

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
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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

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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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
- Mt 18:15

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, we read today in the gospel from the path of Matthew's gospel that is generally called the Discourse on the Church since there are found here the teachings of Jesus that applied to the life of the community of believers, the church. For instance, we read about Jesus' teachings on who is the greatest in the kingdom of God (Mt 18:1-5), on scandal among the community of believers (Mt 18:10-14). The portion of the discourse of Jesus on the church life we read this Sunday is on fraternal correction and prayer in common on how to resolve and reconcile conflict among Christians (Mt 18:21-35). Now, these teachings are part of the New Law Jesus came to fulfill in the New Testament (Mt 5:17). Or put in another way, they are the new interpretation of the law and the prophet that Jesus came to inaugurate.

This Sunday's gospel teaching can be divided into two parts. In the first part, Jesus teaches about the steps in reconciliation, beginning with a personal approach (Mt 18:15-18). As it is, we are reminded that our brotherhood is important, as such we must try everything possible to win back our brothers and sisters when there is a broken relationship in the family of believers. So, when at the end of it Jesus says to treat the person as a tax collector and sinners (Mt 18:17), it must be seen in the light of how he treated tax collectors and sinners of his time. And we know that in many instances, he was accused of eating with them (Mt 11:19; Lk 19:7; etc), giving them more opportunity to repent, as in the case of the 'woman at the well' (Jn 4:4-42) or the 'woman caught in adultery' (Lk 8:11). It means then that nobody should be regarded as a lost cause or be thrown out. Each person deserves another chance at each juncture. Now in the second part, Jesus teaches about prayer in common (Mt 18:19-20). His presence at the communal celebration of the community of believers should never be in doubt. And God listens to all who gather together out of faith in Jesus Christ to express thanks, prayers, petitions, supplications and needs to him, as we read: "... *amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*" (Matt 18:19-20).

Now, the two parts are actually connected, for when we reconcile with our fellows, we can then pray in common as one community (the church), with one heart and mind. Perhaps, this is why we read in the second reading St. Paul's exhortation on fraternal charity, where he reminds us that we owe every one the obligation (debt) of love. He explained: "*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law*" (Rom 13:8-10). As it is, our support for each other is our manifestation of our love, which assists in building up the other and the community, and this shows that we are followers of Christ, as we read: "*This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*" (Jn 13:35). In other words, it is the love we have for others that we manifest when we seek reconciliation and speak the word of God to them, in spite of our fear of their rejection or resentment or even hatred, since these are the qualities of love that conquers everything, as listed out by St. Paul (1 Cor 13:4-8; 13); and so, in the end, love is the key to life in the fullness, which encompasses some sacrifices.

Thus, it is noted that sometimes love may be tough in the sense that we have to meet with the other person in hard sincerity and truth, as expressed in Ezekiel read in the first reading. We read: "*You, son of man—I have appointed you as a sentinel for the house of Israel; when you hear a word from my mouth, you must warn them for me. When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked, you must die,' and you do not speak up to warn the wicked about their ways, they shall die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their blood. If, however, you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life*" (Ezk 33:7-9). With this, Ezekiel was torn as to how to proclaim God's message and to warn the people about turning away from God. He felt, like every one of us (who do not want to injure other's feelings), that if he prophesied as God asked, he would be hated and he would be seen as one who has no sympathy for other people's situations and difficulties. However, at the same time he also knew that if he did not speak the word of God, he would actually be doing injustice to God and to man, and in the end he would not actualize himself and his life purpose. So, he chose to go the way of tough love, for such tough love actually helps the other.

Thus, when we confront one with one's wrong doing, we are helping to build one another's faith, and encouraging a communion and fraternization with our human and church family groups. As it is, a community of believers is a community that celebrates the love and mercy received from God through the sacrifice offered by Christ for the forgiveness of each individual and the whole of humanity, and who then gathers these individuals together into a community of forgiven people. This community of loved and forgiven persons seeks and encourages each other through mutual charity and kindness towards each other and towards all humanity. Thus by seeking the company of others and sustaining a relationship with them through fraternal reconciliation when a breach occurs, we affirm and consolidate our own uniqueness, and also affirm the recognition that we all are one. As St. Paul will say, we have one Father, one Lord, one Spirit, one faith and one baptism (cf. Eph 4:5-6); thus where two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus, he is in our midst, and whatever we ask for will be granted by the Father (cf. Matt 18:19-20).

Finally, we thank all the Immaculate Conception parishioners who have returned their Chicken Dinner donation support for our capital projects. We truly appreciate your understanding and generosity. If your family did not get an envelope, please take one at the back of the church to make your own donation. Your contribution goes to show that although each person is unique in his/her person, each one is still a relational, spiritual and social being, who realizes and actualizes oneself in fellowship and activities with the others. Have a wonderful Labor Day and God bless.

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 7, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	NO MASS
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sarah Gilbert
Friday	8:00 am	Theresia Aumsbaugh
Saturday	5:00 pm	Jennair Gerardot
Sunday	7:00 am	Frank & Ila Hosler
	10:30 am	Charles, Virginia & Tim Smith

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Robert Crouse
Thursday	7:00 pm	Gorman Ludwig
Saturday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Kate Gebhart
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for September 13

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
Servers	None
Lector	Rodney Stayner
Special Ministers	Chris Felger
Ushers	Kevin & Brady Crick
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
Servers	None
Lector	Jenn Orth
Special Ministers	Pete Costin
Ushers	Joe Orth & Volunteer

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 should have received an email from Our Director of Religious Education with information that pertains to classes this year. Thank you.

Ege Religious Ed News

Religious Education Classes resume on Sunday, September 20th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Classes are offered for Preschool (ages 4 by mid December—5) through High School. Enrollment forms for new enrollments are in the back of church. Contact Judy Egolf if you have any questions at judylegolf@yahoo.com.

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.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day Holiday. It will also be closed on Friday, September 11th, and Monday, September 14th. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner's brother who is very ill with the COVID virus for healing.
- Please pray for a family that lost a young child this week for peace and healing.
- Please keep all of our parishioners undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses in your prayers.

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News From Around the Area

ANNIVERSARY MASSES for couples celebrating 25/40/50/60 years of marriage: Sunday, September 20th, 10:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and Sunday, October 11, at 2:00 pm at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. Both Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Rhoades, and the Fort Wayne Mass will also be live-streamed for those couples who would prefer not to attend in person. Due to COVID, we will not be able to safely offer a reception after the Masses this year but couples are still encouraged to register so that they can receive the custom-

ary commemorative certificate we provide. Here is the registration website: <https://anniversarymassesfwsb.weebly.com>. **40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2020** – September 23-Nov. 1st, in front of Planned Parenthood, 2930 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. 40 Days for Life is a community based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. To participate, visit: www.ichooselife.org/40-days-for-life.

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• Catholic University	85.00
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

• Regular Collection	\$ 1,123.00
• Catholic University	3.00
• Special Projects	45.00
• SVDP Food Pantry	30.00
• Online Donations	211.00



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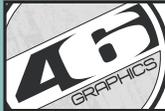


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