

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, Joan Norden.....609-3950
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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“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” - Lk 15:10

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, we hear this weekend about radical Christianity. Now, the gifts of the Spirit given at our Baptism and Confirmation and the grace we receive at each encounter with God in the Word and Sacraments are what empower us and make us capable of living godly lives and doing the work of God. Unfortunately, some people allow these gifts and graces to be repressed and buried throughout their lives. Thus, radical Christianity among other things, reminds us of the responsiveness of the Christian to the presence of the Spirit which allows him/her to face the challenges of the day and times. It is radical because it is a new missionary commitment to the gospel message and values which, for the most part, run against the world's currents and standards. See for instance the readings of this weekend and its demand on the Christian.

The three stories Jesus told in the gospel (Lk 15:11-32), which he used to tell us about God the Father, go against the normal way of life we know. This is because it talks of God who never allows anyone to be lost because he loves each of us in spite of us. Above all, the first two stories give a conception of God who went out to search for sinners, that is, God who actively seeks what is lost. Now, sometimes we are in the position of the shepherd or the woman or the father, as seen in the parables, and we are required to act as they did by practicing the radical Christianity of forgiveness. As it is, to forgive is living out radical Christianity because forgiveness is one of the most difficult demands of our Christian life as we know from our individual experiences. Here we should avoid behaving like the first son; we have to avoid self-righteousness, rash judgment of others, as well as meanness of speech about others (Lk 15:25-32), because we, too, sometimes waste away the grace and gifts of the Spirit we have received from God. Instead, like Moses, it is better to plead and pray for the sinner (Ex 32:11ff).

Now, another salient point that comes out in the readings is that we are encouraged to see the hope of our own forgiveness in the forgiveness of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-24), the forgiveness of St. Paul in the second reading (1 Tim 1:13), and the forgiveness of the Israelites in the first reading (Ex 32:14). Like them, when we have fallen short of the grace of God, and even hit rock bottom, we have to be courageous enough to get up and go back to God for he is full of love and mercy (Ps 86:15). Remember that He said through the prophet: "I have no pleasure in the death of a wicked man, says the Lord. Rather let him turn back from his evil ways and live" (Exk 18:23). As well, too, we should have the humility to also go to those we have offended to amend.

A final point here is to see that the father of the prodigal son had many options when forgiving the son: He could have just scolded him, demand an apology first, disowned him, be condescendingly accepting, or asked him to make restitution one way or the other, but he chose total (unconditional) forgiveness and empowerment of the son with wonderful gifts signified in the clothes, ring, etc. (Lk 15:22-23). This is the logic of radical Christianity as St. Paul discussed in the second reading (1 Tim 1:12-17), for when we forgive somebody without holding back, we actually challenge the person, and it is this that really wins him/her back to us. Thanks to all Ege parishioners for an awesome outing at the Chicken Dinner last Sunday. Peace!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a man who is in serious pain for a correct diagnosis and successful treatment.



Parish Council Elections

St. John Bosco Parish will be holding elections for Parish Council soon. Being on the Council is a great way to get involved in the parish. We usually meet once a month for about an hour — even less during the summer months. Sign up on the sheet posted in the back of church if you are interested.

Bible Study

The Bible Study group at St. John Bosco Parish meets weekly on Monday mornings in the Church basement immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. This Monday, September 16th, we will be starting a new series on the New Testament. We always welcome new members and encourage those from both parishes who have an interest to come and check us out!

Fall Flea Market

The Rosary Society is having their annual Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 28th, from approximately 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is the same date as the town-wide garage sale event. Each space is \$5.00. Bring your own tables. This is a great time to do some clearing out before winter and make a little cash, too! Also — don't forget to bring a covered dish to share for lunch!!

Adult Convert Classes

Have you been thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic, but haven't received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Would you like to know more about Catholicism, but not sure where to start? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then maybe RCIA is for you. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and considering membership in the Catholic Church. If interested, sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board and pick up an informational flyer. Questions? Contact Laura Stout 260-466-1976 or LauraStout05@gmail.com. Classes will be held on Monday nights in the Rectory Classroom from 7-8pm starting Sept. 30th.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S CHICKEN DINNER AT EGE A BIG SUCCESS!! CHECK THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK FOR A LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

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- Regular Collection \$1,786.00
- Communications 98.00
- Special Projects 86.00
- Online Giving 165.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

September 16, 2019

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Inn Bolen
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Herman Schenkel & Family
Friday	8:00 am	Al DiGregory
Saturday	5:00 pm	Paul & Regina Bair
Sunday	7:00 am	Ed & Jean Ryan Family
	10:30 am	Adam Ross

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Matt Konger
Saturday	7:00 pm	Phyllis Riecke
Sunday	8:30 am	Esther Ramsay

Schedule for September 22

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
<i>Servers</i>	Jack Huelsenbeck, Olivia Konger & Graham Smith
<i>Lector</i>	Joe Eichman
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Tina Macy, Garry Polakovic, Jenna Ott & Sally Riecke
<i>Ushers</i>	Kevin & Brady Crick
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
<i>Servers</i>	Keegan McComb, Gabby, Audrey & Nick Orth
<i>Lector</i>	Ceil Parker
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Jamey & Cher Fischer, Darin & Kelly Geiger
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug Fischer & Joe Folds
<i>Homebound</i>	Diane Tiede



Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin this Sunday, September 15th, at 9:00 a.m.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, September 16th, in the church basement immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, September 25th, at 7:30 p.m.

FALL FLEA MARKET — Saturday, September 28th, from 9:00—3:00 pm.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, October 8th, at 6:30 p.m.

CHILI & HOT DOG SUPPER — Saturday, October 19th, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bake sale, too!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin this Sunday, September 15th, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, September 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Mentoring Program

Today, over 8.5 million youth lack supportive sustained relationships with adults. You can change that by becoming a mentor with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend! This National Mentoring Program was created by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Catholic Charities USA in a response to increasing school attendance and preventing truancy in at-risk youth. Working with ages 9-17, we are looking for mentors that can commit to one year with our program. Learn more about how you can make an impact in a local child's life by attending Catholic Charities' Open House:

- Wednesday, September 18th, from 5:00—7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion.
- Thursday, September 19th, from 5:00—7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Kendallville.

ATTENTION ST. JOHN'S: THE MUMS WILL BE DELIVERED THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH. PICK-UP WILL BE BETWEEN 1:00 AND 5:00 P.M. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN BOSCO. IF YOU CAN'T PICK UP AT THAT TIME, CALL KALA WARNER AT 260-341-4344.

News From Around the Area

WOMEN'S EVENING — Friday, September 20th, 5:30—9:30 pm, at the Deacon Joe Community Center, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City. The women of St. Paul of the Cross invite you to join us for a women's evening. We will share a meal, fellowship, discussion and quiet time to nourish your heart and soul. Our discussion topic will be *Guided by God*. Please extend the invitation to your friends. Young women in high school are also invited. Women do not need to be Catholic to attend. Register online at september2019women-sevening.eventbrite.com or email womenofsaintpaul@gmail.com. Free will donation appreciated for meal.

MEET THE AUTHOR — Kathryn Whitaker at St. Patrick's in Arcola on Thursday, October 3rd, from 7-9 pm, or Friday, October 4th, from 9:30-11 am (children welcome on Friday morning). Kathryn Whitaker is a popular Catholic author, blogger, speaker, who shares what it's like raising a raucous Catholic family. Whitaker shares her journey and challenges you to understand that you, too, can live a life of authenticity with joy-filled purpose, love, and faith. Her sassy way will make you laugh and cry while encouraging you to be honest about mistakes in

every area of your life, embrace them, and find a way to let God redeem it all.

WCCOA SENIOR HEALTH FAIR — Friday, October 4th, 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the 4H Center, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City. Free admission and parking. Free lunch & dessert. Free screenings: flu shots, pneumonia shots, fall risk assessments, balance testing, hearing screening, blood pressure checks. Free Ag Museum tours, service and product provider booths. Lots of valuable information. Door prizes!

MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN — Last year 319 babies from Allen County lost their lives to abortion. On Sunday, October 6th, at 2pm, we will remember these babies at Catholic Cemetery on Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne. This important event gives us a chance to honor the short lives of these children and pray for their mothers and all who are or have been affected by abortion. We encourage all side-walk counselors, 40 Days for Life participants, and anyone who has hoped and prayed for the end to abortion to come and give thanks to God with us for the miracle of life and for His grace, forgiveness and faithfulness. For more information, please visit www.ichooselife.org/memorial or call our office at 260-471-1849.

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