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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am
10:30 am

Weekday

Wednesday 5:30 pm
(Adoration at 4:30 pm; Rosary at 5:00 pm)
Friday 8:00 am
(Rosary at 7:30 am)

Adoration every Thursday 3:00 pm—10:00 pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesday 4:30—5:15 pm
Saturday 3:00—3:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Usually Saturday mornings. Call the office to arrange.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Call the office at least six months before setting date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please keep us informed of the sick and homebound especially when there is serious illness.

Homebound:

Anyone in the Churubusco or Huntertown area who would like communion brought to them, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Line:

alinivill@gmail.com

Religious Ed. Classes:

Sundays 9-10:15am,
from Sept.-Apr.
Alicia Raber
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John Konger—693-3790
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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 22, 2024

PENANCE—TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIMES WE HAVEN'T LOVED GOD

The fourth candle of Advent represents penance. The week leading up to Christmas, we are asked to undergo some sort of penance, some extra thing that we place onto ourselves in order to build up those spiritual muscles. This can also be called a sacrifice or giving up something. Fasting is a reduction or a reducing of something that we are already currently doing, but a sacrifice is the act of completely getting rid of something present in your life. For example, fasting from dessert means a reduction in the frequency or amount of dessert that I currently consume, but a giving up of dessert means no more dessert, period. This last week of Advent, we are asked to give up something that we are holding onto that we should not be. We are asked to pick a sin that is present in our life and to say that, starting the beginning of the fourth week of Advent, we will say no to this sin for the rest of our life. And we will be able to because we have already been practicing extra, deeper prayer, and have been practicing fasting by reducing something else in our life. Week by week, we have been building up our spiritual muscles to, eventually, say no to a sin that is a frequent visitor of our life. Little by little, we journey through Advent to prepare ourselves to be holier, better people in order to welcome Christ into our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Keeton Lockwood

Mass Intentions for the week of December 23, 2024

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Leo Garlitz
Wednesday	12:00 am	Liv & Dec Clergy of the Diocese FW-SB
Wednesday	10:30 am	For the People of SJBosco & Imm Conception
Friday	8:00 am	Spec Int of Karmen Chaney
Saturday	4:00 pm	Liv & Dec Member of the Frank Hosler Family
Sunday	7:00 am	For the People of SJBosco & Imm Conception
Sunday	10:30 am	Liv & Dec Mem of the Jeff and Amy Carsten Family

It may not be possible to have intentions reserved for weekend Masses only. However, every effort will be made to accommodate your wishes. Mass Intentions can be requested for anyone living or deceased. Mass Intention Envelopes can be found in the back of church. Suggested stipend is \$10.

Stewardship of Treasure

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DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Diocesan Collection for Catholic Charities for December 25th. Please be as generous as you are able.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed December 23rd—December 28th and December 31st—January 1st. Please keep these dates in mind when conducting parish business. Thank you.



The next collection for A Mother's Hope will be the weekend of February 16th.

Prayer for the prevention of Mortal Sins

O Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, offer to the Eternal Father the Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son for the intention that one moral sin may be prevented this day (or this night). *You may add a Hail Mary in honor of the Mother of God for this intention.*

Schedule for Weekend of December 29, 2024

Saturday 4:00 pm	
Servers	Volunteers
Readers	Ann Linvill & Teri Queitsch
EMHC	Bonnie Miller
Ushers	Ed Muehlfeld & Volunteer
Sunday 7:00 am	
Servers	Henry, Michael & Simon Warner Aiden Plant
Readers	Teresa Warner & Adam Framme
Ushers	Paul Warner & Volunteer
10:30 am	
Servers	Zoe & Eli Krider & Shaylee McComb
Readers	Todd Brinker & Doug Fischer
EMHC	Ceil Parker
Ushers	Josh Blauvelt & Curt Bonar

Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve 4:00pm

Servers	
Readers	Austin Lampe & Teri Queitsch
EMHC	3 Volunteers Needed
Ushers	Sam & Mary Ashton

Christmas Day Midnight

Servers	Evan Stresemann & Volunteers Needed
Readers	Dennis Campbell & Teresa Warner
EMHC	Barb Campbell & 1 Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Adam Stresemann & Volunteer Needed

Christmas Day 10:30am

Servers	Shoup & Volunteer Needed
Readers	Sandi Guffey & Volunteer Needed
EMHC	3 Volunteers Needed
Ushers	Goble & Goble

Activities at St. John Bosco

ROSARY—1st Tuesday of every month @ 6:30pm, in Bosco Hall.

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KINGDOM BUILDERS—2nd Monday of every month @ 7pm, in the church. Please note that beginning January 2025, Kingdom Builders will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

SPARC—2nd Tuesday of every month @ 6pm, in Bosco Hall.

BOSCO BRUNCH BUNCH—2nd Friday of every month @ 10:30am, in Bosco Hall.

QUILT CLUB—3rd Thursday of the month @ 10am, in Bosco Hall.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION HOUR—Thursdays @ 2-3pm, in the church.

BIBLE STUDY—Friday mornings after Mass in Bosco Hall.

FOOD COLLECTION—Place items in the box located under the St. Joseph Statue in the front of church.

MONEY COUNTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few parishioners to help with the counting of the weekly collection. We currently have four teams, and are in need of one additional team, and substitutes. Each team consists of three people who are committed to counting the weekend collection once per month on a set schedule. We currently count after the 10:30am Mass; however, if there is an interest in counting on Monday mornings instead of Sunday, we will create a team for Monday mornings. There must be at least 3 people, and a sub, interested and available for Mondays in order for us to create that team. The substitutes would fill in when a regularly scheduled person is not able to do his or her ministry for their assigned week. Those interested will receive training through a few hands on training sessions, and the trainer will be present the first few times you count so that if you have any questions, they will be there to assist. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call or email the parish office to be placed on the training list. Your name, phone number and email address are needed to stay in contact with you. If you have questions, please contact Kim in the parish office. Training is projected to start in January.

KINGDOM BUILDERS CELEBRATION

Kingdom Builders will be having their Celebration Party on Friday, January 17th, at 7:00pm in the church basement. It will be an evening filled with fun, snacks and fellowship.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass, December 31st at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception, on January 1st, at 9:00am at Immaculate Conception and at 5:30pm at St. John Bosco.

PLEASE NOTE

There will not be a morning Mass on Tuesday, December 31st at Immaculate Conception only the 6pm vigil Mass for the Holy Day. St. John Bosco will have Adoration and confession before the 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, January 1st.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, please fill out an envelope that is on the table in the gathering space and place it in the collection basket. You may sponsor them for a special occasion or to simply beautify the altar. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS....

If you want to help hang garlands, set up trees or add a little sparkle to our beautiful church this Advent season, please join me after Mass on 12/15 and again on 12/22. Many helping hands make this a fun task. Stay the whole time or for just a little while. No experience required, just shared love for making our church shine with the light of the season. If you have questions, please reach out to Cher Fischer 260.445.6184.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES—NOVEMBER 2024

1. Book of the Dead was well received and will be placed by the memorial candles next November
2. Altar flower group is looking for a few more volunteers to join their ministry
3. Decluttering the parish office to make it more useful and purposeful
4. Music ministry is in development and looking to rearrange their set up in 2025 to better serve the program and our music ministers
5. We are still in need of volunteers for Coffee and Donuts for Sundays each month. Not many volunteers remain and we are extremely short handed
6. St. John Bosco will have Mass at Midnight for Christmas this year, and then next year, 2025, Immaculate Conception will host Mass at Midnight for Christmas
7. For Stations of the Cross in Lent, 2025, they will be held on Fridays at 6:00pm in the church, and Father will lead the praying of the Stations. This is a change from previous years as it is important to have the priest with the people to pray this tradition in our Faith
8. The bulletin board is being updated at the entrance of the church. This will continue for the next couple of months. This is done to assist parishioners to quickly and easily find information on it, and for it to be useful
9. Building and Grounds Committee has a lot of projects that are in progress for our parish. Expect to see improvements to our facilities in the weeks and months ahead
10. There will be flags / banners to hang out front of the church main entrance. These will change each month to highlight a devotion of our Tradition. More information in the bulletin
11. It was stated that if a parishioner has an idea for our parish, that it be brought to parish council through one of the members. That is one of the purposes of parish council to bring ideas and thoughts from the parishioners to the meeting in order for them to be discussed

Christmas Mass Schedule Christmas Eve

St. John Bosco 4:00pm

Immaculate Conception 6:00pm

Midnight Mass

St. John Bosco 12:00am

Christmas Morning

Immaculate Conception 8:30am

St. John Bosco 10:30am

***Confessions and Adoration will not be**
available on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day*



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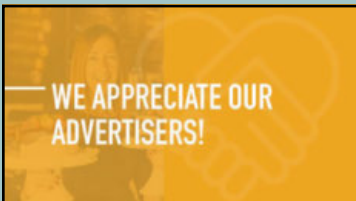
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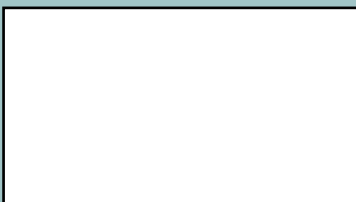
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