

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 Tiede609-2219

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, this weekend we read about vineyards and laborers in the vineyard, which reminds us about the members of their kingdom, and their care of the kingdom of God. Many times in the Scriptures, the people of God are figuratively referred to as the vineyard of the Lord, the fig tree, the vine in the garden, the tree planted in the vineyard, the seed, or as persons, like the tenants, the workers in the vineyard, the servants waiting for their masters, the bride waiting for the bridegroom, etc. Now, the instance of this reference is demonstrated in the Psalm, where it is said that the vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, whom the Lord transplanted from Egypt and drove out the nations to plant it (Ps 80). Another instance is seen in the 1st reading (Isa 5:1-7) taken from Isaiah's Song of the vineyard, as we read: "Now let me sing of my friend, my beloved's song about his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside... The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, the people of Judah, his cherished plant; He waited for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!" (Isa 5:1-7). Another instance is also seen in the parable of Jesus in the gospel about the vineyard given to some tenants to care for by the owner who traveled abroad (Matt 21:33-43).

As seen in the 1st reading, the owner cared for the vineyard in all possible ways: "He spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he waited for the crop of grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes" (Isa 5:2). As also seen in the gospel, the owner of the vineyard prepared the vineyard which he leased to the tenants and equipped with all necessary tools and favorable conditions, respectively: "There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Mt 21:33). However, in spite of all the care, the vineyard only bore bad fruits and not the required good fruits: "What more could be done for my vineyard that I did not do? Why, when I waited for the crop of grapes, did it yield rotten grapes?" (Isa 5:4); just as the tenants did not give the expected positive response: "When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way" (Matt 21:34-36). Even when he sent his son, the tenants also killed him (Mt 21:37-39). In other words, in the gospel, the culprits are not the vine but the vine-dressers.

Now, the vine's unproductiveness and the tenants' inability to produce the required fruits, point to all the wasted graces we see around us either as manifested by us or by someone we know or by people in the world. Think about parents who had given all to their children and made tremendous sacrifices for them with regards to finances, education, health, career support, and yet the children waste all the opportunities or ignore all the cares and end up as losers. Again, think about our situation as Christians, who have received the kind and gratuitous graces of being a Christian; having the Word of God, the sacraments, the daily graces we receive from God, his blessings of wonderful family, good job, formative education, special talents, good health, supportive friends and colleagues, etc. Yet, what have we made out of these? Are we able to produce good fruits with the graces and gifts that God has given us out of his love to us 'the new Israel,' and the vineyard of the Lord (Isa 5:7) or do we produce bitter fruits that do not help in building up the kingdom of God?

At this juncture, it becomes pertinent that we turn to God daily in

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Fr. Camillo Tirabassi who is having surgery on October 5th for good results.
- Please pray for a parishioner who is recovering from some colon problems for a quick return to health.
- Please pray for a woman who has stomach cancer for successful treatment.



(From the Pastor's Desk continued)

prayer and petition for help in a sincere and trusting way, just as St. Paul said: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6-7). This is to gain the strength to bear good fruits, in order to avoid the fate of the unproductive vineyard, as the 1st reading said that the owner would lease on the vineyard: "Now, I will let you know what I am going to do to my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but will be overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to rain upon it" (Isa 5:5-6); or as seen in the fate the wicked tenants in the gospel: "... He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times. Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matt 21:41-43). What a sad and devastating ending.

As we are aware, as Christians, the Lord has chosen us from the world to go and bear fruits that will remain (Jn 15:16). And from the 1st book of the Bible when we are commissioned to till and care for the earth, and to increase and multiply (Gen 1:27-28; 2:15), to the last book of the Bible when we are told that those who listened to the words of the Spirit will be allowed to eat the fruit of the Garden of God (Rev. 2:7), it is clear that the real daughters, sons and members of the kingdom of God, are those that bear the required good fruits as the good soil, the fig tree, the vineyard, the vine or the responsible servants and tenants. Again, we note that to help us yield the required good at the required time, St. Paul exhorts us to pray for the grace of God with a thankful heart, and to fill our minds with what is good, pure, lovely, right, noble and honorable. As we read: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you" (Phil 4:8-9).

Finally, remember that this Sunday evening at Ege Church grounds; as much as social distancing allows, we shall hold our annual Living Rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. We hope to see you there, to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray for the protection of all life as this is the month of Respect for Life, and to pray for her continued maternal intercession for us and for all humanity especially at these perilous and uncertain times. God bless. *Fr. Francis*

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 5, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Theresia Aumsbaugh
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Leo Garlitz
Friday	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	5:00 pm	Gustave Miller
Sunday	7:00 am	Ed & Jean Ryan & Family
	10:30 am	Leonard Wall

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Thursday	7:00 pm	Orville Robert
Saturday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Mary Ann Seimer
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for October 11

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers None

Lector Bob Marshall

Special Ministers Jill Marshall

Ushers Ryan & Nathan Konger

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers None

Lector Jenn Orth

Special Ministers Todd Brinker

Ushers Joe Orth & Volunteer

Homebound

News From Around the Area

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "VIRTUAL" WEEKEND EXPERIENCE NOV. 14 & 15 — Our Weekend Experiences are now "Virtual." Remember how you and your spouse wanted to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend, but your responsibilities at home were making it difficult to attend? Or, how something came up at the last minute and kept you from going? Well now, you

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Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — This Wednesday, October 7th, in the church basement immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION — Sunday, October 11th. Donations of new and/or gently used baby items may be brought to the classrooms or placed in the back of church. Monetary donations appreciated also.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS will be leading the rosary this Sunday, October 4th, at 9:40 am.

THE LIVING ROSARY will be held this Sunday, October 4th, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

COMMISSIONING of the second grade class will be held next Sunday, October 11th, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

COMMISSIONING of the eighth grade class will be held on Sunday, October 18th, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Chicken Dinner News

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their donations to our Chicken Dinner projects fund. To date, we have received \$17,260.00!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!!

Parish Sacraments

We welcome the following newly baptized into our parish families:

- Mela Marie Ternet baptized May 30th at Immaculate Conception
- Luke Theodore Papagianis baptized June 13th at St. John's
- Reed Oaklee Baker baptized July 11th at Immaculate Conception
- Franklin Theodore Perry baptized September 8th at St. John's

We also congratulate the following couples on their marriages:

- Alex King & Jessica Norden, June 6th, at St. John Bosco
- Korbin Parker & Hollie Warner, August 15th, at St. John Bosco
- Noah Gray & Kayla Updike, September 19th, at Immaculate Conception
- Nathan Novy & Elizabeth Wleklinski, September 26th, at Immaculate Conception

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$1,919.00
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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- Online Donations 334.00



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