

**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 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

Judy Egolf..... 705-4577

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### Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

### SVDP Food Pantry

Francis Bianski.....693-3937

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 15, 2020**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, this Third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy recognizes that we are about half way in our Lenten journey, tries to help us with some insights into our lives so far in the journey, and exhorts us to seek out more zealously whatever can assist us on the rest of the way. So, today is good time to assess how much we have persevered in our Lenten observances, how much we are renewed in spirit, how much we have disciplined the body through our mortifications, penances, fasting, prayers and almsgiving, and then reach out to Jesus for more grace and strength.

In other words, God continues to talk to us in the Sunday readings, encouraging us on our Lenten exercises by specially reminding us today that it is only in Jesus that we get the full satisfaction of all our thirst and hunger. This is signified by the water which God gave to the Israelites through Moses at Massah and Meribah when they were thirsty, as they journeyed to the Promised Land (Ex 17:3-7). It also comes out in Jesus' reply to the Samaritan woman, that if she had known the gift of God and who was asking her for a drink that she would have asked him, and he would have given her the life giving water (Jn 4:10). Also, we see this in God's gift of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus who died for us when we are still sinners (Rom 5:5-8).

Now, God gifts us because he loves us, and Jesus demonstrated this largeness and magnanimity of God's love by dying for us, and bringing us salvation. As we know: "It is a difficult thing that someone should lay down his life for a just man. . . It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:7-8). For each of us, one of the lessons here is that all who reach out to Christ for the grace that draws one to eternal life will surely receive it like the Samaritan woman did.

Thus, as we journey to the Promised Land, we have deep human longings as signified in the deep longings of the Samaritan woman, and this can only be fully satisfied by something eternal, signified by the life giving water of Jesus. In the case of the woman, she already had five husbands and was living with another man that was not her husband. This in a way points to us who in our search to satisfy those inner longings sometimes end up with the pursuit of the material alone, without realizing that the yearnings may have spiritual origin, and can only be satisfied by Jesus. So, Jesus tells us as he told the woman, that he is the fountain of living water and when we have him as a spring within us, we cannot thirst again (Jn 4:14). For at that point, we will know him more, know ourselves better, and also bring others to know him, as the woman did (Jn 4:28-30).

What better way to fill this yearning this week than to attend the Ege Parish Mission starting this Sunday evening and ending with the Mass on Wednesday evening by Bishop Rhoades. It offers an array of spirit-filled and powerfully inspiring speakers to make the mission a memorable and renewing experience. Finally, this third Sunday of Lent is also the 1st Scrutiny for Josh the Elect of our parish, as God gradually reveals himself to him as Jesus did to the Samaritan Woman (Jn 4:5-42). We pray for him, and Taylor who is to be incorporated into full communion, that their faith continues to grow and mature as they near the Easter Vigil ceremonies. Peace! *Fr. Francis*

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a young boy undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer for successful results.
- Please pray for those suffering from the coronavirus and pray that it gets under control and stops spreading around the world.



## Happy Birthday

We want to wish a belated Happy Birthday to George Frazier from St. John Bosco Parish. His birthday was March 12th and he turned 99 years old!!

## Congratulations

We want to congratulate the following students on being commissioned as altar servers for Immaculate Conception: Lane Barron, Katherine Griffiths, Samuel Macy, Skylee Polakovic, Brogan Richards and Brayden Vorndran. Thank you for choosing the ministry of serving God as an altar server!

## Rosary News

The Immaculate Conception Rosary Society will not meet on Tuesday, March 17th, due to the Parish Mission. We have rescheduled the meeting for Tuesday, April 7th. See you there!!

**Ege Parish Mission**  
**March 15 through March 18**  
**7:00 p.m. each night**  
**Soup & Sandwich at**  
**6:00 p.m. Sun.—Tues.**  
**(Tuesday includes Reconciliation)**  
**Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass**  
**With Bishop Rhoades &**  
**Refreshments afterwards.**

## Weekly Collection

### ST. JOHN BOSCO:

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| • Regular Collection     | \$2,399.78 |
| • Black & Indian         | 10.00      |
| • Votive                 | 35.00      |
| • Special Projects       | 72.00      |
| • Online Giving          | 86.50      |
| • IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: |            |
| • Regular Collection     | \$2,123.00 |
| • Black & Indian         | 30.00      |
| • Online Giving          | 175.00     |

## Mass Intentions for the Week

March 16, 2020

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Leo Garlitz
Wednesday*	8:00 am	Rev. Donald Isenbarger
Friday	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving (DG)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Lynn Snyder
Sunday	7:00 am	Tom & Darlene Hyser
	10:30 am	Evelyn Geiger

\*Please note the time change.

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Dave & Sue Brady
Wednesday	7:00 pm	For the People
Thursday	7:00 pm	Norbert Karst
Saturday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Mary Ann Seimer

## Schedule for March 22

**8:30 am** **Immaculate Conception**  
*Servers* Brooklyn Konger, Corbin Konger, Logan Holziger, Lane Barron, Brayden Vorndran

*Lector* Sally Riecke

*Special Ministers* Chris Felger, Mike Ott,  
Robert & Linda Plant

*Ushers* Jimmy Schenher & Paul Sade

**10:30 am** **St. John Bosco**  
*Servers* Caitlyn Newmark, Gina Morris,  
Ryle & Dawson Meeks

*Lector* Charlie Schortgen

*Special Ministers* Todd Brinker, Ceil Parker,  
Joe & Toni Folds

*Ushers* Steve & Joyce Otis

*Homebound* Keston Smith

## Parish Activities



### ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, March 16th, in the church basement. New members are always welcome!

RCIA CLASS will meet on Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

SOUP & STATIONS — Friday, March 20th. Soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE — Monday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

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.

SOUP & STATIONS — Tuesday, March 24th. Soup at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

## Special Thank

Mardi Gras 2020 was a night of fun and fellowship with good food and drinks to enjoy. Over \$2,200 was raised for the Special Projects Fund!

- Thank you all who came and participated in the games and silent auction! A huge thank you to the businesses and parishioners from St. John's and Ege who donated items for the auction. We had over 33 items donated!! Toni Folds was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Thank you, Toni, for donating your winnings to the Special Projects Fund. *St. John Bosco Parish Council*
- Thank you to the St. John's Parish Council members and your families for all you do! Mardi Gras wouldn't be such a success without all of you! Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed and are so greatly appreciated! *Ceil Parker, President SJB Parish Council*

## News From Around the Area

**GOOD SHEPHERD BOOKS & GIFTS** is having their annual 20% off sale Monday, March 16 through Saturday, March 21. 20% off your entire purchase! See you there!

**FISH FRY** — St. Patrick's in Arcola is having a Drive-Thru Only Fish Fry on Friday, March 27th, from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Carry out only. Full meal dinner \$10, all fish \$12. Come and enjoy another St. Pat's Fish Fry!!

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL GUILD FORT WAYNE:** The Guild has new officers and is starting to organize meetings and events for 2020! We are planning to meet monthly at a Fort Wayne Church after a Saturday morning Mass for fellowship, prayer, and discussions. We are starting with a first meeting on Saturday, March 21st, in the St. Vincent de Paul Church building following their 8:00 a.m. Mass in the library. Please come March 21st for fellowship and give your opinion on topic, timing, and venue! [fortwayne.cathmed.org](http://fortwayne.cathmed.org).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES LUNCHEON** — Did you know there are 40.3 million victims of modern-day slavery around the world?

Please join Catholic Charities for lunch as we share how we are helping survivors of human trafficking. Our team will also share important updates about our mental health initiative and our history of serving the diocese. This is a free event. Date: Tuesday, March 24th, 11:30-1:00 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church's Community Center, Columbia City. Please RSVP at [www.bit.ly/LNL32420](http://www.bit.ly/LNL32420) or call Nicole Kurut at 260-422-5625 x 224.

**DIRECTOR OF NURSING** — Saint Ann Home and Retirement Community is seeking an experienced Nursing Professional to join our non-profit senior living community located in Fort Wayne. Will work closely with Medical Director, Nurse Practitioner and other clinical partners to ensure the highest quality of standards of nursing care, clinical performance, and regulatory compliance. Must possess RN licensure in the state of Indiana, have current CPR certification, and have a minimum of 5 years' experience in a hospital, post-acute or long term care setting. For more information contact Jessica Wallace at 260-399-3082, fax 399-3393, [Jessica.Wallace@sacfw.org](mailto:Jessica.Wallace@sacfw.org) or [www.sacfw.org](http://www.sacfw.org).

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