

**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

Judy Egolf..... 705-4577

Email: judylegolf@yahoo.com

### Music Director

Beth Konger.....693-2724

### SVDP Food Pantry

Francis Bianski.....693-3937

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St. John Bosco:

Janean Vernon.....705-0859

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Immaculate Conception:

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
OF EASTER

“You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:48

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 18, 2021

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, today's readings remind us that Christian life is the response with faith to the reality of the resurrection. This is in line with last Sunday's discourse that faith is about the human response to the testimony of the Spirit of Truth, that Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ) and the Son of God (1 Jn 5:1, 5-6; Jn 20:31). Now, as a prelude to this response, one must first recognize the reality of the resurrection itself. Thus, we see Luke proving the reality of the resurrection in today's gospel by presenting Jesus who appeared and ate with the apostles, and showed them his hands and feet (Lk 24:35-48). Jesus also affirmed that he is alive by reminding the apostles that all that happened was what was written about him in the scriptures. Also, the same reality is seen in the power that manifested in the name of Jesus, when Peter and John called upon the name to heal the lame man (Acts 3:10-11). As Peter said, the healing of the lame man in the name of Jesus means that Jesus is alive in power, and continues to perform miracles even by His name (v. 16). That sermon is continued in today's first reading.

Now, having affirmed the truth of the resurrection, how do we respond, especially with the human situations like terrifying fear, painful confusion, scary doubts, shattered dreams, etc.? Are we still locked up by these human situations that prevent our response in faith and our witness as Easter people (Jn 20:19)? As we know, these situations are the consequences of sin. So, our response with faith is at times hindered by sin; hence the Sunday readings remind us of the reality of sin and its consequences, which the Christian struggles with. John presents this in the second reading saying that we should not just be immersed in the joy and wonder of the resurrection, and wrongly think of ourselves as not capable of sinning anymore, or that we are now far removed from the consequences of sin (1 Jn 2:1-5). The reality is that we always have to battle sin, and human failures, known as the consequences of sin.

In other words, to respond to the truth of the resurrection, we must recognize the importance of manifesting a personal repentance and change of heart as Peter asked of his audience in the 1st reading (Acts 3:19); as he himself had done. There is forgiveness in Jesus who is our advocate and redeemer, who offered one single sacrifice to God through his death, for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:1-2). Repentance for the forgiveness of sin would be preached in his name (Lk 24:47). So, we are invited, like Peter's audience to constant repentance, and to come to the risen Lord to be healed, if we believe in the truth of the resurrection, since God can recreate good out of the evil choices we make, by forgiving our sins (Acts 3:15&18). And through this healing and forgiveness, we become more united with the Trinity.

And having gained that intimacy with God, then we can witness to the resurrection by obeying God's commands. This is stated in the last part of the 2nd reading, which says that if we remain in union with God, we have to live as Jesus did, witnessing with our lives, to the Christ we know and believe in (vv.3-5). The apostles did this, as Peter said in the 1st reading (v. 15)). In fact, Peter is an example of this onward process, as he manifested a repentance and change of heart, moving from one who denied

## Prayer Requests



- Please pray for a young father struggling with Covid for healing soon.
- Please pray for a young man (a senior in high school) that suffered a severe stroke.
- Please pray for a woman who will soon undergo another surgery on some severe burns.
- Please pray for good results on a parishioner's recent scan for cancer.
- We have numerous parishioners and family members undergoing treatment for cancer, recovering from surgery, undergoing rehabilitation, waiting on test results, etc. Please keep all in your prayers.

### (Pastor's Letter continued)

Jesus because of fear to one who proclaims Jesus with courage. This is the reason why the content of his preaching after the healing of the lame man and throughout the Acts, became about witness to the resurrection. This was the witness Jesus commanded the apostles to, as the gospel says (Lk 24:45-48).

Through sacred tradition and scriptures, we know that Peter and the apostles witnessed to their close relationship and knowledge of God by spreading the gospel of Jesus to all, beginning from Jerusalem. They showed us examples of response to the truth of the resurrection through their witness with their lives, in obedience to God's commands. The Christian then, who lives a constant conversion from sins and seeks closer union with God, is already spreading the good news to others, beginning with those closest to him/her. And the content of this good news are the truths that Jesus suffered and died, but he rose from the dead, and in his name will the world gain forgiveness and life (v.47). Peace!

*Fr. Francis*

## Weekly Collection

### ST. JOHN BOSCO:

• Regular Collection	\$2,571.00
• Holy Land	15.00
• Home Missions	50.00
• Votive	39.00
• Retirement Religious	45.00
• Pentecost Seminarian	50.00
• Online Donations	847.00

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

• Regular Collection	\$ 1,114.00
• Retirement Religious	25.00
• Special Projects	25.00
• Online Donations	619.00



## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 19, 2021

### St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Willard & Helen Billotte
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Lynn Snyder
Friday	8:00 am	Phil Grobis
Saturday	5:00 pm	Jennair Gerardot
Sunday	7:00 am	Helen Macino
	10:30 am	Jon Longardner

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	For the People
Thursday	7:00 pm	Dave & Sue Brady
Saturday	7:00 pm	Paul Konger
Sunday	8:30 am	Mary Ann Seimer

## Schedule for April 25

**8:30 am** Immaculate Conception

*Servers* None

*Lector* Lucas Konger

*Special Ministers* Chris Felger

*Ushers* Brock Egolf & John Lozo

**10:30 am** St. John Bosco

*Servers* None

*Lector* Laura Stout

*Special Ministers* Lisa Costin

*Ushers* Todd Brinker & Volunteer



## Parish Activities



### ST. JOHN BOSCO

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE** — Sunday, April 25th, during class with Reconciliation

**LAST DAY** for Religious Education Classes is Sunday, April 25th.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE** — Saturday, May 1st, at 9:00 am.

**FIRST COMMUNION** and May Crowning — Sunday, May 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE** — April 25th, immediately following the 8:30 am Mass for children and parents.

**LAST DAY** for Religious Education Classes is Sunday, April 25th.

**FIRST COMMUNION** — Sunday, May 2nd, during the 8:30 am Mass.

## Annual Announcement from the Diocese

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse of neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

## News From Around the Area

**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE** at Notre Dame is excited to announce Dr. Scott Hahn, nationally and internationally known for his talks on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith, will speak on the weekend of April 23 and 24. Join us Friday, April 23, 2021, at 7:30 pm, in the Pfeil Center Arena for "Saint Joseph: Silent Knight, Holy Knight" or Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 am with brunch available at 9:00 am, in the Pfeil Center Arena for "It is Right and Just: Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion." After each session, Dr. Hahn will host a book store and signing in the Pfeil Center Board Room. Due to COVID-19 protocols, we have a limited number of tickets available for in person viewing, but will offer a livestream link on our website close to the event date. Tickets for the Friday event are available at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrossfriday/> and for the Saturday event at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrosssaturday/>.

**COLUMBIA CITY LEGACY OF LIFE PROGRAM** —Monday, April 26th, at New Hope Wesleyan Church, 971 N. 400 W., Columbia City. Doors Open: 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7:00 pm. Emcee is Jessica Smith. Keynote speaker is Peter Heck. Due to Covid-related concerns, we have decided to change the event to program-only. The program will also be livestreamed. Tickets are \$10 to attend per person; there is no charge to watch online. Go to [ProLifeBanquet.com](http://ProLifeBanquet.com) to find all the details, order in-person tickets, or register to watch online.

**PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY:** Join Fr. Daniel Whelan, Fr. Tony Steinacker, and Fr. Solanus Guild-Huntington Extension members to visit and pray at the Tomb of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in Peoria, IL. Pray with God's "Hero of Adoration," on Thursday, June 10th, 2021. The cost is \$85.00. For more details, and a registration form, contact Jan Scher at 260-450-3045 or email her at [jansch8@gmail.com](mailto:jansch8@gmail.com). The deadline to reserve is May 1st.

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