

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

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SVDP Food Pantry

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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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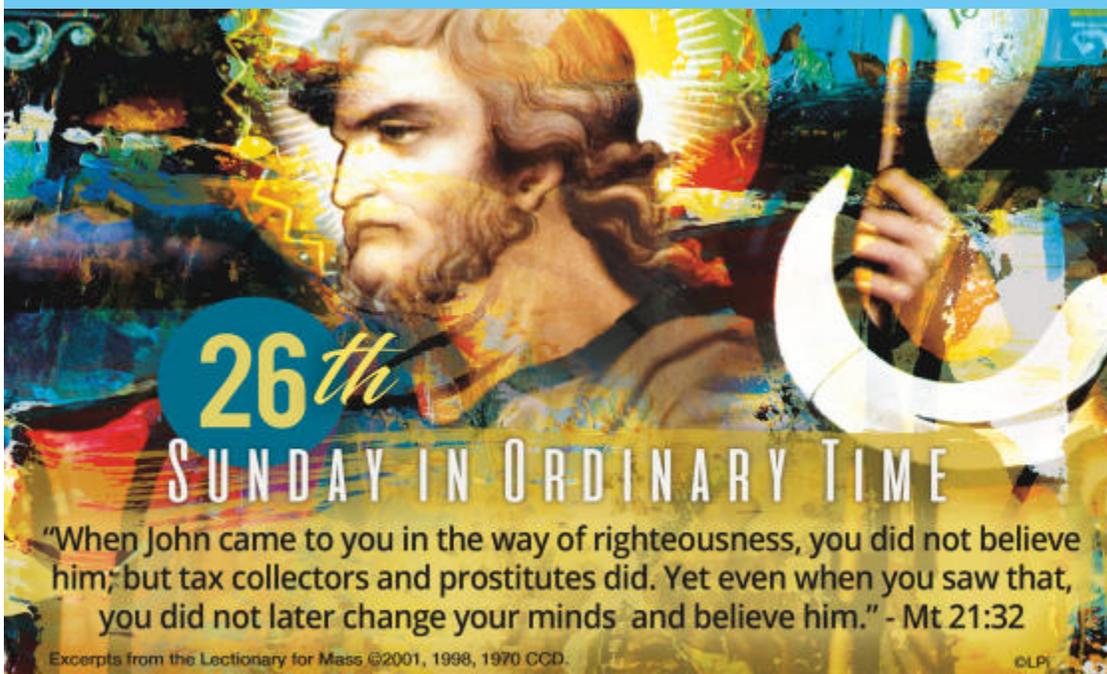
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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, through the story of the two brothers in this Sunday's gospel, we are reminded of the two ways we can respond to the demands of our faith — by a mere display of words and by an obedience to God's word with matching action. Now, it must be noted in the first place that neither of the brothers made a perfect response, but one became better than the other because he finally obeyed and fulfilled the will of their father. We know that Jesus related this to the chosen people of Old Testament who did not carry out what was expected of them, but relied on the fact that they were the chosen people, as highlighted in Ezekiel's chapter on individual responsibility (Ezk 18). Already in the Book of Deuteronomy, the fact of individual responsibility had been expressed as opposed to the notion of collective responsibility, which demanded that family members and even their descendants would share in the crime of a member of the family (see for instance Joshua 7:24). It was this idea and perspective that prophets like Jeremiah had addressed when he said: *"In those days they shall no longer say, 'The parents ate unripe grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge,' but all shall die because of their own iniquity: the teeth of anyone who eats unripe grapes shall be set on edge"* (Jer 31:29-30). So, Jesus reminded his hearers in that gospel story about the important fact of individual responsibility, insisting that being a member of the chosen people was not enough; there was the other aspect that dealt with how each member individually responded to God's commands and precepts, which in turn had its consequences as Ezekiel had earlier highlighted when he said: *"Only the one who sins shall die. The son shall not be charged with the guilt of his father, nor shall the father be charged with the guilt of his son. Justice belongs to the just, and wickedness to the wicked"* (Ezk 18:20).

Now, we know that the story also relates to us, the new people of God who think that our Christian identity is the sole requirement to salvation, or that good intention is the only thing that matters for salvation. Of course, the fact is that through our baptism, the potentiality of salvation is assured, but at each point in time, we have to make the effort to do what we are required to do, which is obeying the commandments of God and living a life worthy of the gospel. This is what Ezekiel also emphasized; the fact that the just person must persevere in doing what is right and just, as we read: *"And if the just turn from justice and do evil, like all the abominations the wicked do, can they do this evil and still live? None of the justice they did shall be remembered, because they acted treacherously and committed these sins; because of this, they shall die"* (Ezk 18:24). So, saying yes or amen is not enough; one must obey the will of God. Equally, obeying the will of God only when it suits our own will or in relationship to certain people, time, place and situations, is like putting on our coat of justice and right actions only when it is comfortable, whereas the readings demand that we have to persevere in what is right and just always.

Now, we noted that this commandment of God is translated by St. Paul in the 2nd reading as the mutual love and service that exist in the community, in obedience to the will of God, just as Jesus did; for though he was God, Jesus took the form of a servant, and being born in the likeness of man, became obedient, even to death on the cross (Phil 2:1-11). Here, we see that God did not just promise salvation or had the good intention to bring us salvation; instead we see that he accomplished salvation through the actions that brought that

salvation to the world. As we know, unless in a situation where a grave obstacle prevents the accomplishment of a genuine intention of the will, one's actions usually prove the sincerity and seriousness of one's intention. Thus, matching the actual required actions with the willingness to do the will of God, is what the tax collectors and prostitutes mentioned by Jesus in the gospel welcomed; and they became better because they listened to the good news and turned from their sins with positive actions (Mt 21:31-32). This is the model we have to imitate: always striving to improve on our relation with God by making effort to obey his commandments in our loving service to others. And this becomes easier when we look up to Jesus who is the one path to God (Jn 14:6), and who came not to be served but to serve and become a ransom for many (Mk 10:45). In other words, one's faithfulness to God cannot only be displayed by wonderful words, but it must be expressed by one's following of the example of Jesus in doing the will of the Father, serving the gospel and serving others, in order to help bring about the plan of God for salvation (Phil 2:5-11).

Equally, the readings of this Sunday remind us that there is no time that is late for us to turn back and take up our responsibilities, as the Lord reiterated through prophet Ezekiel in the 1st reading, as summed up in the portion we read today: *"When the just turn away from justice to do evil and die, on account of the evil they did they must die. But if the wicked turn from the wickedness they did and do what is right and just, they save their lives; since they turned away from all the sins they committed, they shall live; they shall not die"* (Ezk 18:26-28). As we can see, this is also the essence of the story of Jesus in the gospel reading, when he noted that the first son initially refused the father's request, but later had a change of mind and went to work in his father's vineyard (Mt 21:28-29). So, we can sum up the lessons of the readings as the reminder that no one is perfect; hence, we may have been saying 'No' to God's commands, either from the beginning or from some point in our pilgrim journey, now we can say 'Yes' from today onwards, for the best mostly comes 'last' (Mk 10:31). Equally, it is necessary to harmonize our doing (actions) with our saying (words), and to manifest our faith in our practices, recalling what St. James said: *"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves...the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does"* (Jas 1:22-25). Or again, as he said: *"Faith without works is useless"* (Jas 2:20).

Finally, be reminded that next Sunday, our two parishes shall be saying our annual outdoor Living Rosary at Immaculate Conception, Ege, at 6:00 pm, with a modified program and social distance observed. It would be nice to ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary at these perilous times, as she is 'the Ocean Star, and Guide of the wanders here below.' So, plan on attending. God's bless-

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 27, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sarah Gilbert
Friday*	8:00 am	Marg Hoot
Saturday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Saturday	5:00 pm	Rita Muldoon
Sunday	7:00 am	Spec. Int. (50th Wedding Ann. Jim & Donna Macino)
	10:30 am	Theo Alexander Goble

*First Friday Mass, Holy Hour, Benediction

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Dave & Sue Brady
Thursday	7:00 pm	Don Bernard
Saturday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	James Knott
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for October 4

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers None

Lector Joe Eichman

Special Ministers Jenna Ott

Ushers Ryan & Nathan Konger

10:30 am St. John Bosco

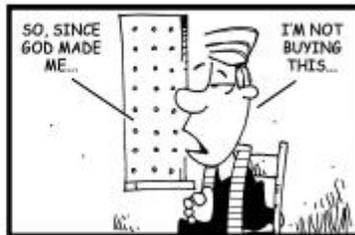
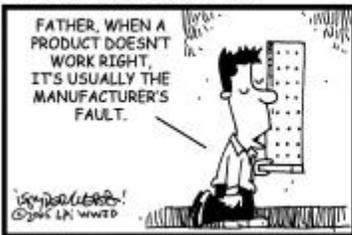
Servers None

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Special Ministers Lisa Costin

Ushers Randy Schreiber & Volunteer

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Living Rosary

Next Sunday, October 4th, we will have our annual Living Rosary at 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception parish. We hope to see many of you there.

Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month. Our parishes will once again be collecting new and/or gently used baby items and cash donations to support right to life. These donations will stay and help in our own counties. At St. John's, the collection will be held on Sunday, October 11th. At Immaculate Conception, items will be collected throughout the month of October. Items may be taken to the classrooms or placed in the back of either church. Thank you for your support!



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner diagnosed with stage 4 cancer for healing and peace.
- Please pray for a parishioner undergoing treatment for cancer for good results.
- Please pray for a woman with severe neck pain due to discs in her spinal column.

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- Regular Collection \$1,462.00
- SVDP Food Pantry 30.00
- Disaster Relief 294.00
- Special Projects 70.00
- Online Donations 977.00



News From Around the Area

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (FW-SB) is having their Annual Holy Mass & Breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, starting with confessions at 7:30 am, Holy Rosary and First Saturday Meditations at 8:00 am, followed by Mass at 9:00 am. A Marian Procession will follow with a breakfast at the Grand Wayne Center. The breakfast Speaker is Thomas McKenna, President of Catholic Action for Faith and Family. Tickets may be purchased at FatimaFWSB.org.

MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN: Last year 372 babies from Northeast Indiana lost their lives to abortion. This important

event gives us a chance to honor the short lives of these children and pray for their mothers and all who are or have been affected by abortion. Join us on Sunday, October 4, at 2pm at the Catholic Cemetery 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. For more information, please visit www.ichooselife.org/memorial.

RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET — Right to Life of Northeast Indiana's annual fundraising banquet. Monday, October 12th, doors open at 5:30 pm, at Ceruti's Banquet and Event Center, 6325 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne. We will be following all COVID-19 regulations as applicable at the time of the event. For those not able to attend in person, please contact us to participate remotely by emailing rini@ichooselife.org or call 260-471-1849. For more information, visit www.ichooselife.org/banquet.

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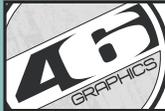


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