

**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, Diane Tiede .....609-2219  
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....8:00 am & Thursday..... 7:00 pm

## Holydays

Evening ..... 7:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:15 am; after Thursday am Mass

## Parish Ministry Team

### Religious Education Coordinator

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### Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

### SVDP Food Pantry

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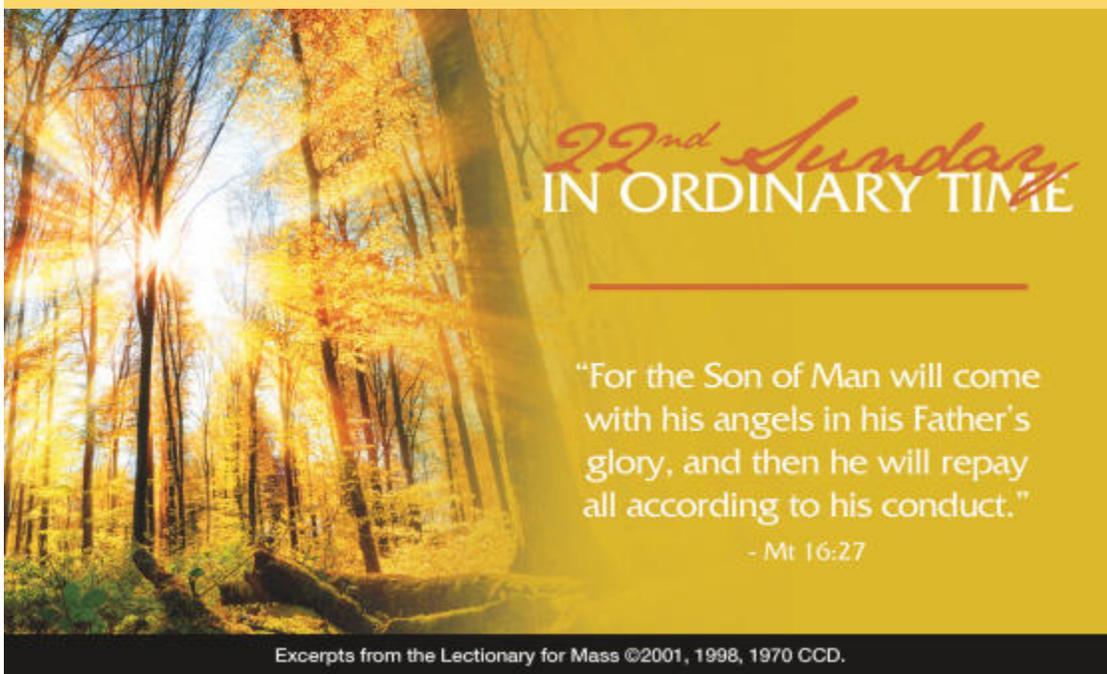
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## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, as we celebrate the 22nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time of the year, the readings remind us about the demands of the gospel for all Christ followers; the cost of discipleship. As it is, the readings remind us that as Christians, we are required to make a choice daily either for God or the world, amidst the different situations of life we find ourselves, just as prophet Jeremiah had to choose in his challenging situation, as cited in the 1st reading. He said: *"You seduced me, Lord, and I let myself be seduced; you were too strong for me, and you prevailed. All day long I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage I proclaim. The word of the Lord has brought me reproach and derision all day long. I say I will not mention him; I will no longer speak in his name. But then it is as if fire is burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding back, I cannot!"* (Jer 20:7-9). Thus, in spite of the fact that it was not a comfortable situation and that he was faced with personal sacrifices he had to make, he decided to serve in the capacity God wanted.

In other words, as Christ followers, the choice for God means living according to the will of God and living a life of sacrifices. As St. Paul explained, it means living according to our calling, by doing everything according to God's will and designs, offering our bodies as a living sacrifice pleasing to God, and not modeling our life according to the behavior of the secular world around us. He said: *"I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect"* (Rom 12:1-2). And this has to be a conscientious choice we must make individually: either to completely and voluntarily follow Christ faithfully in accord to the will of God or to follow him halfheartedly as if by compulsion or by picking and avoiding the crosses we like. Incidentally, it was when Peter behaved in such terms, trying to prevent the will of God, that he was referred to as Satan (Mt 16:23).

Now, this is a serious decision for each of us, bearing in mind what this choice would mean as Jesus outlined in the gospel. As he said: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"* (Mt 16:24-25). It may seem as if Jesus did not wish to encourage us, by asking us to carry a cross and follow him. But, it is a fact that before he made the landmark statement, he informed the disciples that *"...he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised"* (Mt 16:21). In other words, it was the road he would take himself, since according to the will of God after the fall of the first Adam, the second Adam must undergo death in order to restore life. We read: *"Then the Lord God said to the snake...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel"* (Gen 3:14-15). This means that after the fall, we can only defeat sin and death, symbolized by the snake (devil) whose head the woman's offspring would crush, through some pains and crosses, as also expressed by the terms of the punishment received by the woman and the man (cf. Ge 3:16-19).

So, from this perspective, we can understand then why it is a principle of life that the cross and death we experience are the gateway to

new life. They are the stages in our growth. Hence, Jesus maintains that they are the ways that guarantee eternal life (Mt 16:26-27), according to the will of God (Mt 16:23). It is interesting that Jesus outlined the demand of Christian discipleship after Peter's confession that he was the Messiah, the son of God (Mt 16:13-20). This was to help the disciples and later followers. As it was, if they see that the Messiah and Son of God carried a cross and be crucified, the followers of this crucified Messiah will not always shout out like Jeremiah, who told God that God deceived him (Jer 20:7), when being a disciple became tough. For, when Jeremiah chose for God and spoke the word of God to the people as God's prophet, the people did not appreciate that. This became an overwhelming situation for Jeremiah, and he felt tricked and duped (Jer 20:7-9); but Jeremiah eventually chose to continue to remain faithful to God, knowing that if he left that pathway it would be his self-destruction as a prophet of God.

Today, we know that living as followers of Jesus is like swimming upstream, which requires laying everything on the line. It means being a bearer of Jesus, the word of God. It means following the way of Jesus which is the way of selfless love and the way of the cross and death in the face of all that challenges that life of love. As we know, while God makes his demands on us, the 'secular' world around at the same time makes its demands on us. Thus, the Christian will experience the cross of self-denial and the rejection by others, as it happened with Jesus. But, following after Jesus as a way of life and choosing the will of God in all events, should not overwhelm us, for we are assured of eternal life by Jesus, who experienced the same kind of rejection by the people he did everything to save. He knew about the cross but he also knew the greater good that would come out of it, so he accepted the cross, and obeyed the will of the Father. Thus, Jesus is our paradigm and our source of strength and courage, when we experience rejection from families or colleagues or friends of members of our Church, due to our choice for God that are for the good of our families and community, even when they do not appreciate it (Jer 20:10). We have to trust that Jesus will assist us since he said that he will help us carry the burden (cross) when we labor and are burdened (Matt 11:28).

Finally, we congratulate Diane Tiede as she is commissioned as the DRE of St. John Bosco parish this Sunday. We wish her God's guidance as she embarks on taking care of our children's spiritual growth at Sunday school. Also, we still thank Joan Norden who just vacated the DRE seat of St. John Bosco, for all she did for our children this past Religious Ed school year. As we informed you already, she had to resign the position due to her increased work load and enlarged area of supervisions at her work place. Equally, we thank all the Catechists of both parishes who are not able to continue teaching this forthcoming new school year due to one reason or the other. We sincerely appreciate their help, and understand their inability to continue as a Catechist at this time. God bless!

*Fr. Francis*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

August 31, 2020

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Mary Jane Milligan
Wednesday	7:00 pm	George Colby
Friday*	8:00 am	Mary & Ambrose Mangas
Saturday	8:00 am	David Ludwig
Saturday	5:00 pm	Dick & Marie Beucler
Sunday	7:00 am	Mary Ann Riecke
	10:30 am	Jon Longardner

\*FIRST FRIDAY — Mass, Holy Hour, etc.

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Dave & Sue Brady
Thursday	7:00 pm	Jessica Gump
Saturday	7:00 pm	Clarence & Mildred Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Special Intention (SD)
	5:00 pm	For the People

## Schedule for September 6

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers	None
Lector	Sally Riecke
Special Ministers	Linda Plant
Ushers	Kevin & Brady Crick

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers	None
Lector	Ceil Parker
Special Ministers	Todd Brinker
Ushers	Jamey Fischer & Volunteer

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a woman in a lot of pain with deteriorated discs in her neck for a solution and healing soon.
- Please pray for a parishioner recovering from a heart procedure for good healing.



## 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 wel-

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## 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](mailto:LauraStout05@gmail.com)  
 Classes will be held Monday nights in the basement of St. John's from 7pm-8pm, starting August 31st.

## Fall Mums!

It's time again for the mum fundraiser! They were beautiful last year, and we can't wait to see this year's delivery! These hardy mums come in yellow/gold, pink/purple, white, bronze/orange and red/burgundy. They are \$8 for an 8 inch pot. Orders are currently being accepted until September 10th. Mums will be ready for pick-up (unless special arrangements are made) at St. John's on September 18th, time to be determined. Order forms are in the back of church and can be placed in the collection basket when completed. Contact Krista Morris at 260-715-8282 with any questions or to place your order directly.

## St. John's Religious Ed News

There are registration forms in the back of Church and on the parish website. All students who will be attending Religious Ed need to register for classes. Please mail them to the office or place them in the back of church. You will be receiving an email from Our Director of Religious Education soon with information that pertains to classes this year. Thank you.

## Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council at St. John Bosco will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd, in the church basement immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass.

## Weekly Collection

<b>ST. JOHN BOSCO:</b>	
• Regular Collection	\$5,302.00
• SVDP Food Pantry	150.00
• Votive	41.00
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• Online Giving	331.00



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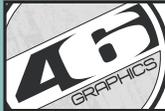


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