

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
1st Sunday at 6:00 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, Donna Macino.....693-3332
Assistant, Deb Humphries.....693-9609

Music Director, Steve Palmer.....489-3884

SVDP Food Pantry

Shirley Schlotterback693-2353

Marriage Preparation

Darrin & Kelly Geiger.....615-0978

Custodian

Toni Folds416-2244

Ege, Indiana

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am

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
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • FEBRUARY 18, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, Lent has just begun and the liturgy of this first Sunday of Lent reminds us that our Lenten disciplines are salvific. The 1st reading tells of the covenant between God and Noah, showing his loving and providential concern for his people after the flood (Gen 9:8-15); a plan of life. And Peter in the 2nd reading says that through our baptism God forgives our sins and makes us his people, and this is the new covenant God has made with his people through the salvific death of Christ (1 Pt 3:18-22). And in the gospel, after his baptism Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit where he was tempted by the devil before he started his mission (Mk 1:12-15).

Now, as Jesus, the son of God, was tempted so shall all of us who through baptism have become the children of God and the people of the new covenant. Tests are not to make us fail but to make us stronger and better since God has promised that he will never abandon us, the children of his new covenant. As St. Augustine said: "Our pilgrim life here on earth cannot be without temptation for it is through temptation that we make progress and it is only by being tempted that we come to know ourselves" (*Discourse on the Psalms*). God fulfills his own part of the covenant and we must fulfill ours by 'turning away from sin and believing the Good News,' as Jesus proclaimed (Mk 1:15). Thus, as prayer is the key to living the gospel demand and gaining our salvation, we encourage more spiritual devotions at this time, especially the attendance to our parish's Lenten Stations of the Cross every Friday (St. John Bosco) and Tuesday (Ege).

In other words, the Lenten period that runs from Ash Wednesday until before the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday is a season of penance. Thus, Alleluia is not sung during Lent until the Easter Vigil, the altar is not decorated with flowers, and music is played only to accompany the singing, all to preserve the penitential nature of the season. Now, penance is stipulated for all Christians by divine law (Can. 1249). And the church created a united form of it's observance by outlining some special penitential days for all Christians to devote themselves in a special way to prayers, performance of works of piety and charity, denying themselves by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and observing fast and abstinence according to the law (Can 1249). By these we unite our sacrifices to that of Christ and grow in our relationship with God.

So, to have a united form of observance for our Lenten penance, the norms of the Church specify that fasting and abstinence must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Can 1251). As we know, 'abstinence' means abstaining from meat. And 'fasting,' in reference to those two days, means that only one full meal may be taken during the day. Two light meals may be taken as well as liquids that may be taken anytime. Also on the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday observances, the law of fasting is specified only for those between the ages of 18 and 59, while the law of abstinence is officially required for only those from 14 years and above (Can 1252)

This 1st Sunday of Lent, there will be the Rite of Election officiated by the Bishop at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne for the Catechumens and Candidates for Reception into Full Communion. So, keep Alex and Chelsea in your prayers as they embark on the intense period of their journey to full initiation at Easter into the family of God and into our parish family. And finally, we encourage the men of our parishes to attend the **Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference** at Fort Wayne on Saturday, February 24th. It is an activity that can help one renew one's spiritual, psychological, intellectual and physical life, as well as assist one to realize one's full potential through the experience of fraternity and positive friendships with other Christian men.

Fr. Francis

Prayer Requests

- We have several parishioners who are recovering from surgery or are seriously ill. Please keep them all in your prayers.
- Please pray for a parishioner who is having problems with a correct diagnosis.



Special Thanks

To the St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception Families:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Patrick Murphy on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food For the Poor Family

Lenten Dates to Remember

- For the Lenten season Immaculate Conception will have a morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. each Tuesday. On each Tuesday evening, there will be a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- At St. John Bosco, on the Fridays of Lent, we will have soup at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- St. John's will have a Parish Mission beginning on Sunday, February 25th, through Thursday, March 1st. There will be a light supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the speaker at 7:00 p.m. (Sun.-Wed.) On Tuesday, February 27th, after the speaker, we will have confession with several guest priests at about 7:45 p.m. On Thursday, there will be Mass with Bishop Rhoades at 7:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the basement. **If you need child care during the Parish Mission, please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of church this weekend. We need to schedule the 8th graders.** There are also sheets posted for those who need transportation and those who will help provide that.
- The Lenten Reconciliation Service for Immaculate Conception will be on Monday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. with guest confessors.

Special Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Mardi Gras Celebration. The donations for the silent auction, the 50/50 tickets, and attendance at the evening festivities enabled us to raise a total of \$1,313.00 for the Special Projects Fund. A special thanks to Barb Campbell, winner of the raffle, for her donation back to the fund. God bless you all for your support!

Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$3,469.23
- Latin America 10.00
- Votive 36.00
- Mission Speaker 100.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,358.00



Mass Intentions for the Week

February 19, 2018

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Richard & Loretta Breunlin
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Joe & Bernice Buchtman
Friday	8:00 am	Cleta Bowlin
Saturday	5:00 pm	Harold & Adena Fairchild
Sunday	7:00 am	Tom Scherschel
	10:30 am	Pete & Virginia Scrogham

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Spec. Int. (Bob Harris)
Thursday	8:00 am	Phyllis Riecke
Saturday	7:00 pm	For the People
Sunday	8:30 am	Suzu Bianski

Schedule for February 25

8:30 am	Immaculate Conception
Servers	Steven Lawson, Jacob & Logan Holzinger
Lector	Rodney Stayner
Special Ministers	Donna Hackman, Robert & Linda Plant
Ushers	Dave & Jared Rosswurm

10:30 am	St. John Bosco
Servers	Ryan, Luke & Mike Norden
Lector	Darrin Geiger
Special Ministers	Alicia & Scott Raber, Steve & Jody Bartkus
Ushers	Jamey Fischer & Randy Schreiber
Homebound	Steve Bartkus

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Parish Activities



ST. JOHN BOSCO

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, February 19th, in the church basement immediate following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PARISH MISSION — February 25th through March 1st — There will be a light dinner in the basement at 6:00 p.m. followed by the speaker at 7:00 p.m.

SPARC MEETING — Wednesday, March 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY NAME MEETING — Attention all men of the parish — the Holy Name Society has the responsibility of maintaining the buildings and grounds of the parish. Our meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments are served and it is a time for good fellowship. Please make every effort to attend the meetings.

FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS — All donations for the baggies for the homeless are due in the basement by Sunday, February 25th. The 7th Grade Confirmation Class will be assembling them on that date.

Pictorial Directories

Our new pictorial directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken at St. John's, you are entitled to receive a free directory. They are available in the back of the church. If you didn't get your picture taken and want to buy one, they are \$10 each. There is also an app available for the directory. If you are interested, please call Janean Vernon at 260-705-0859.

Ege Tuesday Soup & Stations

Please join us on the Tuesdays of Lent for soup at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:00 p.m. Soup will be provided by the following groups in our parish:

- February 20th — Rosary Society
- February 27th — No soup/stations (St. John Bosco Mission)
- March 6th — Holy Name Society
- March 13th — Religious Education Staff
- March 20th — Rosary Society
- March 27th — Holy Name Society

In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings and you are questioning whether Religious Education Classes will be held or cancelled, please check WANE TV (15) or your email. We posted the information there last Sunday and called as many families as time or correct phone numbers would permit. Let's hope for no more cancellations!!

News From Around the Area

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIRS — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools office is hosting its first ever Teacher Recruitment Fairs at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend and at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. For more information, please go to www.dioesefwsb.org/Teacher-Recruitment-Fairs.

FISH FRY — Our Lady of Good Hope — Friday, February 23, 4:30-7:30 pm. All you can eat fish, baked potato, 3 bean salad, dessert & beverage. Carry-out available. Adults (11 and over) \$9; children (6-10) \$5; 5 and under free; family (parents & children dine-in only) \$31.

FISH FRY — Queen of Angels, Friday, March 2, 4:30-7:30 pm. \$10 all you can eat, ages 6-10 \$4, under 5 free. Fish, French Fries, cole slaw & applesauce. Carry-outs available.

FISH FRY — St. Patrick Church Arcola will have an all you can eat fish fry on Friday, March 9th, from 4-7 pm in the parish hall. All you can eat

fish, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce and dessert. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available for kids. Adults \$10, Seniors 60 plus \$9, child (5-10 yrs) \$5, children 4 and under are free. Drive thru and carry-outs available.

LAST CHANCE — Motor-coach trip to New Orleans benefiting St. Vincent DePaul Society of Fort Wayne on May 20-26. Bus departs from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. \$689 per person, double occupancy. Trip includes 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, guided tours of New Orleans and a Louisiana plantation. Admissions to the National World War II Museum and Mardi Gras World. Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River. New Orleans French Quarter and much more. Full payment due with registration. Response to this trip has been so great that we have added a 2nd bus. A few open seats are available. Contact Neil or Kathy Coonrod at 260-623-6708 for more information and to register.

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