

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....8:00 am & Thursday..... 7:00 pm

Holydays

Evening 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:15 am; after Thursday am Mass

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, through the dramatic healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter, a foreigner (Mt 15:21-28), the gospel reading of this 20th Sunday of the year reminds us that the love, healing and salvation of God is universal. As the gospel tells us, God's favorite is anybody whether Greek or Jew or Gentile, who does the will of God. This truth is manifested by Jesus in many places, like when he stretched out his hand towards his followers and declared: "...whoever does the will of my Father is my brother, my sister and my mother" (Matt 12:50). This means that all peoples and all nations are invited to become true members of the household of God, by accepting and living according to what God has willed for human beings. God created us and gave us the gifts of human identity and freedom. We cannot abuse this freedom by choosing to become something different from our own created identity against the will of the Creator: God for us as human beings. And this will of God is discoverable in one's persistent search for meaning in life, in respect to the limited boundaries placed by the Creator for our own good and sanctification. He freely loved us and he freely and gratuitously distributes his gifts uniquely to each person; a truth that humbles us, makes us conscious of our unworthiness and presses us to serve the purposes of the kingdom of God without excluding anyone. The Canaanite woman understood this and it motivated her determination in the search and pursuit of what she needed.

Now, the fact of the universality of God's boundless love for all peoples as emphasized by the gospel is also evident in the invitation to all nations to the kingdom of God, as prophesied by Isaiah in the 1st reading. Here, the prophet prophesied that foreigners are welcomed into the Temple and could even offer sacrifices there: "*And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant; these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations*" (Isa 56:6-7). This is a radical prophesy which can only be appreciated when we recall the arrangement of worshippers within the Jewish Temple in the Old Testament. As it were, in the Temple there was the court of the priests (the innermost), followed by the court of the Jews (men), followed by the court of the Women and finally the outermost court which was the court of the gentiles; and all non-Jews were forbidden to enter beyond this outermost court under the pain of death. This serious arrangements and perspective explains why the delicate drama in the gospel had to take place with Jesus seemingly being unsympathetic by referring to the food given to dogs, to help to instill the newness of Jesus' teaching about those the apostles might see as gentiles and women. Now according to the prophet, God's house would be the house of prayer for all people, and faith in God would be a saving grace for all (Isa 56:1). What an amazing description of the universality of God's love, healing, blessing and salvation for all.

Now, unlike the chosen people of God whom St. Paul lamented in the 2nd reading, that they rejected Jesus as their messiah and savior (Rom 11:13-15; 30), any member of the new people of God (Isa 56:6) must manifest obedience to God (Rom 11:29-32) and a persistent trust in the Lord in his power and in his love. Thus, from whichever nations they come from, these virtues are required of new people of God, as the Canaanite woman manifested to receive healing for her daughter, because Jesus

does not refuse faith wherever he finds it. Paul said: "*Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ... Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all*" (Rom 11:13-15; 30-31). In other words, to be part of the family of God, one's obedience to the will of God is paramount just like Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father, even unto death (Phil 2:6-11). Also, to be part of the family of God, faith and trust in God is paramount. As we see, the story in the gospel is the story of faith that is persevering, which was not manifested by Jews (Matt 9:18-22; Jn 4:46-54), but by a Canaanite woman (Matt 15:21-28), just like the Roman Centurion (Matt 8:5-13). In other words, Christians, the new people of God, must obey God and profess their faith in Jesus Christ in a consistent manner by the way they live out this faith. With that, the kind of total healing experienced by the Canaanite woman and her daughter (physical and spiritual) becomes what each Christian can encounter, since God's healing is for all who does his will.

As announced at Immaculate Conception last weekend, this year's Chicken Dinner has been cancelled in the usual way we did it due to the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. As it is the major annual fundraiser for the parish, we shall be asking for support through our envelope drive and Raffle sales, and the details will be communicated in two week's time. Also, the St. John Bosco parish picnic has been cancelled for this year since the park is yet to be completed and managing social distance effectively at meal time will not be possible. We thank you all for your understanding with regards to these celebrations as we know that they are opportunities to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ, from diverse backgrounds, to celebrate our parishes' fellowship and feast as a family and community of God's people. As it was, by those gatherings to worship God together in his 'Temple' and to share food together in festive fellowship, we courageously state that in our own little way, we do extend love and healing to all in imitation of God's universal love and healing that the readings speak of.

We wish to inform the St. John Bosco parishioners that we have a new DRE for the parish in the person of Diane Tiede. She has already been working to get everything ready for the resumption of the new Religious Ed school year. She will soon reach out to the catechists as well as the parents also to inform them of the plans, and what to expect if they are sending their children to the Religious Ed classes this new school year. So, do work with her when she contacts you. Meanwhile, we sincerely appreciate Joan Norden for all she did for our students this last school year. She is unable to continue as the DRE at this time due to her increased workload and enlarged area of supervisions at her workplace. Diane will be commissioned on Sunday, August 30, at the 10:30 am Mass. Enjoy your weekend and may God bless you always!

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

August 17, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Theresia Aumsbaugh
Wednesday*	7:00 pm	Dick & Marie Beucler
Friday	8:00 am	Marg Hoot
Saturday	5:00 pm	Charles, Virginia & Tim Smith
Sunday	7:00 am	Ed & Jean Ryan & Family
	10:30 am	Shirley Rosswurm

*6:00 pm Holy Hour before Mass

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Emily Ludwig
Thursday*	7:00 pm	Dave & Sue Brady
Saturday	7:00 pm	Clarence & Mildred Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Georgia Schenher
	5:00 pm	For the People

*6:00pm Holy Hour before Mass

Schedule for August 23

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers None

Lector Bob Marshall

Special Ministers Kevin Crick

Ushers Brock Egolf & John Lozo

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers None

Lector Charlie Schortgen

Special Ministers Ceil Parker

Ushers Randy Schreiber & Volunteer

Homebound



Prayer Requests

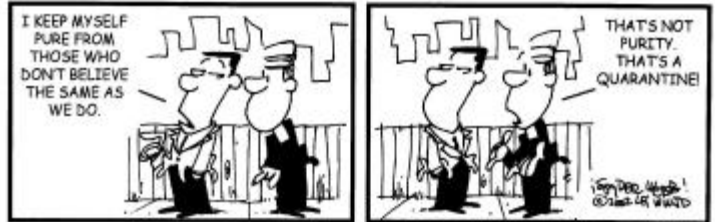
- Please pray for an end to the COVID pandemic.
- Please keep our students returning to school and our teachers in your prayers for a safe school year.
- Please pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses and for those who are recovering from surgery for healing.

Adult Inquiry Classes

Have you been thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Would you like to know more about Catholicism, but you're 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. Though developed for those who wish to join the Church, anyone is welcome to attend these sessions. This is a great way to learn about the faith and meet new members of the church. If you are interested, please contact Laura Stout or sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board where you will also find some informational flyers.

Laura Stout — (cell) 260-466-1976
 Email — LauraStout05@gmail.com
 Classes will be held Monday nights in the basement of St. John's from 7pm-8pm, starting August 31st.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$2,312.00
- Votive 28.00
- Online Donations 1,163.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,494.00
- Online Donations 155.00



News From Around the Area

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – Physicians find that patients who use Natural Family Planning are more in tune with their bodies and health, and are more a partner with their doctor in their healthcare. To learn more visit www.ccli.org. Or, a series of classes is starting at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish on September 13 at 3pm in the Community Room. Questions? Please call Steve and Tammy Gladding at 260-348-8121.

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on four consecutive Wednesdays of September 9 thru September 30. The meetings will take place in the basement of the Cathedral Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. The retreat is designed to open each person to a greater

awareness of the workings of the Holy Spirit in their life. A video and a discussion will be followed by a time of prayer. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. Please call 260-385-5717 for registration and questions.

THE ST. HEDWIG HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring its annual raffle for 2 Notre Dame football season tickets, or \$500.00 cash prize. (Indiana License #002446). The donation for the raffle tickets are as follows: 1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00; 7 for \$10.00; 15 for \$20.00; 23 for \$30.00; 40 for \$50.00; and 85 for \$100.00. The parish email is spatrick-hedwig@att.net and the address is St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 331 S. Scott St., South Bend, IN 46601. The drawing will be on Sunday, September 6, 2020.

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