy Thursday* (after the last supper arrest of Jesus), *Good Friday*, and *Holy Saturday*, meaning the sacred three days, since in them we commemorate the suffering and death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now, before the *Triduum*, there is an important celebration: the *Chrism Mass*.

At the *Chrism Mass*, the bishop, together with his clergy and laity, consecrate three types of oil used sacramentally for anointing: thus they are called *Holy Oils (Olea Santa)*. The parishes and institutions take the new oils to replace the oils of the previous year, and are again used for the ministry for the next one year. Only pure olive oil was used, but after 2nd Vatican Council, pure vegetable oil can now be used. The *Chrism Mass*, where the oils are consecrated, could be done on any day prior to the evening of Thursday of Holy Week, and it usually takes place in the Cathedral church or any church the bishop deems suitable. At this liturgy, the fullness of the church is realized, since the bishop, the clergy and the laity gathered together as the whole people of God (the Church), celebrating the holy liturgy which is "the action of the whole Church — Head and Members." Priests renew their obedient

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## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner's son to hear about a job.
- Please pray for a parishioner with ongoing heart problems.



### (Pastor's Letter Continued)

commitment to the bishop and faithfulness to their call. The faithful are asked to pray for the priests' steadfastness and pledge to support them.

About the oils, in the Old Testament time, oil was a sign of abundance and joy; an agent of healing, strengthening and beautifying. Kings, priest, and prophets were anointed with oil. It symbolized the anointed person's goodness and healing presence in the community. Its Christian usage symbolizes spiritual strengthening, through sanctification and the imparting of the special grace of the Holy Spirit. *Oil of the Catechumens* signifies cleansing and strengthening. *Oil of the Sick* brings healing and comfort; the *Sacred Chrism* (a mixture of pure olive oil and balm or balsam; balsam is a thick aromatic tree resin that was prized for both its pleasant smell and its assumed medicinal properties) is used in the administration of baptism, confirmation, holy orders and at the consecration of bishops. It is also used in the consecration of churches, altar stones, chalices, patens, the solemn blessing of bells and the blessing of baptismal fonts. The oil and balsam mixed together signify a "fullness of grace."

Now, regarding the *Triduum*, in the evening of Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Last Supper is celebrated in different parishes. There is only one Mass in a *canonical* parish. In the Cathedral parish, the bishop presides over the liturgy, while in the parishes, the pastors preside over the Mass as the heads and leaders of the people of the local parishes. There is the washing of the feet symbolizing the love and service left to us by Christ and the Eucharistic Adoration that follows the end of the liturgy, to pray and watch with our Savior in the garden of Gethsemane. And on Good Friday, the passion of the Christ is reenacted, with the veneration of the Cross and great intercessions, ending with the prayerful mood that continues after the liturgy as we await the resurrection of Christ in the early Easter morning. Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the only two days the Catholic world does not celebrate Mass. Holy Communion reserved after Holy Thursday celebration is received on Good Friday. One can receive Holy Communion on Holy Saturday before the Vigil, only as Viaticum. Now, Easter which begins with the Holy Saturday vigil will be discussed next week. May God be with us as we make a conscious effort to attend these ceremonies of our salvation.

Fr. Francis

## Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,810.57
- Bequest 5,000.00
- Retirement Religious 292.00
- SVDP Food Pantry 918.76

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,502.50
- Retirement Religious 87.00



## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 15, 2019

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Dec. Muegerl Family
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Willard & Helen Billotte
<b>Holy Thursday:</b>		
	7:00 pm	Herbert & Mary Muehlfeld
<b>Good Friday:</b>		
Stations	12:30 pm	
Service	1:00 pm	
Easter Vigil	9:00 pm	For the People
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>		
	7:00 am	Jack Myers
	10:30 am	Dick & Marie Beucler

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
<b>Holy Thursday:</b>		
	5:30 pm	Kate Gebhart
<b>Good Friday:</b>		
Stations	4:30 pm	
Service	5:00 pm	
Saturday	NO MASS	
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>		
	8:30 am	Liv/Dec. of Koble Family

## Schedule for April 21

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<i>Servers</i>	
<i>Lector</i>	Volunteers — be sure to sign up to help.
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Sign up sheets in back of church.
<i>Usher</i>	
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b>
<i>Servers</i>	
<i>Lector</i>	Volunteers — be sure to sign up to help.
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Sign up sheets in back of church.
<i>Ushers</i>	
<i>Homebound</i>	

## Confirmation Retreat

There will be a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm for the candidates from St. John's and Immaculate Conception. Attendance at the retreat is required for Confirmation. Lunch will be provided. Immaculate Conception students should have received a letter in the mail with information regarding the retreat and Confirmation.

## Parish Activities



### ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, April 15th, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will not meet next Sunday, April 21st.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Saturday, April 27th, at Immaculate Conception from 10:00—2:00.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS will receive the Sacrament of Penance after Mass this Sunday.

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, April 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will not meet next Sunday, April 21st.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Saturday, April 27th, 10:00—2:00.

## Attention Parishioners

On Saturday, April 27th, the Confirmation classes from Immaculate Conception and St. John Bosco will be attending a retreat at Ege. During the retreat, they will be given an envelope full of letters, cards, etc., to show love, support, affirmation and prayer from their families and members of our parishes. Letters can be dropped off at the church office or given to Judy Egolf or Donna Macino. Make sure you write the full name of the student on the envelope. Keep the students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament. Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 8th, at St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City. Students from Ege are Grady Bianski, Thomas (Bear) Geise and Austin Jacquay. From St. John's, we have Drew Dafforn, Bree McComb, and Nick Schott.

PARISH TRIP — On Sunday, April 28th, the High School youth group will be traveling to St. John's, Indiana, to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion. We will depart from St. John Bosco at NOON and hope to return around 9:00 p.m. We will be caravanning, so everyone from both parishes is invited to attend. We will stop for a quick meal on the way home. Admission is free. More information may be found at <http://shrineofchristspassion.org/>. If you have questions, please contact Paul Sade: 260-609-5607.

EGE GARDEN — The High School Youth Group at Immaculate Conception is starting a parish vegetable garden. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or donating to the garden can contact Paul Sade at 260-609-5607.

## News From Around the Area

CHRISM MASS — The annual chrism Masses will be held at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Monday, April 15th, at 7:30 p.m.; and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend either of these Masses. An interpreter will be present for those who are hearing impaired or deaf. At the Chrism Mass, the Holy chrism is consecrated and the oil of catechumens and oil of the sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop in the same priesthood and Ministry of Christ. CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL in South Bend is seeking a

School Principal for the 2019-20 school year. A qualified candidate would have a strong focus on Catholic identity, be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, have five years of teaching experience, and hold an Indiana Administrator's License or be eligible to receive one. To apply, go to <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application> to complete the application packet. Applications must be submitted to the Catholic Schools Office at 915 S. Clinton St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802 or via email to [showe@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:showe@diocesefwsb.org). Application questions should be directed to Stephanie Howe at 260-422-4611. Questions regarding more information about the position can be directed to Fr. Daryl Rybicki at 574-272-9982.



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