

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 Tiede609-2219
Assistant, Deb Humphries.....693-9609

Music Director, Steve Palmer.....438-8710

SVDP Food Pantry

.....693-9578

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

Custodian

Toni Folds416-2244

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

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25th
**SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

**"Thus, the last
will be first, and
the first will be
last." - Mt 20:16**

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, this 25th Sunday of the Ordinary Time, it is seen that the gospel pericope is directed to the individual members of the ecclesiastical community. For the past couple of weeks Jesus has been speaking about communal life of the members of the church, and this Sunday his teaching in the gospel seemed to be directed to the individual Christians with a promise and a warning. As it was, the grace of God, just as the love of God and the mercy of God, are all given freely and to everyone, which is why the landowner gave each of the workers the reasonable and agreed daily pay. In other words, one of the lessons from the readings, especially the gospel is that we should think of heaven as God's gift of grace instead of just a reward. The landowner gave each laborer his gift that was equal for all servants to remind us that heaven is a gratuitous gift of God for each servant and disciple of God. As it was, we often forget that the love of God, the grace of God, the mercy and compassion of God comes from his goodness and benevolence, and that they are universal, since none of us can actually earn or merit any of them out of our own efforts. In other words, we are warned that we cannot be selfish, and complain about another person who receives the free gift of love, grace and mercy that we have also received, as the first worker's in the vineyard complained (Matt 20:1-16).

The readings thus remind us of the extraordinary goodness and generosity of God in the material and spiritual gifts he has gifted each of us with. None of us can lay claims to any privilege that says that we deserve God's special gift of grace. He gifted us with the grace of invitation to his services as brothers and sisters in the life worthy of the gospel in his vineyard. Unfortunately, sometimes we forget our own gifts from God and are envious of another's gifts and talents. Thus, as Jesus teaches through the story in the gospel (Matt 20:1-16), God takes cognizance of our particular situations, as seen in the fact that the landowner did consider the earlier workers as well as the later workers, knowing that those later workers were not the architect of their situation of not being employed earlier. For like the others, they were at the market place with their equipment and tools waiting to be hired, but no one hired them; as they answered the landowner when he inquired why they were still unemployed (Matt 20:6-7). As it can happen to us, we may have a reduced level of success in our endeavors; lesser than others even though we have put in the same amount of effort like others.

Therefore, we must not feel that the landowner was unfair to the earlier workers in his vineyard. We must consider also that God's thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways. He calculates all the different horizons as he sees with perfect clarity the past, the present and the future of all the workers involved, while gifting all generously with his grace. Humans may be shortsighted and myopic, but God knows all the human vicissitudes, efforts and obstacles each individual encounters and battles with, as we read in the 1st reading: "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts*" (Is 55:8-9).

At the end of the day, each of those men, both those employed in the morning and those employed in the afternoon, would go back to their families, where there would be mouths to feed and response-

bilities and utilities to be paid for. If they did not have something, how would they cope with these responsibilities? And they made the effort of being available for employment but were not employed earlier due to no fault of theirs. Now, God treats us the same way; generously gifting us with the blessings of material fortune and the graces of spiritual growth, as seen from the opportunity and reward the landowner gave to all the workers. God always rewards our sincere efforts, even when we are late arrivals to the faith or produce only a little fruit. God who is the father of us all will not allow any of his children to starve materially and spiritually, due to situations beyond their control or poor results that are not of their making.

Now, we also note that today's gospel has lessons revolving around the vice of envy, as seen in the landowner's question: "*...am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?*" (Matt 20:15). As it is, sometimes we complain and judge others wrongly and fail to consider their circumstances out of envy; forgetting that this doesn't help us. As it is, when we want what others have may motivate us and fire up our ambition, but it can also be a formula for constant unhappiness, especially when we not only want what others have, but do not want them to have those things themselves. What we really need to do is to go to the Lord for our own particular needs of blessings and mercy, as the prophet exhorts us: *Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and sinner his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving*" (Is 55:6-7). Also, we need to recognize and make manifest, the gifts we have received by conducting ourselves in the way worthy of the gospel, as St. Paul urges us in the 2nd reading: "*...Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose... Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ...*" (Phil 1:20-24, 27).

Finally, this weekend is the Annual Bishop's Appeal kick off. Let us remember that this is a great way to thank God for all his blessings, as well as our way of letting the light of Christ shine in the lives of others, as we contribute to the spread of the gospel of Christ in our diocese. And of course, the over-goal will help our parishes with the capital projects we have in the parishes. Please, we urge you to give cheerfully and joyfully, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:7). Since not everyone is coming back to Church yet, we shall mail out the envelopes this time and not leave them in the pews as we used to do. Mail back your donations to the parish office or drop them as soon as you can in the collection basket. Thank you also for the contribution towards the Relief of those affected by Hurricane Laura, California fires, and other natural disasters of the season as requested by the USCCB and our Bishop. Blessings!

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 21, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Al DiGregory
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Emily Ludwig
Friday	8:00 am	Paul & Regina Bair
Saturday	5:00 pm	Richard Hosler
Sunday	7:00 am	George & Mary Bobay
	10:30 am	James Brown

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Gary Kemp
Thursday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Saturday	7:00 pm	Steve Timmerman
Sunday	8:30 am	Clarence & Mildred Konger
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for September 27

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers None

Lector Amanda Lloyd

Special Ministers Garry Polakovic

Ushers Kevin & Brady Crick

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers None

Lector Darrin Geiger

Special Ministers Kelly Geiger

Ushers Todd Brinker & Volunteer

Next weekend the Land of Peace organization will be here with their handmade items from the Holy Land. Items will be available in the basement of both churches. Stop down and check them out!



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a parishioner with cancer who is hospitalized in serious condition.
- Please pray a prayer of thanksgiving for three people who's Covid tests came back negative.
- Please continue to pray for an end of this pandemic.
- Please pray for an end to the violence and protesting.

Ege Religious Ed News

Religious Education Classes resume this Sunday, September 20th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Classes are offered for Preschool (ages 4 by mid December—5) through High School. Enrollment forms for new enrollments are in the back of church. Contact Judy Egolf if you have any questions at judylegolf@yahoo.com.

St. John's Religious Ed News

Religious Education classes resume this Sunday, September 20th. Registration forms were due Wednesday, September 16th. If you have not already registered your children, you will have to call the DRE or church office to make arrangements to register your child (ren). The forms are on the church website or in the back of church.

St. John's Rosary News

We will have our annual Fall Flea Market in the church parking lot on Saturday, September 26th, which is in conjunction with the town-wide sale. We encourage you to bring your own tables, but if not, the basement will be open. If you use our tables, they will have to be washed down afterwards. The time is 9—3pm and due to COVID we will not be sharing lunch. We will make coffee. Cost is \$5.00 per spot as usual. Hope to see you there!



Weekly Collection

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

- Regular Collection \$1,455.00
- Catholic University 30.00
- Communications 50.00
- Votive 28.00
- SVDP Food Pantry 50.00
- Special Projects 353.00
- Online Donations 917.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,031.00
- Communications 10.00
- Holy Name Raffle 190.00
- Online Donations 561.00



News From Around the Area

40 DAYS FOR LIFE — From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life — 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside *Planned Parenthood of Fort Wayne at 2930 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne*, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer, please contact: Annemarie DeVille at 260-797-3144 or [\[mariedeville@gmail.com\]\(mailto:mariedeville@gmail.com\). Our local 40 Days For life website is <https://www.40daysforlife.com/fortwayne/>](mailto:anne-</p>
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS — Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 5:15 pm to 7:30 pm, Fr. Daniel Whelan has graciously invited 40 Days For Life participants to celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic parish in Fort Wayne beginning with Adoration at 5:15 pm. Benediction will follow right before Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. For more information, please contact Annemarie DeVille at 260-797-3144 or annemariedeville@gmail.com.

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