

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

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Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

SVDP Food Pantry

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EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 21, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED — ALLELUIA! After six weeks of penance, prayers and special devotions, we come to the joyous celebration of the Easter mysteries. From Easter Vigil to Pentecost Sunday, the whole period is known as the paschal tide or Easter season. The words *Pascha*, *Pasch* or *Paschal* are derivatives from the root of the Hebrew word 'Pesach' meaning a 'passing by' or a passing through. This is rendered as 'Passover' in English. We remember that Easter, the greatest of all Christian feasts, is most profoundly associated with the greatest of all Jewish feasts. In the Jewish tradition, the Israelites in Egypt were miraculously saved from slavery when the Angel of death struck the firstborn of the Egyptians but spared or Passover the chosen people — Israel. In the time of Christ, Passover was majorly a combination of a spring festival (during which the nomadic shepherds sacrificed lambs, linked to the Passover in Exodus 12:1-14), and the festival of unleavened bread as noted in Exodus 12:15-20 (an agricultural festival, which during the existence of the Temple in Jerusalem, was connected to the offering of the 'first-fruits of the barley' that was the first grain to ripen and be harvested in the Land of Israel). Passover was celebrated from the evening of the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan (cf. Exodus 12:6 & 18). The format was essentially the sacrificing of lambs in the temple and the eating of a sacred meal in the homes.

It was during this feast that the passion and resurrection of Jesus took place. This is why the whole season of Easter is known as the paschal tide. The Hebrews celebrate their liberation from slavery while the Christians celebrate their liberation from sin, error and shame. Hence the liberation wrought by Christ made us dignified children of God and co-heirs with Christ. As the actual sites were located where the historical events of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection occurred, when Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity and made it State religion, Christians who lived in or near Jerusalem gathered publicly on the anniversary of the events at the places identified by tradition as the holy place. They relived the events with songs, readings from the story of the memoirs of the disciples (the gospel narratives of the passion), procession and vigils. Most of these practices were spread by the pilgrims from Jerusalem and the custom grew into what we have today as the holy week rituals and liturgies, culminating with Easter feast.

Thus, Easter is the culmination of the celebration of the paschal mystery, that is, the mystery of our salvation, as summarized in the proclamation of the Easter Hymn (Esultet), and in the Paschal Candle that signifies that Christ Our Light has risen to disperse the darkness that had enveloped the world. This is made clearer with the many readings we hear during the vigil tracing the history of our salvation to the resurrection of Christ, and when we resume the singing of Alleluia and Gloria, which we had refrained from singing since the beginning of Lent. All this signifies the joy of Easter, the joy of having been reconciled with the Father through the death and resurrection of Christ, since our Christianity has meaning only because Christ rose from the death (1 Cor 15:12-25). Thus, during the vigil Mass, after the Baptism and Confirmation of the new members of the Church, as well as during the Easter Sunday Masses, we all renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with the baptismal water, since it was through our baptism that we first became incorporated into the family of God and thus identified with Christ.

Obviously, something new and wonderful is happening, especially as we behold the Church decorated with signs of new life, bright colors and Easter lilies. Even the readings call us to new songs and new life (cf. Col 3:1-4). Indeed, we are called to celebrate and to rejoice for 'the Lord is truly risen!' Thus, we rejoice for the season of alleluia is here once more. We rejoice and celebrate for Christ has conquered sin and death

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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner who is starting a new cancer treatment for good results.
- Please pray for a man seriously ill with heart problems.
- Please keep all of the families who have lost loved ones recently in your prayers.



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through His resurrection which gives us the hope of our individual resurrection.

Now, we welcome the newest members of our parish family through the Easter Sacraments. We appreciate them, their families, sponsors and friends, for their faithfulness, perseverance, preparations and joyful participation in the faith formation in readiness for Baptism and incorporation into the family of God, the body of Christ and into both our parishes' families. We acknowledge and appreciate the RCIA Team of Donna Macino and Sue Gilbert and the Catechists who helped them in their faith formation. Finally, we thank all that helped to make our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies a wonderful one at both our parishes — All Volunteers, the Church Decoration Groups, the Altar Servers, the Ushers, the Lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the Musicians and all of you! Christ is our hope and God who raised Jesus from death will raise us up from ashes, sins and crosses, to be the glorious co-heirs with Jesus, the first born from the dead. HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Francis



Holy Name Raffle

Be sure to get your tickets for the annual Holy Name Raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: 1/2 hog
- 2nd Prize: 1/2 hog (minus 10 lbs.)
- 3rd Prize: 10 lbs. sausage

Parish Trip

Next 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 leave 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. For more information, go to <http://shrineofchristspassion.org/>. Questions? Call Paul Sade: 260-609-5607.

Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$4,086.13
- Holy Land 25.00
- Retirement Religious 22.00
- Votive 112.00
- SVDP Food Pantry 30.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,616.75
- Retirement Religious 130.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

April 22, 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	Loretta Meinzen
Sunday	7:00 am	John Zollinger
	10:30 am	Bob & Agnes Schortgen

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	7:00 pm	Chris Hackman
Sunday	8:30 am	Georgia Schenher

Schedule for April 28

8:30 am Immaculate Conception
Servers Steve Lawson, Brady & Gage Crick

Lector Matt Marshal

Special Ministers Kevin Crick, Scott, Brenda & James Reynolds

Ushers Brock Egolf & John Lozo

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers Mike, Ryan & Luke Norden

Lector Darrin Geiger

Special Ministers Ceil Parker, Toni Folds, Matt & Rachele Shambaugh

Ushers Doug Fischer & Joe Folds

Homebound Scott Raber

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, please call Paul Sade at 260-609-5607.

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will NOT meet on Monday, April 22nd. We will resume next week on Monday, April 29th.

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

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.

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

HOLY NAME RAFFLE — be sure to get your tickets from any Holy Name member!

Confirmation Retreat

- There will be a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the candidates from St. John's and Immaculate Conception. Attendance at the retreat is required for Confirmation. Lunch will be provided.
- At the retreat, the students will be given an envelope full of letters, cards, etc., to show love, support, affirmation, etc., from their families and members of our parishes. Letters may be dropped off at the church office or given to Donna Macino or Judy Egolf. Be sure to put the student's full name on the envelope. 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.

Need Volunteers

On Mother's Day, we will have fresh carnations available to support Allen County Right to Life. A usual donation is \$2.00 or more. We could use volunteers for the 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you could help, please call Yvonne Wagner at 260-797-2880.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 29TH. THANK YOU!

News From Around the Area

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. 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.

COULD YOUR MARRIAGE use a Spring tune-up? Join Deacon Fred and Lisa Everett for "An Encounter with the Beloved." This retreat will be held on the weekend of April 27-28 at Linden-

wood Retreat and Conference Center in Plymouth. The price of the retreat is \$195 per couple and includes overnight accommodations and all meals. For more details and/or to register, please go to www.diocesefwsb.org/MarriageandFamily, or contact Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your relationship with each other and with Christ.

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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