

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, this Sunday's gospel presents Peter's confession of Jesus (Matt 16:13-20), and its great implications for us who must individually confess Jesus in our lives. Now the implications include: (a) Our personal confession of Jesus is our response to God's love, which depends on who we understand Jesus to be. In other words, reflecting on Peter's confession, it is obvious that each person must make a personal affirmation as to who Jesus is: whether he is just a prophet to us, a super star, a miracle worker, an itinerant preacher, social worker, a wonderful master, and so on. As it is, he is the embodiment of all those and more, as Peter said: he is "the Son of the living God" (Matt 16:16). He is God the Son who became man for our salvation.

(b) Peter confessed Jesus as the Son of God from a personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus recognized this when he told Peter that it was not flesh and blood that had revealed the mystery of Jesus to him (Matt 16:17). This means that Peter followed Jesus to know him and encounter him in a personal relationship and not just to know about Jesus or about what he could gain from the adventure. This speaks to us in an encouraging way, telling us that we too can know Jesus, through our personal experience of him in his Word, Sacraments and events of life around us, since our following of Jesus is not to just know about him. This would mean that what we hear and read about Jesus should motivate us to recognize our sinfulness that obstructs a clear vision of who Jesus is, and help us then to bond with Jesus and enter into a personal relationship with him. The same matter of addressing our sinfulness and entering into a personal bonding and communion with Jesus is equally expected obviously when we receive and encounter Jesus in the sacraments, and when we experience and encounter him in the events of life around us.

(c) And like the praise of God's wisdom that rose in St. Paul at the end of his discussion and contemplation of the mystery of salvation (Rom 11:33-36), the one who grows in a personal relationship with God will also be filled with the wisdom of God and the praise of God's wisdom in one's life, in spite of one's unworthiness. St. Paul could not contain himself in the face of such powerful revelation and he joyfully exclaimed in praise "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given him anything that he may be repaid?" "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36). For, unworthy though he was on account of his past life, God in his mercy chose him as a servant of God's people.

(d) Equally, from the gospel, we can see that the affirmation of Peter resulted in him being given a great responsibility in the community of believers. Peter was called to be the head of the college of apostles and the rock/foundation of the Church. We read that Jesus said: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt 16:18-19). We can then say that there is certainly a connection between our confession of Jesus and our vocation. Peter's vocation was in the contest of God's plan of salvation. Like Peter our Christian vocation,

which is lived out in our individual vocations, where our personal experience of Jesus is manifested and confessed, are our own part in the continued plan of God's salvation, with the depth of this our lived-faith showing the depth of our bonding with Jesus.

(e) Finally, from Peter's call to head the college of apostles, we can see that when God calls one to a vocation, it is not really by one's might or intelligence or power or strength of size or color, that one is given an individual vocation. God's call and love are just his gratuitous gift to us as his beloved children. So, we ought to know that it is merely the love and grace of God that lifts up those who are weak, but who are humbly and obediently disposed towards the will of God. As it is, this is confirmed by prophet Isaiah in the first reading as he prophesied that God is mighty and powerful, yet he looks with love and compassion on the humble and lowly; choosing the frail human beings to carry out his plan, as he did with the servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah (Isaiah 22:19). Now, this servant is not to do his own things or pursue his own whims and intentions but to serve and administer God's household in God's name according to God's intentions (Isaiah 22:20-22). The responsibilities placed on this trustworthy servant expresses the hope of the day when God will finally come to establish full and complete sovereignty over all peoples, who in the meantime are served by God's chosen servants, unmerited and unworthy though they are. Hence, we see again why Paul in the second reading, praised God for he recognized the deep wisdom and mercy of God in calling his servants, just as God called him to be an apostle of Christ despite his former life (Rom 11:33-36).

To sum up, like Peter we are to confess Jesus in a personal way in our vocation as Christians as well as in our individual careers, for the continued progress of God's salvation plan, the mission of Christ's Church, which has Peter as its head. This is described by one of St. Peter's successors, St. Pope John Paul II, while reflecting on vocation: "All vocations are born of Christ, and that is what is expressed by every anointing with Chrism — from holy Baptism to the anointing of the head of bishop. This is the source of the dignity common to all Christian vocations which, from this point of view, are all equal. They differ according to the role that Christ assigns to each individual within the community of the church and the responsibility attached to the role. Great care must be taken so that nothing is wasted (Jn 6:12): no vocation should be wasted because all are valuable and necessary" John Paul II, *Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way*, p. 37).

Finally, we apologize for last weekend's inability to live-stream the weekend Masses as usual at either of our two Churches. This was due to some glitch, as we did not have the needed internet network for the system to work. We are sorry about that, and hopefully we will be able to anticipate and forestall such occurrences in the future. Have a wonderful week and God bless! *Fr. Francis*

Mass Intentions for the Week

August 24, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sarah Gilbert
Friday	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	5:00 pm	Miller & Tipton Families
Sunday	7:00 am	Jack Myers
	10:30 am	Janice Brineman

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Joe Mertz
Thursday	7:00 pm	Konger & McBride
Saturday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Mary An Seimer
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for August 30

8:30 am Immaculate Conception
Servers None

Lector Matt Marshall

Special Ministers Robert Plant

Ushers Brock Egolf & John Lozo

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers None

Lector Darrin Geiger

Special Ministers Kelly Geiger

Ushers Todd Brinker & Volunteer

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for those suffering from loneliness or depression due to health problems or the restrictions of the COVID pandemic.
- Please pray for a parishioner who will be having a heart procedure soon for successful results.
- Please pray for those who are suffering from back and hip pain.



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.

Weekly Collection

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| • Regular Collection | \$1,424.00 |
| • Special Projects | 175.00 |
| • Online Giving | 1,454.00 |



News From Around the Area

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.

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.

FALL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS — Get your family photos taken Saturday, September 19, by local photographer and pro-life advocate Laikyn Muehl of *Juniper and Rye!* Laikyn has once again graciously agreed to offer photography sessions that will serve as a fundraiser for Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. This local talent specializes in maternity, family, newborn, and birth photography. These sessions will take place on Saturday, September 19th scheduled between 2pm–6:30 pm at Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd. (Meeting at the pavilion). Cost is \$100, with 50% of the proceeds benefiting RLNI. Sessions will be 20 minutes in length, booked back-to-back. Participants must be on time. Sessions will not be rescheduled. To book your session, please email Laikyn at juniperandryephoto@gmail.com.

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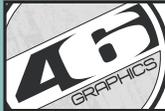


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