



# SAINT MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Sunday, May 30, 2021  
The Most Holy Trinity*

## Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

## Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm



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Dear Friends at Saint Mary’s Immaculate Conception Parish and Saint Frances Cabrini Parish: Praised be Jesus Christ!

For the entire history of the Christian Church there has existed the struggle about how we are to live in the world without at the same time becoming corrupted by the world. There have always been movements in Christianity that

advocate for a more pure, untainted, uncorrupt faith that tend towards the withdrawal from the world into self-created havens or zones of like-minded observant believers who agree to common daily practices that allow them to avoid the taint of the secular. This is done, it is said, in the name of authentically preserving Christian life and revelation from hostile, worldly forces that bear within themselves sinful or evil characteristics.

The most familiar example of such a movement or group to many of us in this part of the world would be the Mennonites, or as they are more commonly called, the Amish. For them, most contact with modern social structures and forces are sinful and are to be avoided. They accomplish this act of avoidance by living together with other like-minded thinkers who adopt a commonly agreed to set of behaviors that keeps the sinful world out, keeps the purely observant ones in, and thereby carries an untainted Christian life (as they see it) forward in history. In all of this they consider themselves to be saved and in many respects as the “elect.”

The Church has constantly had to fend off the temptation, in every era, to become like the Amish. We all want to be pure and to avoid sin, and it is true we must take that very seriously. It is true that in “the world” there are always, in every era, dangerous ideas, practices, interfaces and contacts that run the risk of doing harm to the soul. It is true that we must draw hard lines about what is right and wrong. It is true that we are obligated to tell the world around us what is true and what is false, and that we are to be a witness to another way to live.

That said, withdrawing into little Christian communes has never been a viable mechanism to accomplish all this. Every time in history that the temptation began to build, in the face of whatever secular challenge we put our finger on, to withdraw and become some pure, Amish type movement, the Church has had to correct it and explain that we as believers are obligated to engage the

world and to live in the mainstream. The reason is because that is how we act as saving agents in the world. Out of heroic love for the world, we choose to live in it, even though it may make us feel “safer” to live among the “pure” ones.

Granted, it is true that maybe at times we will have to “underground” (sometimes literally) to worship or gather for occasional community bonding in the face of dangers, but we do not spend our whole life “underground” even when at times we are forced to worship that way. We leave the Mass “dismissed” to go back out into the world and engage it.

Not only is it forsaking our duty to save the world if we choose to withdraw from it, but doing so always leads to its own set of spiritual and practical problems. Such communes inevitably require their own sets of rules, and their own type of charismatic personality leaders to sustain their required borders against the secular. They gravitate toward certain clergy, or bishops, or loud voices as a center of gravity. Which inevitably leads to arguments and to, in most cases, a lack of sustainability. It also becomes very difficult for such communities not to fall prey to the great sin of pride and also of control as they seek to mold a new generation against every possible outside threat they can think of, doing great harm to them in the process.

These days as so much becomes secular around us, the divide is growing between what we might call the “secular Catholics” who are simply the baptized, Christmas and Easter Catholics who have a label but few other markers of the faith, and on the other hand the “observant Catholics” who are regular church-goers, and who seek to adhere to the entirety of the Catholic life that the Church proposes and professes. The secular Catholics are growing more secular as the culture grows more secular, and the observant ones are growing more isolated. In such a scenario, the temptation for the observant to withdraw and form pure, Amish-type communities grows stronger and stronger. I have great sympathy for the movement out of the world that I see happening more and more around me in Catholic circles. Wouldn’t it be nice to live in a little Catholic village where I never get my hands or my soul dirty by having to deal with all that is so pervasively corrupt in our modern economic and legislative structures? I do indeed lean in this direction myself, to be sure. There is great, great merit in this option.

CONTINUE READING ONLINE...  
[www.stmaryparishwb.org/from-the-pastors-desk](http://www.stmaryparishwb.org/from-the-pastors-desk)

*Please note that the Saturday 4:30pm Mass at SFC will no longer require masks.*



**Join us in praying for an increase in Mass attendance at our parishes!**  
**Special daily prayer/fasting from June 6—July 1**  
**Morning of Adoration on June 11th.**  
[stmaryparishwb.org/praying-for-an-increase-in-mass-attendance](http://stmaryparishwb.org/praying-for-an-increase-in-mass-attendance)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 31  
No Mass – Memorial Day  
Tuesday, June 1  
6:15am +Peyton Knoeck  
Wednesday, June 2  
6:15am +Clarence Wentz  
Thursday, June 3  
6:15am +Patrick H. & +Lynn Muckerheide  
Friday, June 4  
6:15am +Alice & +Merlin Adelmeyer  
Sunday, June 6  
7:30am +Norman Kutz  
9:30am +Joan Slavik  
12:00pm(Spanish)Pro Populo

*\*SFC Daily Masses Temporary Change of Location  
We are tentatively planning for the 8am Masses at SFC to be located in  
Mother Cabrini Hall on June 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9  
because of work being done in the church on those days.*

## HIGH SCHOOL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Mission Camps 2021 – Save the Date

www.stmaryparishwb.org/summer-opportunities  
June 21-25, hosted by St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
& July 12-16, hosted by Holy Angels

## CATHOLIC FORMATION CLASSES

Registrations are being accepted for the 2021-22 year.  
stmaryparishwb.org/1st-grade-10th-grade-rep

## SAINTS IN TRAINING & THE WAY

Summer Opportunities for our Youth!  
stmaryparishwb.org/summer-opportunities

## BAPTISM CLASS:

Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm Saint Frances Cabrini Church  
Contact Julie Braun to register: jbraun@wbparishes.org

## PARISH CONTACTS

*Please see the website for a complete staff listing*

Parish Office.....(262) 338-5600  
Catholic Formation.....(262) 338-5605  
Shared Pastor  
Father Nathan Reesman.....nreesman@wbparishes.org  
Shared Associate Pastor  
Father Carlos Londono.....clondono@wbparishes.org  
Cemetery Sexton.....Chuck Lepak (262) 334-2436

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Nathan Reesman	Wendy Peters
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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### 2ND COLLECTION FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

June 13, 2021

### CHURCH CLEANING

*Our next church cleaning will be Saturday, June 26.*

All are welcome to join in on the fun.

Call Beth Habersetzer 262-338-8324.

### Memorial Day

Mass on Memorial Day in West Bend will be at Holy Angels  
Parish at 8am only.

The parish office will be closed on Memorial Day.

### SFC SCHOOL-Now Hiring

saintfrancescabrini.com/current-job-opportunities

- School/Little Saints Administrative Assistant & Communications Coordinator
- School Literacy Specialist

### Journey Mass

Come pray with our friends with special needs for a Journey

Mass on Sunday, June 13 at 10:30am at SFC.

### Thank You!

Thank you to all the generous givers from our parishes! The baby bottle campaign to benefit Seed of Hope was a huge success! We were happy to learn that the combined drive provided over \$6,000 to Seed of Hope! Thank you for supporting LIFE right here in our own community.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for information.

### Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

### Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

### Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

### Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

### Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

### Parish Social Media

Facebook: @ImmaculateConceptionWestBend

Twitter: @WBParishes

### Honduras Mission:

Visit: www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar for details and to get involved.

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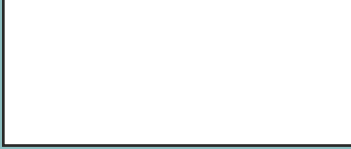
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