

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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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

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

Fellow pilgrims, we reflect on the Christian virtue of forgiveness, especially as the readings reaffirm that we become worthy of God's forgiveness when we forgive the offenses of others, as powerfully summed up in the first reading: *"Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven"* (Sirach 28:2). As we noted last weekend, Jesus' teaching on forgiveness of all offenses at all times are part of the New Law He came to fulfill in the New Testament (Mt 5:17), or the new interpretation of the law and the prophet that He came to inaugurate. Now, we know the reality of hurts and pains caused us by others. In fact, no one goes through life without ever being hurt, for in one way or the other, we must have been hurt by some person/persons. We may have been betrayed by someone we truly trusted and loved. Someone may have spread lies or fabricated unfounded stories against us before the authorities. Someone may have comprised your health by wrong diagnoses or medications. All these hurt greatly and often engender grudges and resentments. Yet, we are asked to forgive all always.

And then, sometimes when we try to forgive, the people that hurt us do not make it easy, as if to say that they insensitively or purposely continued impacting or shifting to other areas to impact us negatively, consciously or unconsciously. So, like Peter in today's gospel, we wonder at how often we are to continue to forgive (Matt 18:21). Now, the straight answer we hear today is that we have to forgive as often as God forgives us our sins, since God who is merciful and forgiving always forgives our sins and failings. This is what Jesus meant when he answered Peter "70 x 7" (Matt 18:22); which means uncountable. In other words, there is no limit to forgiveness as Jesus also gave us an example on the cross when he forgave the repentant sinner and asked his Father to forgive those who crucified him for they did not know what they did (Lk 23:34; 40-43).

Now, apart from this, there are other practical reasons why we are asked to forgive as seen from the readings. Firstly, as we can see from the gospel parable, the master who forgave the debts of his servant expected the same servant to forgive the debt of his fellow servant as he said: *"...You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"* (Matt 18:32-33). In other words when we forgive, we are behaving like our Father who is merciful, forgiving and compassionate, in forgiving our sins and offenses. As we read in the Psalms: *"He pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills. He redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion... Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He will not always accuse, and nurses no lasting anger. He has not dealt with us as our sins merit, nor requited us as our wrongs deserve"* (Ps 103:3-4, 8-10). Moreover, as we are one in Christ, we should follow his footsteps, as Paul says: *"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living"* (Rom 14:7-9).

Secondly, when we forgive, we are revitalizing both our physical and spiritual life. Here we recall the weight of the grudges and resentments we carry as we hold onto the hurts and pains we have experienced in life. Think of what the first reading said: *"Wrath and*

anger, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them" (Sirach 27:30). When we hold on to, or nourish our hurts, they not only block the flow of grace in our spiritual life, they also prevent our happiness and spiritual health, weigh down our spirit and even cause psychological and physical sickness like heart attacks and stroke. So, we clear our spiritual artery, gain physical and psychological health, and unclog our grudge-filled existence by forgiving these hurts and offenses that are like red hot charcoal smothering inside us.

Thirdly, when we forgive, we are reiterating the fact that we want to be forgiven too since no one is so perfect that he/she goes through life without having hurt anyone consciously and unconsciously. We can equally discern this from 'Our Father,' the prayer Jesus taught us (Matt 6:12; 14-15). Hence the first reading says: *"The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance; indeed he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Does anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one's own sins? If a mere mortal cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?"* (Sirach 28:1-5).

As we observe around us, there are so much acrimonies, hurts, antagonisms and vengeance in our society today. It speaks to us of the need to pray for the spirit of justice and forgiveness that will help healing in today's world. Thus, this Sunday's readings urge us to remember to pray for those that have lost their lives, their faith, their names, parts of their body, their properties or their money, when hurts had turned violent. We need also to pray for families that suffer the loss or injury or abuse of their loved ones, especially their children; for them to gain the grace to forgive the perpetrators, and thus experience some closure and peace. As it is, forgiveness leads to peace of mind and it breaks the vicious circle of violence; especially as all work to enthrone a just order in the society.

In the end, it must be recognized that forgiveness is a serious challenge to every person, and it is very difficult to accomplish by human strength or learning. In fact, to be able to forgive basically requires the grace of God. Hence, to forgive is divine. We believe that Jesus is able to heal us of all hurts and to offer us the grace to forgive. He invites us to come to him with our hurts, to show him where it hurts the most, and to receive the inner healing we need. Also, we are invited to ask for God's grace on people that have hurt or offended us. So, at the moments of our most hurt, we could say a little prayer to receive the grace to forgive and pray for the offender (Matt 5:44). For instance, we can say at such times: *Lord Jesus, give me the grace to forgive my offender/s, after your loving example — Amen.*

Finally, please remember the kickoff of the Annual Bishop's Appeal next weekend, as well as the contribution for the Relief Disaster of those affected by Hurricane Laura as requested by the Bishop. Peace!

Fr. Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 14, 2020

St. John Bosco

Monday	8:00 am	Al DiGregory
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Lynn Snyder
Friday	8:00 am	Jim & Donna Martin
Saturday	5:00 pm	Bryan Tiede
Sunday	7:00 am	John Zollinger
	10:30 am	Harold & Adena Fairchild

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday	8:00 am	Dave & Sue Brady
Thursday	7:00 pm	Matthew Konger
Saturday	7:00 pm	Georgia Schenher
Sunday	8:30 am	Shirley Rosswurm
	5:00 pm	For the People

Schedule for September 20

8:30 am Immaculate Conception

Servers None

Lector Lucas Konger

Special Ministers Tina Macy

Ushers Kevin & Brady Crick

10:30 am St. John Bosco

Servers None

Lector Charlie Schorgtgen

Special Ministers Cher Fischer

Ushers Jamey Fischer & Volunteer

COLLECTION FOR THE BISHOP'S EMERGENCY DISASTER

FUND: A special collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of September 19/20 to support the work of the Church, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services in responding to emergency humanitarian needs, rebuilding and recovery efforts, and pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church after the devastation caused by Hurricane Laura. Funds collected will also be used for any other disasters that occur during this traditional storm season.

Ege Religious Ed News

Religious Education Classes resume on 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

Next week Religious Education classes resume September 20th. The deadline for registration forms is Wednesday, September 16th; otherwise you will have to call the DRE or church office to make arrangements to register your child(ren). The teachers will need to prepare the classroom to make it safe for all. The forms are on the church's website or in the back of the church.

St. John's Rosary News

We will be having 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 \$2,839.00
- Communications 20.00
- Votive 57.00
- Special Projects 2,000.00
- SVDP Food Pantry 20.00
- Online Donations 1,946.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- Regular Collection \$1,594.00
- Catholic University 17.00
- Online Donations 911.00



News From Around the Area

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on four consecutive Wednesdays of September 9 thru September 30. The meetings will take place in the basement of the Cathedral Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. The retreat is designed to open each person to a greater awareness of the workings of the Holy Spirit in their life. A video and a discussion will be followed by a time of prayer. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. Please call 260-385-5717 for registration and questions.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING — Do you want to experience true freedom? Learn how to read the signs of your body and understand when you are fertile and infertile with Natural Family Planning. No drugs needed. Now THAT'S true freedom! To learn more visit www.ccli.org. Or, a series of classes is starting here at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel on September 13th at 3pm in the

Community Room. Call Steve and Tammy Gladding at 639-6008 for more information.

FALL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS — Get your family photos taken Saturday, September 19, by local photographer and pro-life advocate Laikyn Muehl of *Juniper and Rye!* Laikyn has once again graciously agreed to offer photography sessions that will serve as a fundraiser for Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. This local talent specializes in maternity, family, newborn, and birth photography. These sessions will take place on Saturday, September 19th scheduled between 2pm—6:30 pm at Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd. (Meeting at the pavilion). Cost is \$100, with 50% of the proceeds benefiting RLNI. Sessions will be 20 minutes in length, booked back-to-back. Participants must be on time. Sessions will not be rescheduled. To book your session, please email Laikyn at juniperandryephoto@gmail.com.

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