

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

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Music Director

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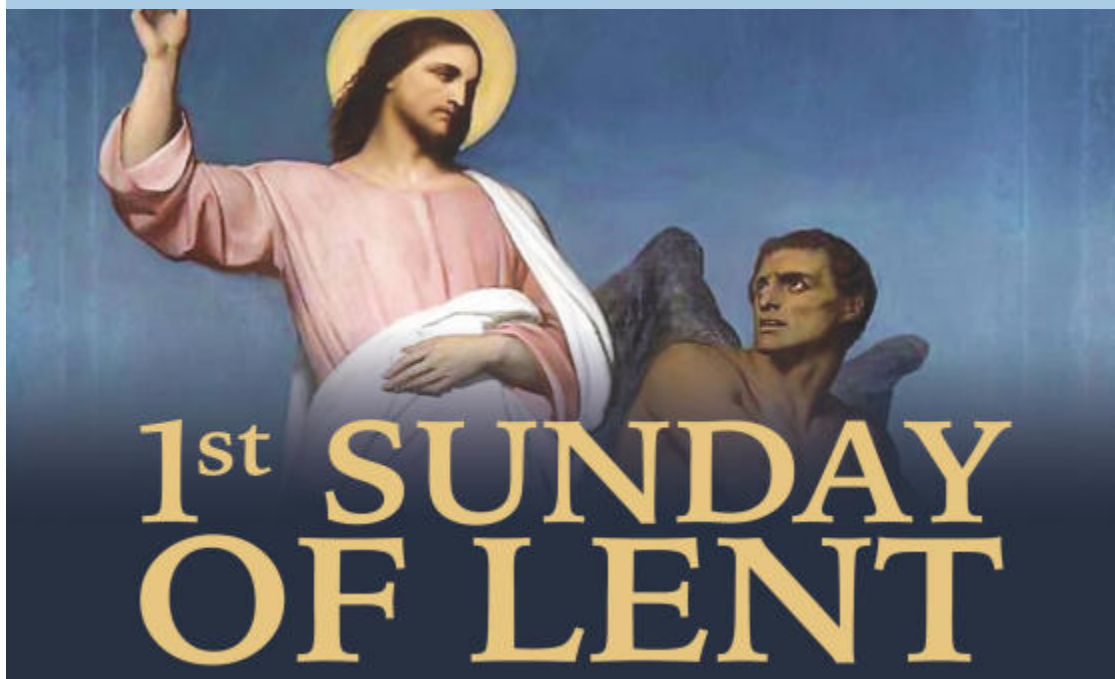
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 1, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, the liturgy of this first Sunday of Lent reminds us that our Lenten disciplines are salvific; hence the devil would like to derail us from keeping those exercises. But as it is, we are presented with the particulars we need to make this the best Lent we ever had. As the liturgy of the season emphasizes, we are encouraged to wash away the dirt in our spiritual life and to grow in virtues through our acts of penance, prayer, charity and mortification. Hence, the three arms of Lenten penance (Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving) are actually the call to acknowledge our sins and mortality, the call to give praise and thanksgiving to God and the call to reach out to others.

Now, as usually practiced in Lent, we tend to propose some spiritual exercises in line with the Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving suitable to our own specific circumstance within this our Lenten journey. There are always some temptations or discouragements by the devil to make us fall like Adam and Eve (Gen 3:1-7). The devil knows the good that will come to us when we succeed, so he tries to distract and obstruct the effort we make.

But we have to be steadfast in the exercises, overcoming the devil like Jesus (Matt 4:1-11), by focusing on the true motive of Lenten penance which is emptying oneself in order to be filled with the Spirit of Jesus, thereby becoming closer to God, living in the footsteps of Jesus, and imparting the lives of others in a positive way. Again, we can call to Jesus in prayers in who we are justified (Rom 5:12-19) and he will help us defeat the devil. Also, our constant and continued close encounter with the Word of God and the Sacraments are sure means of withstanding the temptations of the devil at this period of grace, for they are spiritual foods that spiritually energize our Christian zeal that have been dulled by routine and constant backsliding. Jesus employed the Word of God to defeat the devil, so can we overcome temptations with the Word of God. Thus is seen another worthwhile reason to attend the Ege Parish Mission this March 15-18.

Now, we recall that the distinguishing feature of this wonderful season is its penitential nature, and the Church gives us an example of the sober and reflective mood of the season. Thus in the Churches during the Lenten season, there is no reciting or singing of the Gloria, and there is a minimal decoration of the altar with flowers. Equally, organs and musical instruments are played only to accompany the music, and there are more meditative moments during the liturgy in general during the season. All this helps us to reflect on our lives and to make sincere decisions on following the way of God.

We congratulate Josh Ternet who took part in the Rite of Election as well as Taylor Schortgen, who participated in the Rite of Recognition by the Bishop, during the ceremony that took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne last Sunday before the Bishop of the Diocese. They are already going through the RCIA classes. So we ask that you remember them and their families in your prayers in a special way as they embark on the intense period of their journey to full initiation at Easter, into the family of God and into our parishes' families. May we all be wonderfully blessed and renewed spiritually this Lent of 2020!

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests



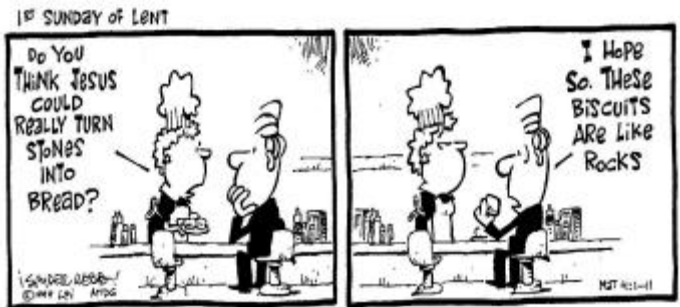
- Please pray for a woman who has a rare disease that has no treatment and no cure.
- Please pray for those undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- Please pray for those struggling with loneliness, depression, serious health problems, etc.
- Please pray for a parishioner to get the correct diagnosis on a reoccurring health problem.

The Light Is On For You

This Lent, every Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend will have Confessions available on Tuesday, March 10, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. **Since we have two parishes, Father Francis will be available at St. John Bosco Parish during this time period.**

Religious Ed News

The Religious Education students at St. John Bosco will be saying the Rosary next Sunday, March 8th, before Mass. We will go over to the church at 9:50 a.m. We will dismiss all the children via the door in the front of the church to the church basement. Parents should wait on their children in the church basement, not at the back of the church. We don't want to interrupt the flow people coming in for Mass. All are welcome to join us in saying the Rosary.



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,175.98
- Votive 54.00
- Online Giving 195.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,696.00
- Black & Indian 2.00
- Online Giving 285.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 2, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	John Brase
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Mary Saylor
Friday*	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
Saturday	8:00 am	Charles & Lena Ludwig
Saturday	5:00 pm	Sarah Gilbert
Sunday	7:00 am	Mary Ann Riecke
	10:30 am	John Longardner

*First Friday Mass, Reconciliation, Benediction, etc.

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	8:00 am	Dave & Sue Brady
Saturday	7:00 pm	Jessica Gump
Sunday	8:30 am	Special Intention (S. Draper)

Schedule for March 8

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
<i>Servers</i>	Corbin Konger, Jack Huelsenbeck, Olivia Konger & Graham Smith
<i>Lector</i>	Bob Marshall
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Sally Riecke, Krista Holzinger, Connie Uecker & Shanelle Konger
<i>Ushers</i>	Jimmy Schenher & Paul Sade
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
<i>Servers</i>	Maddie & Nathan Davis, Kendall & Addison Wright
<i>Lector</i>	Ceil Parker
<i>Special Ministers</i>	Davon & Rachel Geiger, Jamey & Cher Fischer
<i>Ushers</i>	Joe Orth & Joe Folds
<i>Homebound</i>	Diane Tiede

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING — This Sunday, March 1st, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church basement.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, March 2nd, in the church basement. New members are always welcome!

RCIA CLASS will meet on Monday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — Wednesday, March 4th, in the church basement immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

SOUP & STATIONS — Friday, March 6th. Soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

ROSARY MEETING — Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

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.

SOUP & STATIONS — Tuesday, March 3rd. Soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — Thursday, March 5th, at 6:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION — Sunday, March 15th, through Wednesday, March 18th. 7:00 p.m. each evening. Soup and sandwiches served at 6:00 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday. Wednesday is Mass with Bishop Rhoades at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the basement.



News From Around the Area

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH MISSION — You are invited to discover all that God has for you at our Parish Mission being held March 2-4. The theme is “Equipped and Empowered to Live as Disciples.” Monday will include a powerful message of the love of Jesus Christ and a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Come Tuesday and be equipped and empowered to live a fuller life as a disciple. On Wednesday, you will learn how you can continue your discipleship journey by becoming a part of a Discipleship Quad. The mission will be led by John Beaulieu, Director of Evangelization at Franciscan University. John has been involved in Church ministry for over 30 years and brings his passion for the Lord wherever he goes. This will be an amazing time of grace that you will not want to miss.

“ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY” on Friday, March 6th, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Queen of Angels. Cost will be \$11 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-10, and 5 and under eat FREE. Food served will include: Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Applesauce and dessert. Fish Fry will be located in the Monsignor Faber Activities Center at 1600 West State Blvd., Fort Wayne. Carry-Outs will be available.

CHICKEN & NOODLE SUPPER — Saturday, March 7th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Green Center United Methodist Church, 2861 S.

300 E., Albion. The proceeds for this annual event will be used to support Dick and Shirley Rinker. Dick and Shirley are the owners of the Quiet Corner in Noble County, which they opened after serving several years as missionaries in India. Shirley has suffered some medical issues which has forced the closing of the Quiet Corner, causing a financial burden to this very known and loved couple in the community. We would appreciate your support as all donations will go directly to them.

AN AFTERNOON OF HOPE AND HEALING will be held on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne. This gathering will focus on waiting with hope for the resurrection and will feature a witness talk by Stacey and Phil Huneck. The afternoon also will include inspiring music, Eucharistic adoration and an opportunity to receive healing prayer as individuals or as couples offered by Deacon Fred Everett and members of the prayer ministry team. Sponsored by Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

FISH FRY — St. Patrick’s in Arcola will have an all you can eat fish fry on Friday, March 13th, from 4:00-7:00 pm in the parish hall. All you can eat fish, potato salad, coleslaw, applesauce and dessert. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available for kids. Adults \$10, Seniors 60 plus \$9, child (5-10 yrs) \$5, and children under 4 are free. Drive thru and carry outs available.

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