

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

Holidays

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

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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

Holidays

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 begin the season of Advent. Immediately we recall that one of the features of this period is that the liturgy calls us importantly to remain focused, recollected and prayerful; waiting for the Lord's coming, even in the situations of difficulties of life. This means that the liturgy reminds us that Advent commemorates a joyful waiting for the coming of Jesus, which contains promise, love, and fulfillment; and which requires preparation, alertness, reflections, prayers, and new beginning as should always be our attitude when we embark on some new project or journey in our life.

In addition to the above features, we recall also the feature of sober atmosphere that permeates the season until Christmas vigil. Of course this is difficult to understand now since we begin to encounter the characteristics and features of the Christmas season even from this very beginning of the Advent season. As it is, to remind us of the soberness of the Advent season, the 'Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2021' says thus: '*The use of organ and other musical instruments and the decorating of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is in consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of Christmas*' (ORDO, 2021, p.1).

Now, regarding the readings, we note that this Advent also ushers in a new liturgical year, when the Sunday readings are taken from cycle B and the weekday ones taken from cycle I. And this weekend's readings remind us that it is a time of great expectation and hope, as signifies in the Advent Wreath, whose candles are lit progressively each week with a focus on the four special virtues and themes of the season — Hope, Love, Joy and Peace — which Jesus brings to us. We thank God for this wonderful season where he continues to nourish us with his Word and Sacraments in order to be found blameless (1 Cor 1:3-9), as we prayerfully, vigilantly and joyfully expect and wait for the coming of Christ, as the readings exhort us (Isa 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Mk 13:33-37). In other words, Advent reminds us that the Lord will definitely come to bless us with his peace and salvation, as the gospel tells us (Mk 13:33-37).

Thus, there is the call on God in the 1st reading to be merciful to us, to lend the heavens and come down to save us, for he is our potter and we are the clay, as we read: '*Why do you make us wander, Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we do not fear you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage... Yet, Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand*' (Isa 63:17; 64:7). And since God has already answered this call in Jesus Christ, and continues to answer even now through his gifts of graces, Paul expressed his thanks to God who ensured that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift that will assist us to be irreproachable and blameless on the day of Christ, and to fellowship with Christ, as seen in the 2nd reading: '*I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*' (1 Cor 1:4-9).

But because we do not know the day or the time the Master will return (Matt 24:36), we must be awake and alert, watching for his coming, as the gospel tells us: '*Bewatchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will be*

It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!' (Mk 13:33-37).

This alertness and watchfulness entails being at the work assigned by the Master. As we read a few weeks ago, blessed is the servant that is found serving the members and sheep of the flock: '*Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property*' (Matt 24:45-47). This means that no one goes to heaven by preoccupation with oneself alone, since our heaven is tied to what we do or what we failed to do to the least of Jesus' brethren (Matt 25:40, 45-46). Equally, this alertness entails spiritual preparation; hence this season demands that each person should strive to gain a personal renewal by participating attentively and reflectively at Mass whether in-Church or virtually, while striving to gain the rich treasures of the great sacrament of the Eucharist even with the spiritual communion due to the COVID-19 situation; through a preparation with personal prayers and readings, turning away from our sins and making God the priority of our lives (Isa 64:2-7).

This Sunday we also celebrate the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Baptized Adults Who are Preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, as outlined in the Rite for RCIA (nn.507-529). The ceremony will take place at St. John Bosco at the 10:30 am Mass. For those who join an RCIA process, which is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation, there comes a time after a period of inquiry when the inquirers who wish to continue the process join the Order of Catechumens and are welcomed to continue in the growth of their faith. So, with the Rite, there is a change in identity where those previously known as inquirers become catechumens and candidates in the Church and they are officially welcomed as disciples and potential full members of the household of faith. We, too, as a community of the faithful, accept them into our midst, pray for them and resolve to help them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. So, Kimberly Kay Goble, Larry Dylan Sible and Nathan Andrew Downing, you are most welcome to our parish family.

Finally, we thank those who participated in praying for our beloved dead in the month of November. We continue to pray for them; even as we pray daily also for the favors and protection we need in our life journey during the period. May we be filled with HOPE!

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 30, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Bob Love
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sarah Gilbert
Friday*	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	8:00 am	Paul & Regina Bair
Saturday	5:00 pm	Leonard Wall
Sunday	7:00 am	John Zollinger
	10:30 am	Mary Didion

*First Friday Mass, Holy Hour, Reconciliation

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	7:00 pm	Poor Souls
Saturday	7:00 pm	Liv/Dec Donald Konger Family
Sunday	8:30 am	Dec. Frank Bianski Family

Schedule for December 6

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
Servers	None
Lector	Matt Marshall
Special Ministers	Kevin Crick
Ushers	Scott Reynolds & Jim Reynolds
10:30 am	St. John Bosco
Servers	None
Lector	Craig Humphries
Special Ministers	Charlie Schortgen
Ushers	Todd Brinker & Volunteer

Annual Diocesan Announcement

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or Rev. Mark Gurtner, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne Indiana 46801, at (260) 399-1419, or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

ATTENTION EGE: The Christmas Program/Party scheduled for December 20th is cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. We will have Religious Education Classes instead. The children will be able to celebrate the Christmas Nativity with their class.

Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THANKSGIVING BREAK this weekend. Religious Education Classes will resume next weekend!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THANKSGIVING BREAK this weekend. Religious Education Classes will resume next Sunday.

THE ROSARY will be led by the Seventh Grade Class at 9:40 pm on Sunday, December 6th. All are welcome to join us.

Advent Penance Service

Mark your calendars for the annual Advent Penance services. St. John's will be held on Monday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm. At Immaculate Conception, it will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, at 7:00 pm. We will have several extra priests available at both churches. See you there!!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree at Immaculate Conception is up. Please take a tag from the tree and help make Christmas merrier for five families. Please be sure to attach the tag to the unwrapped gift. We are also in need of non-perishable food items and paper products. All items need to be into the Church by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!!

Festival of Giving

The Giving Tree at St. John Bosco is up in the back of church. The ornaments on the tree are color coded. **Lavender** ornaments are for NEW gifts. These are specific requests that the donor will buy, wrap and place the ornament on the outside of the wrapped gift. **Pink** ornaments are for pantry items. Do not wrap these items. **Yellow** ornaments are for prayer intentions. Place these in your home and pray for the intentions throughout the Advent Season. All items must be placed in the church basement. Cash may be donated by placing it in an envelope marked "Festival of Giving" and dropping it in the collection basket at any Mass. It is imperative that all gifts be in the church basement no later than Sunday, December 13th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you have any questions, please call Tanya Young at 693-2969.

#iGiveCatholic 2020

St. John Bosco is participating in #iGiveCatholic 2020 beginning November 16 through #GivingTuesday (Tuesday following Thanksgiving), December 1, with the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Parishioners are asked to consider a donation (of any amount) to help immediate needs of St. John Bosco Parish. All of the donations this year will help with the roof replacement and pew cushions. Thanks for your continued generosity. Please make your donation online at <https://fwsb.igivecatholic.org/st-john-bosco-catholic-church>.



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for all of those who are suffering with the Covid virus for healing and for those families who have lost members to the virus. Also pray for an end to the virus and a return to normal.

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