

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

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Music Director

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FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY • MAY 5, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, looking at the weekend readings, it is interesting to consider for instance in the gospel, why Jesus had to ask Peter three times whether Peter loved him more than the others (Jn 21:15-19). Perhaps Jesus wanted him to atone for the three times Peter denied him (Jn 18:17, 25-27); perhaps, wanting to hand over the office of chief Shepherd of God's flock to Peter, Jesus wanted Peter to understand the seriousness and importance of that calling; or yet perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize to Peter that love of Jesus is the reason and foundation one requires to be able to feed Jesus' lambs and sheep. Now, whichever one it is, selfless suffering in the service of others, founded on the love of God in the footsteps of Jesus, the Risen Lord, is implied and underlined.

Thus, God the Father and the Victorious Lamb are praised in the second reading for the scroll that only the Lamb was able to open to reveal what is to come (Rev 5:11-14). Already the Lamb became man, manifested God's love through signs and teachings, suffered and died at the hands of man before rising to his glory, thereby revealing what awaits all whose love of Jesus has motivated them to follow Jesus' footsteps in serving other members of the flock of God. As seen in the first reading, following in those footsteps, Peter and John experienced a part of what the Lamb revealed: they were tried and whipped by the Sanhedrin for the good they did in curing a sick man through the power of the Risen Christ (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41). Of course, the last part of what the Lamb revealed — the victory and glory that comes in the end — will come later to those disciples after their martyr's death, having sung God's praises through their selfless witnessing.

Like them, we sing praises to the Father and the Glorious Lamb today by our own continued witnessing to the Risen Lord, obeying God instead of mere human will as Peter said (Acts 5:29). We sing praises through our positive stewardship in the ministries, contributions to our parishes' progress and healing of the society. We also sing praises by not returning to our former ways of sin, as the fishing incident also teach us (Jn 21:1-14). As it were, Jesus already chose those fishermen as apostles who would fish for men and no more for fish (Mtt 4:18-22). But when he died, they became frustrated and went back to their old way of life, but it did not yield any positive result after a whole night of fishing for fish (Jn 21:2-5). This suggests that no one who receives a new life of Baptism with its indelible mark as God's child and Jesus' follower, can go back to one's old life of sin and unbelief or a life opposed to the Christian name and obligations, who will have any meaningful progress, for Jesus said: "Anyone who starts to prowl and the keeps looking back, is of no use for the Kingdom of God" (Lk 9:62).

However, from those seven disciples, we must learn to be open to the grace of God around us even when we have fallen away or embarked on our own agenda and derailed from the right path. As it was, they were open to the suggestion of the stranger on the seashore who asked them to cast their net on the right side (Jn 21:4-6). They did what he asked without question even without knowing that it was Jesus (v.7), and were able to receive surprises. It is like the happy and joyful surprise found in the Eucharist, which some of our children will be receiving this Sunday for the first time. Here we experience the love of Christ, which not only shows us an example the selfless and sacrificial love he asked of Peter, but also sustains our Christian life. So, we congratulate the first Holy Communicants of both parishes as they partake of the love of Christ in this special nature. We also thank their parents, their catechists and the DREs, for supporting and preparing them for this great occasion in their lives. God bless!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a woman with Stage 3 uterine cancer for successful treatment.
- Please pray for a man just diagnosed with liver cancer for successful treatment.



Letter From the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In one of his weekly audiences in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis spoke movingly about the motherly love of the Church: "[L]ooking to Mary we find the most beautiful and tender face of the Church; looking to the Church, we recognize the sublime features of Mary . . . This is the Church that we all love, the Church that I love. A mother who has at heart the welfare of their children, that has the capacity to give life to her children." This motherly love of the Church takes many forms, but it shines forth in a special way through the works of mercy which are the hallmark of Catholic Charities.

Next weekend, May 11 & 12, we will have an opportunity to share in the motherly love of the Church by supporting the traditional Mothers' Day collection for Catholic Charities. The money received in this collection will be used to help those who are in need right here in our own diocese. Through their food pantry, job training and housing assistance for refugees, mentoring programs for at-risk teens, mental health counseling, support for those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, assistance for those who wish to build their family through adoption, and help for older men and women in finding enriching volunteer work or employment, Catholic Charities strives to serve the welfare of our brothers and sisters in need.

In the name of Mary, Mother of the Church, who always has at heart the welfare of her children, I ask you to be as generous as you can with this collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop--Ft. Wayne-So. Bend

Flower Sale

It is time once again for our spring flower sale through Varner's Greenhouse. Order forms are available in the back of St. John's Church. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, May 17th, and may be picked up between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Orders need to be back to the parish office by Friday, May 10th. If you are unable to pick up your flowers at the indicated time, please call the parish office at 693-9578 to arrange another time. Thank you!

Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,048.20
- Home Missions 236.00
- Votive 84.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$2,028.00
- Holy Land 25.00
- Retirement Religious 15.00
- Home Missions 65.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 6, 2019

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Al Di Gregory
Wednesday*	8:00 am	Joe & Bernice Buchtman
Friday	8:00 am	Inn Bolen
Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday	7:00 am	Ila Hosler & Deb Mock
	10:30 am	Adam Ross

*PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
Saturday	7:00 pm	Dave & Sue Brady
Sunday	8:30 am	Matthew Konger

Schedule for May 12

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

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Special Ministers

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Ushers

10:30 am

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Homebound

News From

Around the Area

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association All Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 8, 4:30 pm —? Classic Catering and Event Center, 4832 Hillegas Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana. Cash Bar: Beer & Wine Only. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Send reservation form to Leanne Mensing, 3843 Wyandotte Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. \$20 per person due by May 31st. Make checks payable to CCHS Alumni Association. Any questions call Leanne 260-485-0290

or Sylvia 260-493-7479.

SOAR PROGRAM — Are you a sophomore, junior or graduating senior in high school looking for an opportunity to grow academically this summer? The SOAR program at Ancilla College may be just the place for you! Spend two weeks (July 7-19) on the beautiful campus in Donaldson, IN, earn college credits, experience college life and make lifelong memories. Go to Ancilla.edu/SOAR or contact Kristen Robson at 574-936-8898 x364 for more information and to apply.

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, May 6th, in the church basement immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION — Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul in Columbia City.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CONFIRMATION — Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul in Columbia City.

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.

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

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Carnation Sale

On Mother's Day Weekend next week, we will be selling carnations to support Allen County Right to Life. The usual donation for a carnation is \$2.00. Be sure to bring some cash and get a flower (or two) for the special women in your life and support this worthy cause! We need volunteers to help sell the carnations at the 7:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you would like to help, please contact Yvonne Wagner at 260-797-2880.

Attention Ege

- Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. All mothers are encouraged to participate in the Mass as Altar Servers (may serve with your child), Lector, Readings, Ushers, take up Offertory Gifts or Eucharistic Minister. Sign up sheets are in the back of church for Saturday night/Sunday morning.
- Congratulations to the following children for having perfect attendance: Daniel Lloyd (preschool), Corbin Konger (3rd grade) and Gage Crick (7th grade). We would also like to recognize Rachel Griffiths (preschool), Mary Griffiths (1st grade), Katherine Griffiths (2nd grade), Skylee Polakovic (2nd grade), Graham Smith (3rd grade), Kelsey Meyer (6th grade) and Veronica Eichman (7th grade) for missing only one day of class.
- Blessings to our First Communion Class of Lane Barron, Katherine Griffiths, Tyler Jacquay, Samuel Macy, Skylee Polakovic and Brogan Richards as they received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist today.

Attention St. John's

- Sign up sheets are posted in the back of church for Mother's Day weekend. We ask the mothers of the parish to volunteer at the Mass they are attending.
- Congratulations to the children from our parish who made their First Holy Communion this weekend: Gray Adams, Liam Keister, Kaiden Petty, Cecilia Schmutte, Aiden Stroder, Weston Vernon and Brayden Vorndran.

We welcome the following who were baptized at our parishes during April:



Immaculate Conception: Emmanuel Silvestre Serrano
St. John Bosco: Isabella Alexis Shoup, Joseph Michael Shoup, and Jack Hudson Warner.

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